

HOLY WEEK/EASTER 2023

Newsletter

of

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*Together in Jesus Christ our
mission is to serve faithfully,
boldly, and joyfully.*



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YOU ARE MORE
THAN WELCOME.
YOU ARE INVITED!

**Weekly in-person Worship
with Holy Communion
on Sundays in the Sanctuary**

8:00 a.m. Spoken Liturgy

10:00 a.m. Music and Hymns

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
in the Chapel **each** Sunday

5:45 p.m. Prayers for Healing and
Laying on of hands in the Chapel
each Sunday

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, April 2



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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On my list of things to do during Holy Week, an Easter Egg Hunt has never been at the top. Then this year, due to several valid reasons and extenuating circumstances, our Easter Egg Hunt had to be cancelled.

Shortly after the decision was communicated to our families, I read an article reprinted below written by Father Christopher O'Donnell from the Order of Carmelites, of the Roman Catholic Church. I'll tell you what: I (*and anyone/everyone who will join me*) will be hosting an **EASTER EGG HUNT** on the second Sunday of the Easter Season:

TRINITY

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Outside, weather permitting. If not, inside!

Something new every day

Holy Week and Easter Blessings,

**Pastor
Ruth**

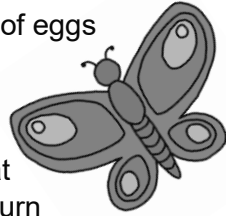


What Is Resurrection? An Easter Reflection

by Christopher O'Donnell, Order of Carmelites

Why are eggs associated with Easter? Why are they such a powerful symbol of resurrection? The word needs some care. It is not resuscitation, as if Jesus were simply brought back to life, like Lazarus or the widow's son at Nain (*see John 9 and Luke 7:11-15*). Resurrection is transformation. The symbols of resurrection are many.

So then, why eggs and Easter? An egg is totally changed. What is yellow and white liquid becomes alive with feathers and a chirp. If you look at the liquid of eggs alone, you would never tell what they would become. A liquid goo becomes a chicken – a sea gull, crow or magpie. Another Easter symbol is the seed, or acorn. You can look at a seed and never imagine what color it may turn out to have. Similarly, with a caterpillar and butterfly. These are resurrection symbols because they become something else, totally unforeseen and beautiful. And yet there is continuity: the egg becomes a chicken; an acorn becomes an oak-tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.



There are also human resurrection symbols: persons recovering from drug addiction or alcoholism become what they have despaired of happening. They are the same persons, but now transformed; they have new life, new hopes, and new possibilities. Another resurrection symbol might be a teenager becoming an adult: he or she is the same, but different with the new beauties of maturity.



The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed, what is immature becoming adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life.

But for the Christian, the resurrection has a still richer meaning. St. Paul, clearly repeating a catechetical formula that he had learned, says to the Corinthians: *I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures (1Corinthians 15:3-4).*

We can tease out this text by looking at accounts of the resurrection. They are quite subtle. The first thing we can see is that Jesus “was raised on the third day.” Who raised him? The Father by the power of the Holy Spirit (*see Romans 1:3-4; 8:11*). When we look at the resurrection appearances, we notice that Jesus is not at first recognized by those who loved him and who were his close associates or disciples. The exception seems to be the Beloved Disciple who had special insight (*see John 20:8; 21:7*). The others come to faith; indeed, faith was necessary to identify Jesus. The Risen Jesus is then the same but different. This can be put in another way by saying that Jesus is not resuscitated but is resurrected.

Christ is risen and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence here. In our weakness we will after death be raised in glory. Again, there is continuity: it is I (not just my body) that I hope will be raised. As Paul writes:

So it is with the resurrection of the dead.

*What is sown is perishable,
what is raised is imperishable.*

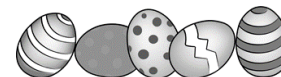
*It is sown in dishonor,
it is raised in glory.*

*It is sown in weakness,
it is raised in power.*

*It is sown a physical body,
it is raised a spiritual body.*

1Corinthians 15:42-44

TRINITY CHILDREN & YOUTH
EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.



Outside, weather permitting. If not, inside!

