



# TRINITY TIMES

April 2023

*The Friendly Church with the Heavenly View*

## **“DISTRACTED LIVING”**



I hope and pray that you have enjoyed our 40 Day Challenge this Lent entitled “BEING.” I was particularly struck during week five reading about *Seeking Solitude* to read about living distracted. I almost believe it could describe the past decade of our lives. There is so much going on, so much that that has happened to us and in us that has taken us off track.

I spent time during my youth in a railroad town, Durand, Michigan. It is the home of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. My father-in-law worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad out of Lincoln, Nebraska. I heard many stories about railroad life over the years, but one of the most frightening is a train off the tracks - derailed or perhaps dis- tracked! When one of those trains goes off track a lot can happen and none of it is good.

That describes a lot of our world today. Off track and not good. People get hurt or worse yet, they can even die from such a dis-traction of a powerful train. You and I can go off track in the distractions of our lives and it is not pretty there either. People get hurt; people’s lives go off in uncertain directions until coming to a painful resting point. It’s painful and it is not good.

So, how do we avoid that? Our study encouraged us to have times of solitude. That is not just being alone by ourselves - but being alone with God to regain focus on the track ahead. Our conductor keeps us from wandering off track and invites us to connect with Him on a regular basis. I want to encourage you to set aside time for personal devotions and a regular time with God. If you have gone off track in the distractions of life, He can bring you back. If you need help in finding devotional material or in getting back on track, I would be happy to help you overcome the distractions of your life.

*“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:23*

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## *COUNCIL CORNER...*

- † **FINANCIAL REPORT.** Our February 2023 receipts were \$26,628 more than Budget, primarily because of three annual donations. Our February 2023 expenses were \$4,168 less than budget, which means we currently have a surplus of \$30,796.
- † **MINISTRY TEAM.** The 40-day Being Challenge continues with 56 people in small groups and about 40 people attending the Sunday morning group that meets between the services. The team is actively pursuing ministry opportunities at La Mesa Ministries, providing Christ-centered assistance for homeless and working poor people in Mesa, AZ. Their participation at the Fountain Hills Day provided information and cookies for hundreds of people. Several members volunteered as judges at the Camelback Classic for Christian Homeschool Speeches and Debates.
- † **ELDER REPORT.** Our Prayer Chapel is almost complete. Elders are reviewing their duties and assigning new members to specific Elders.
- † **TRUSTEES.** The church building passed the annual inspection of Fire Alarms, Sprinklers and Fire Extinguishers. Our security needs for weekdays and during church services are being reviewed. The Sanctuary Technology Upgrade proposals are being reviewed. The Facility Use Policy has been reviewed and approved.
- † **LAND COMMITTEE.** The Town Planning Board has approved the developer's plan for buildings on the church property that is adjacent to the church. The Committee has met with the potential buyers. The plan will be considered by the Town Council at a date to be determined.
- † **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.** The Endowment Fund By-Laws are being finalized and will be presented to the Council for approval at the next Council meeting.
- † **COUNCIL MEMBER JOB DESCRIPTIONS.** Current job descriptions are being updated based on existing and projected duties.
- † **CHURCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.** An electronic and hardcopy of existing and proposed church policies and procedures are being collected, updated, reviewed, and approved, as necessary.



## *PRAYER WARRIORS AND PRAYER TIME...*



Prayer Warriors meets the second and fourth Mondays every month at 9:30 a.m. In April, they will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer Time on Sunday mornings begins at 7:40 a.m., before the 8:00 a.m. worship service. Each Prayer Time session should last about 15 minutes. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

## *PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICE...*

Pastor John will offer the next Prayer and Healing service on **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary and everyone is welcome.



Everyone needs healing at some time in their life. This service is for anyone seeking healing physically, spiritually, relationally and mentally.

Pastor John uses the biblical practice of anointing the forehead with oil and laying on of hands accompanied by prayer for personal needs. The service lasts 45 minutes and there is no offering collected nor sermon preached. Those seeking prayer and healing determine their own level of participation and comfort.

