

# Tribune – April 2025

## Our Mission:

Gathering to receive God's grace and to grow in faith and service.

HE IS  
*Risen*

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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A congregation of the ELCA  
([elca.org](http://elca.org))

### Sunday Schedule

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School

### Wednesday Adult Bible Study

10:00 a.m. via Zoom

#### **Pastor**

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### Council Members

President: Therese Munger  
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Secretary: Therese Munger  
Treasurer: Dave Mizell  
Addie Harrelson  
Kevin Karcher  
Melissa Sills  
Sue Sullivan

#### **Main Office Hours:**

Monday—Thurs: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

#### **Pastor Carrie's Office Hours:**

Monday: 10 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Tuesday: Noon—2 p.m.  
Wednesday: 11 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Thursday: by appointment  
Friday: Sabbath  
Sunday: by appointment



# Halfway through the Journey

We are now a little over halfway through Lent. We have stacked a few (flannel or paper) rocks on our bulletin board. We are raising our ebenezers to show the ways in which God has helped us here, and to be signs for others when they are looking for the way of God.

And with only a few more weeks to go before we celebrate the full joy of Easter, I want to check in and see how you are feeling about your Lent disciplines. At the beginning of the season we were given the opportunity to pray for the members of our congregation and community daily. And it was not long before I heard questions about how we ought to pray.

"What about the people whose names I do not know? How do I pray for them?" or "I don't know what these people need. What should I ask for?" I think this has probably been a common thought process. That to pray for one another is an intimate experience where we should know details of one another's lives. But prayers within our community, while intimate when we pray for each other by name, do not need to be detailed in their wording. To lift up one another in prayer all we truly need is the intention that God's will would find them, and that they would be cared for and loved.

When we pray in this manner it does not matter if their greatest needs are in relationships or health, or if they are having a great week or a horrible day. This most basic of prayers lifts up whatever their needs may be, and commends the one who is being prayed for

to God. And if anyone knows what it is we need it is the one who created us and loves us beyond all understanding.

This is part of what our pilgrim journey has looked like. That even when we do not understand God's love, God is always working for us and within us. So far, our Sunday morning journeys have taken us through temptation, care, nourishment, and homecoming. We have seen some of the ways that God's love is always seeking us, even when we resist. And we have recognized that we are the ones who turn away too often from the love that God offers.

In Lent, we understand that we do not always get it right. In fact, overall, we mess up a lot. We are tempted, we run away, we are selfish, and we put ourselves first too often. And so we make an effort to turn away from ourselves, to pray for others, to listen to God in the quiet moments, and to remember that God's love came for all the world.

May the next few weeks of Lent, and into Easter, be filled with more opportunities for you to love your neighbor, care for your enemies, trust in God to guide you, and offer what you have that others may be blessed through you. This is my prayer for each of you.

Lenten blessings,  
Pastor Carrie

# Member Announcements

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### Health Concerns:

Carol Heyde  
 Pat Price  
 Marcia Nelson Wilson  
 Jim and Donna Savage  
 Gayle Woolf  
 Gerhard Kraus: Elizabeth Beckman's brother-in-law  
 Pat Clark: Pr. Carrie's aunt  
 Gail Helton: Chara Helton-Rodenhaus' mother  
 Sheryl Hoth: Pr. Carrie's mother  
 Mary Ann Strayer: Pr. Carrie's grandmother  
 Susan Ludwig: cousin of Terrie Karcher  
 Deaconesses April Hughes and Cheryl Sell  
 Sue O'Brien: Sue Sullivan's daughter  
 Deacon Rodney West-Estell  
 Tom and Regina Owens: friends of Cindy Donnell-Foster's mother  
 Bill and Shirley Donnell: Cindy Donnell Foster's father and stepmother

### For Those Serving in the Military:

Matt Brenner: nephew of Bob and Barb Tuckett

### General prayers:

Zach Dillard

### Living with Cancer:

Krystal Beckner  
 Matthew Berry  
 Linda Lockhart  
 Bob Tuckett  
 Bob Chatham: Brenda Chatham's brother  
 Rory Gargus: Cindy Donnell Foster's cousin  
 Raelle Jackson  
 Jeane Moora: friend of Kymberly Blaksley  
 Cheryl Tribout: friend of Holly Graham

### Grieving:

Family and friends of Betty Eckard: wife of former Trinity Pastor, Ralph Eckard.



2	Gene Pool
4	Cindy Donnell-Foster
4	Jane Eagon
6	Andrew Holmes
10	Rick Berry
11	Kelly Faust
14	Torrey Munger
16	Jan Kotas
17	Karl Bolton
18	Cheryl Klocke
18	Nick Parisi
18	Georgia Sippel
19	Ron Bishop
23	Dan McElfresh
24	Kevin Karcher
25	Matthew Berry
27	Sue Sullivan
29	Grace Wenzel

## TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN

### NEED A PRAYER?

Contact Linda Lockhart  
 (314) 304-3790,  
 lockhartls92@gmail.com

Our active prayer chain will pray  
 for two weeks and then will  
 continue if notified.