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

April 2, 2023 + PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-112 Processional Gospel



Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-30, Jesus and Judas

April 6, 2023 + MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-14 The Passover of the LORD

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The Last Supper of the LORD

April 7, 2023 + GOOD FRIDAY

PASSION NARRATIVE OF ST. MATTHEW 26-27

April 8, 2023 + EASTER VIGIL

Genesis to Revelation

God continuously brings Life out of Death

April 9, 2023 + + + RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

April 16, 2023 + SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Ps 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31 Beholding the wounds

April 23, 2023 + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 116, 1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35 Eating with the risen Christ

April 30, 2023 + FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47, Ps 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10 Christ the Shepherd

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Lent 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for sharing in Christ's Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church. We want you to know that we are really glad that you are a part of the worshipping body of Christ here, in this time and place, and in the life of God's people.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold.

First, it is the final Trinity Lutheran Church Income and Expense Report for 2022. In short, 2022 expenses exceeded 2022 income by \$108,054.

How did we cover the shortfall? By spending some of the money which had accumulated over several years in our short-term savings and trust accounts. As explained in the administrative documents of the Trinity Endowment Fund, endowment monies were not (*and cannot be*) used to cover budget shortfalls.

Throughout 2022 our Finance Committee and Church Council members carefully managed and monitored the church budget on a weekly basis while making studied, proactive decisions to insure the continued viability of Trinity ministries and programs. On behalf of the congregation, they have responded to a wide variety of issues:

- In-person and online worship attendance have been steadily climbing. We now have three regular worship services each Sunday (8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm). We received new members twice during 2022 and will soon receive another group into membership.
- The increased presence of children and youth in Sunday School and worship contributes to the vitality of our church family. Summer program plans are underway and we are looking forward to the excitement of a wider variety of fellowship activities for all ages.

- Combined income in 2022 was flat as compared to most recent years. This is especially concerning considering that while we received covid-related grants specific to our Child Care ministry, Sunday offerings were down.
- Trinity's Child Care ministry is a ministry of the congregation serving families of the Somerset community. Unlike the Food Pantry, which is a separately incorporated organization for which Trinity provides a home, our Child Care Ministry is totally owned and operated as part of Trinity's overall ministry.

The budget of our Child Care Ministry is sizable compared to other ministries of the congregation, however, largely due to the cost of its specially trained, licensed and/or certified staff. Due to an extremely tight labor market for qualified Child Care Workers in 2022 and our inability to hire/keep qualified staff, the Child Care Committee, Finance Committee, and Church Council made the proactive decision to increase our starting pay scale for all Child Care staff, which enabled 72 children to continue to be cared for in our safe and loving environment. Thanks to grants and financial support by church members, our Child Care ministry ran a positive cash flow for 2022.

A graph on the next page provides a series of snapshots comparing annual budgets and worship attendance for 2019-2022.

The second purpose of this letter is to **thank you** for your continued, consistent, and sacrificial giving.

If you are not currently giving to Trinity, we invite you to give and thereby provide essential support for our congregation's ministries. There are lots of reasons that people give offerings to Trinity. Many want to support Trinity's awe-inspiring Children's, Youth and Child Care ministries. Some want to support the work of our Care and Share efforts or the cost of pastoral support for brothers and sisters in Christ who are going through difficult times. Others want to support our Worship and Music Ministry or our Grief Support Program. Others want to support Christian Fellowship and Community Outreach events.

Most importantly, giving is an important part of our growing in our faith.

We believe that everything we have comes from God and when we give we are returning just a small portion of what God has first given us. When we give we remember that our God is a god of abundance and that when we give our offering back to God, we are showing trust – trust that God will always provide, trust that God is always with us,

and trust that there will always be enough. We invite you to join us and other Trinity households in giving. Give to support Trinity's work. Give to grow in your faith.

There are four different ways to give. You can give offerings during worship, by mail, online through Tithe.ly (*Follow this link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=447535>*) or by arranging automatic payments at no cost through your bank. If you have any questions at all, please call the Trinity's Office at (814) 445-5446.

Thank you for your support.

May we walk in hope, faith, and trust as we journey to the cross this Holy Week.