## *LWML NEWS...*



The LWML met on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were Nita B., Carol G., Tappy H., Pam M., Debbie O., Peggy P., Monty P., Gail S., and Linda S.

### **OLD BUSINESS...**

**Extended Hands Food Bank Update** - The March 5<sup>th</sup> food items were bagged up and delivered to the EHFB by Ed and Eunice W. on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. There was approximately \$335 in cash/check donations in addition to the food items. The next collection days for EHFB will be Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Caring Chef** - The Caring Chefs have added two new recipients to their program, and are waiting to see if there will be any new additions.

### **NEW BUSINESS...**

**Groundwork Guatemala** - The Groundwork Guatemala campaign date for next year may start on 1/26.

**Easter Brunch** - There are sign-up sheets for the Easter Brunch set-up on the bulletin board in the hallway off the Narthex. Set-up will take place on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM , followed by Brunch (Dutch Treat) at Mountain View Kitchen. There are also sign-up sheets for help needed with the Easter Brunch clean-up on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Grace K. Memorial** - The LWML approved a \$200 donation to the National Chapter of LWML in honor of Grace K.'s service to Trinity and the Trinity LWML organization.

The next LWML meeting will take place in Fellowship Hall on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

## *MINISTRY TEAM MANUEVERS...*

A big thank you to everyone who continues to support the Ministry Team projects. Together, we are making a difference!

**La Mesa** - Some have asked about donating money to our efforts at La Mesa. If you would like to donate by check or cash, please make out a check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, putting it into a separate envelope labeled "Ministry Team - La Mesa" and place it in the Sunday collection plate. This is the best way for you to claim it as tax deductible gift and at the same time giving the team the ability and flexibility to respond to the now weekly changing needs of this wonderful ministry. The Congregation has donated \$805.00 as of Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Way to go!!



Speaking of which, six bikes were just delivered to La Mesa along with two carts that may be attached to the bikes. In addition, paper products, socks, underwear, diapers, baby wipes and other items were delivered as well on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mens clothing is still needed, especially shorts and pants, waist sizes 30-34. T-shirts, socks, underwear, toiletries, pretty much anything is always needed.

**Food Bank** - The Food Closet donations of rice, canned meats and soups are still in constant demand. There are more people responding as the word spreads among families and individuals in Fountain Hills.

**The Prayer Room** - The Prayer Room should be almost totally completed by the time you read this and is available for use now. The timing is great because we just finished the "Being" Challenge of prioritizing prayer.

**Mens Club** - There will be a Mens Club starting up soon that will be open to all men in the congregation. More details will follow in the very near future.

**Fountain Hills Day** - On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry Team participated in the Annual Fountain Hills Day events; their booth was highly praised by the Chamber. The team had a chance to share the wonderful story of Trinity with hundreds of people from Fountain Hills and out-of-town guests. They thank everyone that supplied the

delicious homemade cookies, pocket crosses, pens, brochures, and their time, to spread the friendliness of our church to the community and beyond. The church was represented by Pastor and Cathy K., the Ministry Team, Elders and Trustees. The church tent was a very popular attraction due to our friendliness and of course, the cookies!! The following are pictures of the amazing event...



To the  
God be  
the  
Glory!!

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**GATHER** to  
Worship

**GROW** to  
Become

**GO** to  
Serve

## TRINITY

Trinity Lutheran Church exists to **GATHER** people to worship God, to **GROW** people to become a community of Jesus Followers, and to **GO** and serve in the expansion of God's Kingdom.