If you want to participate  
 as a member of the prayer chain,  
 please call us.

We welcome you!



## ANNIVERSARIES

9	Ron & Jan Bishop	(65)
10	Dave & Gaye Mizell	(49)
12	Leslie & Cary Schuman	(40)
18	Kris & Anna Sanders	(16)
19	Jim & Carol Heyde	(53)
20	Bruce & Janet Williams	(43)
21	Mike & Terri Wise	(55)
22	Matt & Teresa Stephens	(28)

# What's Going on at Trinity?



## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

**10:30 a.m. Worship service**

**10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School**

**11:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship**

## **Adult Bible Study**

**Wednesdays via Zoom  
10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**

No need to prepare anything before you come, just join us at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom any Wednesday you are available.

Email the church office  
at [TLCKirkwood@gmail.com](mailto:TLCKirkwood@gmail.com)  
for the Zoom sign-in link.

## **Volunteers Needed**

**Altar care:** assistance needed with the set up and clean up for Sunday Communion, changing of paraments, filling of candle oil, etc. For more Information, please contact Carol Buhr.

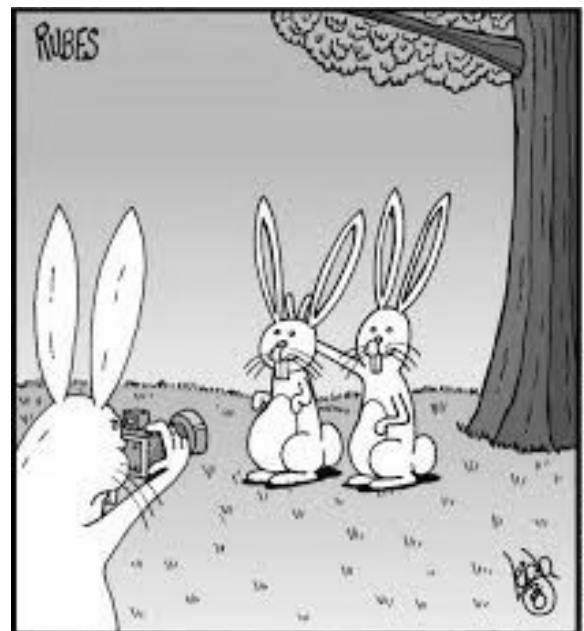
**Sunday worship assistants:** Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters/Post-Service-Straightening-Uppers. For more information contact [TLCKirkwood@gmail.com](mailto:TLCKirkwood@gmail.com).

**Recycling:** emptying blue bins and transporting plastic, paper, cardboard boxes, to recycling center. For more Information, please contact Carol Buhr.

**Property needs:** assist with maintenance needs that arise at Trinity. For more Information, please contact Bob Tuckett.

**Technical:** website, computer, Audio Visual assistance.

**Additionally:** Sunday Coffee Hour servers, voices for the choir, fellowship and seasonal events planners/do-ers.

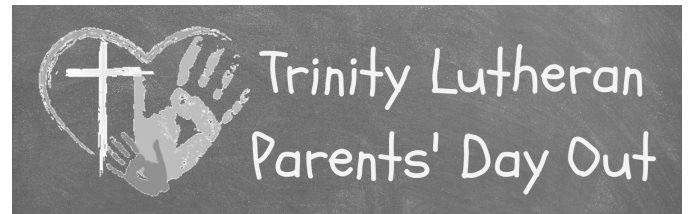


# WELCA NEWS

Katie's Crew – April 9 & 23 at 11:30 starting in the lounge.

Once again thank you to the ladies who provided the brunch on Ash Wednesday. 21 people stayed for the brunch after the morning service.

June 20-22 is the Synod WELCA Convention in Independence, MO at the Hilton Garden Inn. It is a joy to meet with other women from Missouri & Kansas who share the same beliefs & experiences. There are group worship services, break-out sessions & for those who are interested in being voting members a voting sessions. This year there are several Board positions open. There are 2 ways you can help. We have a Little Raffle where items are raffled off at our Saturday banquet. The money goes to the Lynn Starr Education Scholarship Fund. If you have any items or crafts that can be contributed to this raffle please see Gaye Mizell or Kay Poropat. Also there is a Bingo session that needs white elephant items for prizes. If you could contribute to that again see Gaye or Kay. And of course if you are interested in going to the Convention you are always welcome. This is for all women who attend ELCA churches. You can get a registration form from Gaye.



Happy April, TLC!

Spring is in the air, and we are ready to kick off another great month here at PDO! The themes we will be exploring for the next four weeks are: Rain-forest and jungle friends, occupations, Easter, Recycling/Earth Day, and then Ocean life.