Blessings,

Ruth Kocha Jensen
Pastor

Christopher Lloyd
Treasurer

Trinity's Annual Budget

	Income	Expense	End of Year
2019	\$557,239	\$630,800	\$ 73,561 Loss
2020	\$723,721	\$762,866	\$ 39,145 Loss
2021	\$716,681	\$753,272	\$ 36,591 Loss
2022	\$728,600	\$836,655	\$108,055 Loss

Average Worship Attendance

	In Person	Online	Total
2019	100	0	100
2020	63	61	124
2021	72	55	127
2022	82	54	136

A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

Joy Is Ours



After Easter Sunday and during the season of Easter, we will be using a new musical liturgy I composed entitled, “Joy Is Ours.” In our modern times of globally declining church attendance, it is my firm belief that the church still matters. In a sermon, ELCA Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber stated her belief that Christianity still matters because, “We have a better story than the world’s.” I believe one of the messages most needed from the church today is defiant joy—not mere happiness or platitudes, but a deep resounding joy that coexists with the pain and the suffering that so undeniably dominate in our world. I find joy throughout scripture. This same joy is what Jesus spoke of in Matthew 6:25-34, and it is what begins the Gospel of John. This is a defiant joy that shines in the darkness. These musical pieces form a liturgy to which I sincerely believe and fervently hope communicates that joy in every worship service it is used. May it be a blessing to you to hear and sing as it has been a blessing for me to compose. A recording of the liturgy is available on the church website under “music” and “2023 Choirs” for those who wish to listen and learn ahead. To aid in the appreciation of the work and to communicate my thought process, I want to share each piece and some commentary on each.

1. Kyrie: “Lord, Have Mercy”

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, we lack faith in you.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, we lack trust in you.
But we remember you’re slow to anger,
abounding in steadfast love.
Grant us strength to share your grace
with all people of the world.*

Although, some people may find it difficult to sing “we lack faith in you” and “we lack trust in you,” it is indeed the place of a Kyrie to serve as a musical confession to God. There

are many instances of lack of faith and trust throughout scripture, and we should not presume we are any different. Much of our fear-based sin is rooted in a lack of faith and trust, believing there is only “so much to go around.” The stark tone of the first two lines quickly transition to the scriptural reminder that God is “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Psalm 103:8). As Pastor Ruth recently pointed out in a sermon, much of the world knows Christians for what they are against rather than what they are for. The last line of this song asks that the Holy Spirit fill us and strengthen us to break this cycle and show the world that the Good News of Jesus Christ is for all people (Luke 2:10-11). Much of what we hear from Christianity today is not new, *good*, or for all.

2. Canticle of Praise: “Worry Not”

*Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.
Worry not about tomorrow,
there’s trouble enough for today.*

*Our mouths are filled with laughter;
Our tongues with shouts of joy!*

*Lord, you dress the flowers of the earth;
In rainbow raiment, chromatic splendor.*

*You give song and food to the birds,
And for us a love too deep for words.*

*While we are sinners you give us your Son,
To walk with us in the trials that we face
Blessed with your broken body and blood,
And uplifted by your boundless grace.*

*Clap your hands all you people of God!
Filled with the Spirit of all creation,
Compassion to mourn; hope to endure,
Faith, burn within us to join in the song!*

One of my very favorite and “go to” parts of scripture is Jesus’s reminder not to worry in Matthew 6:25 and onward. I can think of no better verse to base a song of praise and joy on. Musically, I wanted to write a piece in the style of Handel, as I believe his music permeates joy.

3. Gospel Acclamation: “The Word Was God”

*In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God,
And the Word WAS God.
And the light was the life of all people,
Let all who have ears, listen!
The light of Christ shines in the darkness
And the darkness does not overcome it.*

The beginning of the Gospel of John, for me, is the foundational summation of Christian theology. When we read from the Bible, the word of God, many forget that the Bible tells us that the Word *is* God, that is not just the Bible, but God, Christ, Spirit, the entire Trinity itself. I think this scripture passage is an important reminder to sing before we hear our weekly Gospel reading.

4. Sanctus: “God of Now”

*Holy God, Alpha and Omega; the beginning and the end
Creator, Savior, Advocate, to you on our knees we bend.
Come in mysterious presence!
In bread and wine your hands reach down.
God not only of past and future; Our God is the God of now.
Our God is the God of now.*

Before we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we prepare our hearts and minds with a Eucharistic Prayer and sometimes a Sanctus that we sing. I wanted this Sanctus to sound joyful and also to remind us that God is truly with us... now!