# April 2023

## Mite Challenge Calendar



**SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS:** *I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing (Ezekiel 34:26b).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> Is this your birthday month? <b>Donate 50¢</b>
<sup>2</sup> Palm Sunday, wave a palm branch. <b>Donate 25¢</b>	<sup>3</sup> Read the Passion story, John 18:1-19:42. <b>Donate 82¢</b>	<sup>4</sup> Pray that all will know and love Jesus. <b>Donate 40¢</b>	<sup>5</sup> Explore walking/hiking trails. <b>Donate 25¢</b>	<sup>6</sup> Maundy Thursday, attend Holy Communion. <b>Donate 60¢</b>	<sup>7</sup> Good Friday! Thank Jesus for His sacrifice. <b>Donate 75¢</b>	<sup>8</sup> Memorize LSB 461 vs 1, I Know That My Redeemer Lives. <b>Donate 30¢</b>
<sup>9</sup> Easter Sunday, wear a hat to church. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	<sup>10</sup> Dance with joy in the Resurrection. <b>Donate 20¢</b>	<sup>11</sup> Thank Jesus for all the blessings in your life. <b>Donate 15¢</b>	<sup>12</sup> Enjoy grilled cheese sandwiches with friends. <b>Donate 25¢</b>	<sup>13</sup> Put a puzzle together with a friend. <b>Donate 45¢</b>	<sup>14</sup> Learn how to scan pictures. <b>Donate 10¢</b>	<sup>15</sup> Paint rocks with children. <b>Donate 20¢</b>
<sup>16</sup> FaceTime with your family. <b>Donate 85¢</b>	<sup>17</sup> Hide painted rocks around your neighborhood. <b>Donate 35¢</b>	<sup>18</sup> Have a karaoke night with friends. <b>Donate 15¢</b>	<sup>19</sup> Bike ride outside or use a stationary bike inside. <b>Donate 65¢</b>	<sup>20</sup> Cook/bake something new. <b>Donate 10¢</b>	<sup>21</sup> Babysit for a Pastor or a Church Worker. <b>Donate 20¢</b>	<sup>22</sup> Earth Day! Plant flowers. <b>Donate 45¢</b>
<sup>23</sup> Thank God for the blessing of His creation. <b>Donate 75¢</b>	<sup>24</sup> Take or paint a sunset picture. <b>Donate 25¢</b>	<sup>25</sup> Invite family/friends for an indoor picnic. <b>Donate 40¢</b>	<sup>26</sup> Pretzel Day! Learn how to make or just eat pretzels. <b>Donate 10¢</b>	<sup>27</sup> Meditate on God's blessings. <b>Donate 30¢</b>	<sup>28</sup> Arbor Day! Visit a park or plant a memory tree. <b>Donate 55¢</b>	<sup>29</sup> Look for new things on the LWML website. <b>Donate 15¢</b>
<sup>30</sup> Open the windows (if possible). <b>Donate 45¢</b>						

**Our next MITE BOX COLLECTION DATE will be Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>!!!**

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...



## GREETING...

If you are interested in greeting and welcoming our congregation and guests to our church, please contact Carolyn. You would need to be at church by 7:40 a.m. for the early service and for the late service by 10:10. This is a nice way for you to get to know people and for them to get to know you. Please remember to wear your name badges and a smile! Thank you for serving Trinity in this important way.



## USHERING...



**USHERS ARE ALWAYS IMPORTANT AND NEEDED DURING OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.** Their duties include passing out Sunday bulletins, counting the number of people attending the service, bringing the offering plate to the Pastor during the service, collecting any left-over bulletins, and locking up offerings in the safe. Please contact Carolyn if you are able to help in this rewarding way.

## SHREDDING...

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Our office staff is looking for someone to help with shredding documents that cannot be thrown away as is. Please see Carolyn if you can help in any way.



## ALTAR FLOWERS...



**PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR BEAUTIFUL FAITH FLOWERS** going by signing up for the giving of our Altar flowers for a special occasion and/or a special person!! It really brightens a person's day to receive these in honor of a special occasion or just because!! PLEASE NOTE: THE COST OF OUR ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IS \$36.00.