PDO registrations for summer camps and fall are in full swing. All of our camps have had a good response and fall registration is filling up. There are waitlists for several days in both our baby room, and one year old classroom.

PDO will not be in session on Tuesday April 8th due to polling in the facility. We will also be closed from April 18th-21st for observation of the Easter holiday.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month and a beautiful Easter.

With Gratitude,

Erika Duenwald, Director



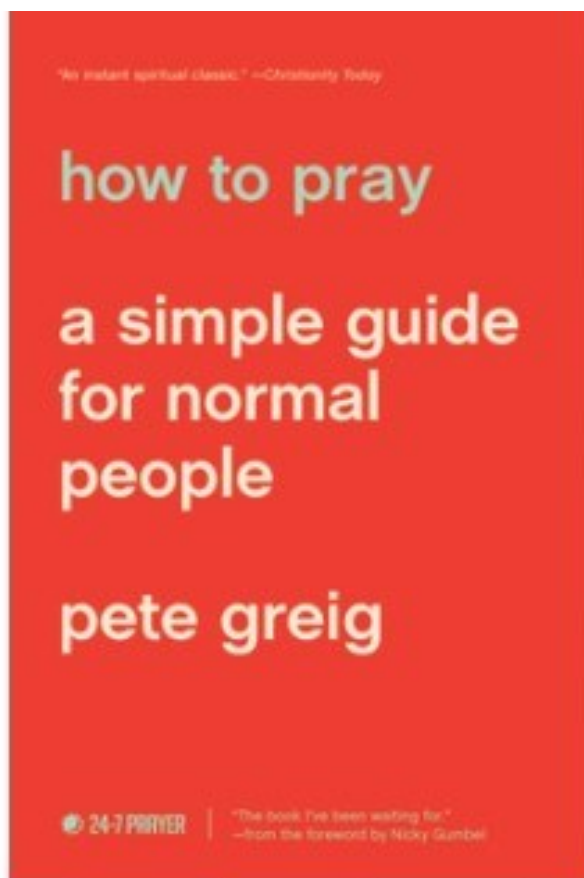


*As part of our Lenten journey at Trinity, we have been invited to pray for each other.*

*For some of us, prayer may come easy, almost like breathing. For others, we may sometimes wonder if we are doing it right. The answer is that there's really no right or wrong way to pray, as long as it comes from the heart.*

*But in case you're looking for a little help, look no further than our bookshelves in the lounge. Our Prayer Chain recently acquired copies of a book you may find helpful, whether for Lent or any time.*

*"How to pray: a simple guide for normal people," by Pete Greig is waiting for you. Please feel free to borrow it for a short while and see if it can offer you any insight into how to jumpstart your prayers.*



## **Are you considering joining Trinity?**

We welcome you and invite you to join  
our family of worshipers.

We will be celebrating our new members  
during worship service **on Sunday, May 4th.**

Please let Pastor Carrie and/or Brenda know if you  
wish to become a member of Trinity.

Trinity's email: [TLCKirkwood@gmail.com](mailto:TLCKirkwood@gmail.com)

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Wednesday, April 2—Lenten Soup Supper at Trinity**

6:00 p.m. (upstairs lounge)

**Tuesday, April 8—Election Day** (polling in upstairs lounge)

**Wednesday, April 9—Lenten Soup Supper at STHS**

6:00 p.m. St. Thomas/Holy Spirit (3980 S Lindbergh Blvd, Sappington, MO 63127)

**Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Worship service



**Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday at Trinity**

6:30 p.m. Worship service

**Maundy  
Thursday**  
SERVICE

**Friday, April 18 - Good Friday**

7:00 pm Worship at St. Thomas/Holy Spirit (3980 S Lindbergh Blvd, Sappington)

***PDO and Church Offices closed.***



**Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday Celebration**

9:45 a.m. Trinity breakfast (downstairs fellowship hall) Everyone Invited!

10:10 a.m. Youth Easter Egg Hunt with Redemption (meet in back parking lot)

10:30 a.m. Worship service

**Monday, April 21—Easter Monday.**

***PDO and Church Offices closed.***

**Sunday, May 4—CELEBRATION DAY!**

10:30 a.m. Worship service, New Members Welcome,  
Recognition of Graduates

11:45 a.m. All Church Taco Bar Potluck



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

## Report for February 2025

### CASH FLOW SUMMARY

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Direct Giving	\$ 15,181.49	\$26,409.90	\$27,000.00
Other Receipts	\$ 9,381.43	\$17,386.17	\$ 17,041.00
Tot Op Revenues	\$ 24,562.92	\$43,796.07	\$44,041.00
Spending	\$ 19,403.33	\$41,671.66	\$41,627.70
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 5,159.59	\$ 2,124.41	\$ 2,413.30

### ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<u>01/31/25</u>	<u>02/28/25</u>
General Fund	\$168,401.90	\$174,858.16
Foundation Acct	\$160,730.88	\$160,778.46
Youth Restr Acct	\$ 8,431.79	\$ 8,277.75

### TREASURER'S DISCUSSION

- Receipts for February totaled \$24.6K, which exceeded budget by about \$2.5K. Offerings in February offset the reduced offerings in January caused by the snow and cold weather. YTD our revenues total \$43.8K which is about \$200 under budget.
- Spending totaled \$19.4K and was under our monthly budget by about \$1K. YTD Spending totals \$41.7K which is about \$45 over budget.
- Net, for February we had a surplus of \$5,159. YTD we have a surplus of \$2,124.
- In February, PDO had receipts of \$25.7K and expenses of \$20.4K. PDO recovered several delinquent accounts and began accepting registrations for summer camps and for the next school year. PDO had a surplus of \$5.3K. YTD PDO has a surplus of \$5.2K.
- The status of Reserve and Restricted Funds is summarized below.

### RESERVE and RESTRICTED FUNDS

		<u>01/31/2025</u>	<u>02/28/2025</u>
Reserve	Operating Reserve	\$ 28,062.21	\$ 28,062.21
	Property Reserve	29,788.17	29,888.17
	Williams Bequest	13,814.96	13,814.96
	Pastor Reserve	7,613.20	7,613.20
Restricted	Seminary Education	30,356.17	30,356.17
	All Other Restricted	3,819.30	3,819.30
	Total Funds	\$ 113,454.01	\$ 113,554.01

Respectfully submitted, Dave Mizell, Treasurer  
03/13/2025



## **Council Notes February 19, 2025**

### **I. Call to order – Therese**

6:350pm

### **II. Opening Prayer – Pastor Carrie**

### **III. Approval of minutes from December's meeting (found in Shared Drive)**

All Approved - No questions.

### **IV. Pastor's Report - The new format of indicating number of home visits, phone calls, etc. without using names was well received.**

All Approved - No questions

### **V. Ministry Area Reports**

**Property – Signs were posted to warn drivers they are not allowed to enter at the exit. There have been several cars entering at the exit. The trash contract needs to be renewed, the size bin we have is almost always filled so we will keep the current size. The stated cost is \$163/month. The furnace will be replaced (quote obtained and approved). The copier vendor has proposed a three year contract at \$670/month.**

**PDO – The plastic climbers in the playground are used by outside entities, have been damaged and need to be replaced. The mulch level on the playground needs to be replaced, and a sign indicating the playground is only open during daylight hours needs to be posted. A trash bin and bench (already in the far corner) are needed in the playground. A discussion was held as to whether or not the inside courtyard can be renovated and repurposed as it is largely unused. Thank you to Kevin for fixing the sink.**

**Education – Redemption is not available for a joint end of year picnic, so Trinity Youth will hold a Taco Bar on May 18th. We will celebrate high school and college graduates on that day as well.**

**Worship & music – Met the previous Sunday to discuss the Lenten schedule and dates when Trinity will host Wednesday dinners and service. Redemption is looking at their Easter schedule. Trinity youth will join their Easter Egg hunt between services. Youth will provide breakfast in the upstairs lounge starting at 9:45 am.**

**Fellowship – Nothing to report**

**Outreach – Nothing to report**

**VI. Treasurer's Report - See emailed report for details. We closed out 2024 with a small surplus. January had a deficit of \$3035 due to the weather. We spent \$2780 on snow removal.**

**VII. Comments from the Congregation  
No comments from the congregation**

**VIII. Old Business - None discussed**

**IX. New Business - Synod meeting is June 5-7, Trinity needs to send two members. Registration is by May 15th. A new bishop will be elected at this meeting so it is important for Trinity to have a voice.**

### **X. Calendar Items**

**a) February 8 – Collaborative Council Retreat (9 am – 2:30 pm)**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Olive**

**b) February 8 – LuMin Trivia Night at Bethel Lutheran Church**

**c) Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 pm – Council Meeting**

**d) March 5 – Ash Wednesday**

**9:30 am service followed by brunch**

**6:30 pm service**

**e) April 20 - Easter**

**XI. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer**

**XII Next Council Meeting - Sunday, March 16th immediately following service.**



# Drive Up Communion:

## April 13

### 11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

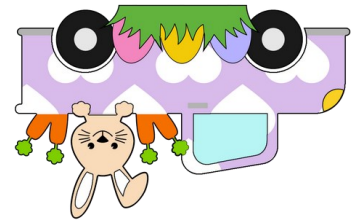
#### Upcoming dates:

April 27

May 11

If you are planning to participate  
in the Drive Up Communion,  
please call or email the church office  
no later than the Thursday before.

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