5. Agnus Dei: “Gathered In Your Arms”

*Gathered in your arms, O, Mother God
We know respite, joy, now under your wings.
When we are lost, you seek us out.
Everyone of your lost sheep.
You replace our tears with dancing,
Choose a cross instead of judging,
Lord, you take away the sin of the world.
In our nights of doubt and sorrow
You stand weeping with us always.
Lord, you take away the sin of the world.
Gathered in your arms O, God.*

An agnus dei, often “Lamb of God”, is sung after Communion to remind us that it is Jesus that takes away the sin of the world and that grace is not something we do for ourselves. I used the comforting imagery of Matthew 23:27 and focused on the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18) to incorporate more animal metaphors. I wanted the words to depict concretely what Christ does for us, searching us out, and weeping alongside us (John 11:35). Joy is not mere happiness but hope through pain and sorrow (Galatians 5:22) and so I wanted to be sure to include that aspect of life in this piece.

Nicholas Carroll
Director of Music





Are you thinking about joining Trinity Lutheran Church?

From the first time you attended worship at Trinity, we have considered you a member of our church family. Why? Because as a child of God, you are our brother or sister and always welcome here!

By taking the next step and making membership at Trinity, you are making a commitment to take on responsibilities that, when taken seriously, can contribute to a new outlook on life and opportunities for discipleship.

According to the covenant God made with us in holy baptism, we all are:

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

In addition, members of Trinity are expected to support and participate in the work of this congregation, the Allegheny Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through regular contributions of our time, abilities, and money (offerings). Our goal is to be positive change-makers in the lives of the people in our community in the name of Jesus Christ.

For more information about becoming a member of Trinity, please speak with Pastor Ruth, (814) 525-5085 or pastorjensen.trinity@gmail.com.

FUN IN TRINITY'S CHILD CARE

We had a wonderful time celebrating "Read Across America" week. Everyone in our program got to read a different Dr. Seuss book each day, dress to match the book, make a special snack, and do crafts and activities to go with each day. We love this week each year, and it is a great time to be silly.

But our fun doesn't stop there, our teachers are always hard at work creating lessons, activities, and games for the kids to do each and every day.

We are looking forward to celebrating our Easter season. Along with egg hunts, warmer weather, and sweet treats, we will also be doing lessons about Jesus and the life he lived. With Vicar Regina working with our children and doing weekly chapel lessons, we will be sharing the joyous celebration of Easter.



With Thrivent money, we are able to purchase a new projector. This projector is used by our kids and the church. We are very grateful that we could use those funds to help buy new items for our program. I would also like to thank Shelby Bailey for the blankets that she made and donated to our program. We appreciate donations of any kind, so keep us in mind as you start your spring cleaning.

DR. SEUSS WEEK

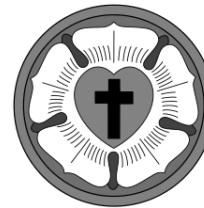


MINISTRIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

MEN'S GROUP meets **every Tuesday** at the Turnpike McDonald's at 9:00 a.m. All men are welcome to join us.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, our new women's group, gathers on the 2nd Tuesday (**April 11**) and 4th Tuesdays (**April 25**) each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. This year's Bible study is based on the Ten Commandments and is ed by Pastor Ruth and makes use of resources from the *GATHER* magazine. Hands-on service projects are also part of each month's activities. Drop in!

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE STUDY focuses on the upcoming Sunday worship texts and meets each **Wednesday after-noon** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. This year Vicar Regina is the leader. All are welcome.



LEARN and CREATE!
Luther's Small Catechism Workshop
Led by Vicar Regina Holliday

Palm Sunday, April 2 (final session)
"MORNING and EVENING BLESSINGS"

This will be the last of a 6-week intergenerational learning series during the Sunday School hour, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Vicar Regina Holliday has designed the course for all ages and everyone is welcome to attend as a family or as an individual. Coffee, water, and donuts are provided.