**SPRING FLOWERS:** You can purchase Spring Flowering plants that will adorn the altar are for Easter Sunday, and your table for Easter Dinner! The cost for these plants is \$12.00. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b> 7:40am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 8:00am Worship Service with Pastor John "SEEKING SOLITUDE" 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:15am NEW MEMBER RECEPTION 9:30am Bible Study with Pastor John 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "SEEKING SOLITUDE"	<b>27</b> 9:30am Prayer Warriors Meet 10:30am Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John	<b>29</b> 4:45pm Bell Practice 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service with Pastor John	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 7:40am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 8:00am Worship Service with Pastor John "CHOOSING CHURCH" 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Bible Study with Pastor John 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "CHOOSING CHURCH"	<b>3</b> 10:30am Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John 4:00pm MINISTRY TEAM MEETING 6:00pm Elders Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Bell Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>6</b> <b>12:00pm Prayer and Healing Service</b> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service "REMEMBERING JESUS"	<b>7</b> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship Service 7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7:40am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 8:00am Worship Service with Pastor John "WHY MARY?" <b>9:15am EASTER BRUNCH</b> 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "WHY MARY?"	<b>10</b> 9:30am Prayer Warriors Meet 10:30am Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John 6:00pm Trustees Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Bell Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Narthex Task Force Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10:00am LWML Meeting</b>
<b>16</b> 7:40am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 8:00am Worship Service with Pastor John "DID YOU SAY 'DOUBTING' OR 'FAITHFUL' THOMAS?" 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Bible Study with Pastor John 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "DID YOU SAY 'DOUBTING' OR 'FAITHFUL' THOMAS?"	<b>17</b> 10:30am Staff Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John 6:00pm Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Bell Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter Submission Deadline</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>GIDEON'S VISIT TLC</b> 7:40am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 8:00am Worship Service with Pastor John "BROKEN PHONES, BROKEN DREAMS, BROKEN DANISH" 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Bible Study with Pastor John 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "BROKEN PHONES, BROKEN DREAMS, BROKEN DANISH"	<b>24</b> 9:30am Prayer Warriors Meet 10:30am Staff Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John	<b>26</b> <b>END OF THE YEAR CHOIR PARTY</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>JOYFUL PRAISE SERVICES</b> 7:40am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 8:00am Worship Service with Pastor John "ARE YOU HEARING VOICES?" 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Bible Study with Pastor John 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "ARE YOU HEARING VOICES?"	<b>1</b> 10:30am Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John 4:00pm MINISTRY TEAM MEETING 6:00pm Elders Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Bell Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b> <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b> 6:00pm Prayer and Healing Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

Updated calendars can always be found at the Trinity Lutheran Church website, or through the following link, <https://www.tlcfhaz.org/calendar.html>.

## TRINITY NEWSLETTER...



Please submit articles, reports, and photos for the May 2023 newsletter to Dana B. by Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We would love to post articles and pictures of any special occasions like weddings, graduations, etc.!!

## APRIL CELEBRATIONS...



04/13	F., Bob and Diane
04/15	Z., Peter and Eva
04/23	K., Steve and Kathleen
04/26	P., John and Carole
04/28	R., Jim and Judy



04/04	R., Roger	04/15	Z., Eva
04/05	B., John	04/16	H., Barbara
04/06	A., Everett	04/17	T., Dorine
04/06	W., Natalie	04/18	Z. Nancy
04/09	H., Stephen	04/19	B., Dennis
04/10	M., Don	04/20	M., Ryan
04/12	B., Dana	04/21	P., Corky
04/13	W., Ed	04/25	J., Joye

We sincerely apologize for any omissions. If your birthday or anniversary needs to be added, please contact Dana. Please also let us know of any personal or family milestones, including happy occasions or serious lifecycle events that you would like to share with the Trinity congregation.

# Bozarth Spring 2023 Newsletter



We are well into March and we have completed half of the Spring semester at the Seminary. The trees and other flowering plants are trying their best to start the Spring season but the chilly 30° weather is a hindrance. In fact, one flowering tree on campus started to bud a few months ago after a few consecutive faux Spring days in late January. I walked past this tree a few times a day and admired its initiative and excitement for the coming season,



however ill-timed. I also wondered if it would successfully bloom considering its miscalculation, but the last two weeks proved its resilience when it blossomed in full.

The flowering tree in this story is not unlike our family's journey over the past few months. We anxiously await Call Day on April 26<sup>th</sup> as buds on a tree waiting for their season. Until then, we are in a patient stasis, but our patience is not obvious to the onlooker. We endeavor to complete our tasks at hand as we count down the days but our labors are colored with anticipation. I am sure you are as curious as we are to find out where God will place us.