The art from this series will be displayed in the church Narthex on Easter Sunday, **April 9!**

FREE CPR/AED TRAINING



**FREE
CPR, AED, STOP THE BLEED,
and FIRST AID TRAINING CLASS**

**Saturday, April 1
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
In Fellowship Hall**

If you are interested in attending, please call Trinity's Office to register (445-5446). We want to be sure to have enough supplies/ equipment for everyone. All are encouraged to attend.

Trinity has 4 AED's located in the:

Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Educational Building (main floor, near Trinity's Office), and Educational Building (upstairs)

**We don't know
everything
or have all the answers.**

We are not perfect.



**We're a group of people
called together by the Holy Spirit
to praise God,
know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
and reach out to serve the world
in Jesus' name and for his sake.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
APRIL 2022			
2 Palm Sunday 8am Worship (Sanctuary) 8:45am Sunday School 9:55am Palm Processional-F Hall 10am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:15am - TLC Choir/Bells 5pm Worship (Chapel) 5:45pm Prayers for Healing-Chpl	3	4 9am Men's Group (McDonald's Turnpike)	5 8-10:45a Drive Thru 10am Children's 1pm Bible Study (Conference Room) 7pm Maundy Thursday Rehearsal
9 Resurrection of Our Lord 8am Sunrise Worship-Sanctuary 8:45am Easter Breakfast 10am Festival Worship-Sanctuary 5pm Easter Worship-Chapel 5:45pm Prayers for Healing-Chpl	10 Trinity's Office Closed	11 9am Men's Group (McDonald's Trnpg) 1pm Women's Fellowship (Conference Room)	12 8-10:4 Drive Thru 10am Children's 1pm Bible Study (Conference Room) 6pm Prophecy
16 2nd Sunday of Easter 8am Worship-Sanctuary 8:45 Sun Schl/9:30 Estr Egg Hunt 10am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15am - TLC Choir/Bells 5pm Worship-Chapel 5:45pm Prayers for Healing-Chpl	17	18 9am Men's Group (McDonald's Turnpike)	19 8-10: Drive Thru 10am Children's 1pm Bible Study (Conference Room)
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 AED Training 9am (Fellowship Hall)
m Food Pantry u ld Care-Chapel e Study ce Room) ndy Thursday l (Sanctuary)	6 Maundy Thurs 7pm Worship with Communion with Last Supper Dramatization (Sanctuary)	7 Good Fri 7pm Worship (Sanctuary)	8 Easter Vigil 7pm Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
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45am Food Pantry ld Care-Chapel Study ce Room)	20 6pm Finance Committee (Conference Room)	21	22
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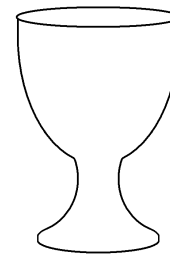
SOMERSET AREA MINISTRY (SAM) LENTEN SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
April 7 Noon	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Rev. Arnold McFarland

THE SAM COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at First United Methodist Church at noon. There will not be a lunch that day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are needed to serve at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service, approximately one time each month. If you are willing to serve, please let Barbara Swanson know (445-4814) or call Trinity's Office (445-5446). Pastor Ruth or a member of the Altar Guild will be glad to provide instruction.



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for children or adults on **Easter Sunday, April 9** so that everyone can attend the breakfast at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITY'S COMMITTEES are being formed for 2023. Every member is invited and encouraged to join a committee and/or attend a meeting during the year. Share your talents with us in all of our various ministries! To volunteer, please call Trinity's Office at 445-5446.

**JOIN A
COMMITTEE**

MAUNDY THURSDAY + APRIL 6

Maundy Thursday Worship and Last Supper Dramatization



7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday the people of Trinity will gather for our traditional liturgy which includes Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar at the end of the service. In place of the sermon, however, will be a dramatization of Jesus' Last Supper. Through the words of Jesus and his disciples, we will share Holy Communion and then "turn the lights out" in the upper room as we strip the altar.

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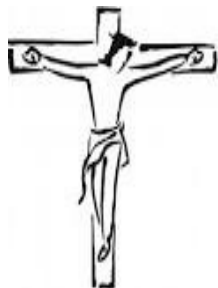
GOOD FRIDAY † APRIL 7

Somerset Area Ministry (SAM) will host a Good Friday Tenebrae service at **NOON** based on James H. Charlesworth's translation of John 18:1-19:42 at First United Methodist Church.