On that note, there is a real congregation of people in this country who will receive me as their pastor and my family as one of their own. We daily pray for this yet-unnamed church of God's people. We pray that God would prepare their hearts and minds to receive our family and to prepare us as well. The next update I send will be an important one and will include that congregation by name.

In other news, Avin recently completed a major 3rd-grade project. He studied Thomas Edison for several months and portrayed the inventor in the school's Wax Museum. Adalyn placed runner-up in

the Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee. She competed against 20 other 1<sup>st</sup>-graders from seven schools. Finally, Arwen is a baby full of curiosity which is captured in her photo.

**James, Heather, Avin (9), Adalyn (7),  
and Arwen (10 mo)**

May God bless you and thank you for  
your support!



### IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

Al A.	Larry H.
Tony F.	Jake J.
Bob K.	Sam M.
Fred M.	Carole P.
Jeri R.	Marv S.
Matalynne W.	

### IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

Dana B.	Chad B.	Barb C.
Jack C.	Dave & Nancy D.	Hank F.
Daena H.	Johnny & Barbara H.	Darrell K.
Bill & Donna M.	Jeannie M.	Dan P.
Cherie R.	Suzanne S.	Rick & Debbie T.
Jack W.	Joan W.	Clarice Z.

Pastor John and Cathy's brother, Rick S.  
Al A.'s niece, Michelle's grandson, Hudson, and friend, Mike  
Pete and Jan V.'s brother-in-law, Bill G.  
Martin S.'s grandson's wife, Emily R.  
Laura O.'s brother and sister, Bob B. and Sharon B.  
John and Lisa M.'s mothers, Gloria C. and Luann S.  
Corky and Monty P.'s brother, Jim P.  
Dorine T.'s daughter Karyn B., and friend, Sue R.  
Jay and Trish H.'s nephew, Shaun S.  
Irene F.'s friend, Diane G.  
Al A.'s brother-in-law, Phil M., niece and husband, Jayne and Noy  
Gail and Kurt S.'s sister, Susan C.  
Cherie R.'s sister-in-law, Nancy Y.  
Dianne I.'s friend, Celia R.  
Barbara M.'s daughter, Laura and friends, Teresa S. and Barb S.  
Alan and Dana B.'s mom and brothers, Lorraine Steven and Ted  
Terry N.'s family, Laura, Don, Michael & Daniel K., & friend, Tyler C.  
Pastor Jim and Dorine's friend, Don N.

✠ *Every Member of Trinity Lutheran Church is a Minister, called to serve Jesus Christ by reaching out to the unchurched and caring for the needs of one another.* ✠

✠ *Help us keep the Prayer Chain up to date. If you or a loved one would like to be put on or taken off the list, please notify Jan Visser. If you would like to be part of the TLC Prayer Chain, please give Jan your e-mail.* ✠



# Holy Week

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:

*Prayer and Healing Service*  
*Communion Worship Service*

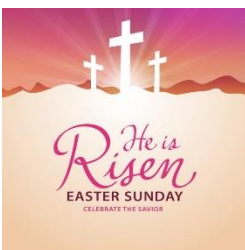
12:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.



### Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:

*Worship Service*

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



### Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:

*Prayer Time with the Koczman's*  
*Communion & Worship Service*

*Easter Sunday Brunch*

7:40 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.  
& 10:30 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.

# *GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE*

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*DANA B.*

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*JOANI P.*

### *DIRECTOR, VOICES OF PRAISE AND HANDBELL CHOIR:*

*DR. JASON ST. C.*

### *CHURCH COUNCIL*

*President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Administration  
Trustee  
Member at Large*

*John M.  
Christine C.  
Nita B.  
Richard K.  
Stephanie W.  
Alan B.  
John G.*

### *ELDERS*

*Doug B. (Head Elder),  
Al A., Steve K., Dick N.,  
Corky P., Dan P., Roger R., and Kurt S.*

### *MINISTRY TEAM*

*Pastor John, Dick N. (Chairman), Dana B.,  
Richard K., Cathy K., Kent M., Kris M.,  
Monty P., Gail S.,  
and Pete V.*