Clergy from SAM will take part in this approximately 3-hour long service. Musicians will be Sarah May and Nerita Brant.

7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF SHADOWS (Tenebrae) at Trinity Lutheran Church



Led by Pastor Ruth and Vicar Regina, this approximately 75-minute service will include scripture readings from the Gospel of St. Matthew, the singing of hymns, meditation, and extinguishing of candles.

Order Form for Easter Lilies 2023



In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

Cost of each plant is \$15.00

Lilies will grace our Chancel at Easter.

____ Number of Plants at \$15.00 each \$____

Please return your order and money to:
Trinity Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

Checks should be made payable to:
Trinity Lutheran Church

Deadline for orders is: Friday, March 31

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Give to Homebound
() yes () no

I Will Pick Up My Plant
() yes () no



2023 SPECIAL EASTER GIFTS

*This year, in addition to or in lieu of Lilies,
our special gifts will go to:*

_____ *Trinity's Child Care*



_____ *Pastor's Discretionary Fund*
(to be used towards utility or medical needs)

Amount \$_____ Envelope #_____

Please make checks payable to:
Trinity Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

Deadline: Friday, March 31

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

2023 HOLY WEEK



Palm/Passion Sunday (April 2)

Palm Procession
8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. begins in the Fellowship Hall
for Blessing of the Palms
5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday (April 6) with
the Sacrament of Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
(See page 21 for more information)



Good Friday (April 7)
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Vigil of Easter - (Saturday, April 8)
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with the Sacrament
of Holy Communion.
We will celebrate our Baptism.

Easter Sunday (April 9)
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Return of Alleluias!
The Festival of the Resurrection of
our Lord continues with the Sacrament
of Holy Communion.
Come celebrate the Joy of our
Lord's **RESURRECTION!**



CONGRATULATIONS!

TRINITY MEMBERS HAVING SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS (80 YEARS AND OLDER)

Judy Trent—May 14

Goldie Beals—May 16

Jack Hess—May 21

Luther Shaulis, Jr.—May 21

I. Richard Adams—May 22

Kenneth Walker—May 30

Janet Morocco—June 28

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Rebecca Mitchell | 20 John Minnich |
| 2 Martin Siemon III | Anja Hoffer |
| 4 Brandon Rhodes | 21 Barbara Coonahan |
| 7 Trisha Miller | Jack Hess |
| Jonathan Walter | Danielle Lloyd |
| 9 Valerie Kleinert | Luther Shaulis, Jr. |
| 11 Shelby Bailey | Brooke Spangler |
| Jack Emswiler | 22 I. Richard Adams |
| Claire Zufall | 23 Robert D. Christner |
| 13 Donna Jacobson | John Harvey |
| 14 Judy Trent | 26 Robert P. Harrold |
| 15 Aaliyah Leslie | 27 Anthony Sanner |
| 16 Goldie Beals | 30 Robert Weimer |
| 18 Douglas Shaffer | Kenneth Walker |
| Ryan Spangler | 31 Ty Trent |
| 19 Jaxson Pizer | Nicholas Anderson |

TRINITY'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, APRIL 10 FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Ava Fanale | |
| 2 | Janet Fetterolf | |
| | Scott Lloyd | |
| 4 | William Peck | |
| 5 | Bruce Rhodes | |
| | Coen Fetterolf | |
| 9 | Evan Walter | 22 Donna Cascio |
| 11 | Evan Fetterolf | 24 Ian Fetterolf |
| | Zeke Pizer | 25 Maggie Pizer |
| | Kathy Mitchell | 28 Taylor Demchak |
| 13 | Samantha Hause | Alyssa Morocco |
| 14 | Diane Wagner | Janet Morocco |
| | Andrea Crawford | 30 Kathy Johnson |
| | Nathan Weimer | |
| 15 | Emily Barnes | |
| 17 | Pamela Croyle | |
| 18 | John Centi | |
| 20 | Madelyn Mitchell | |
| 21 | Judy Greig | |
| | Jonathan Jacobs | |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

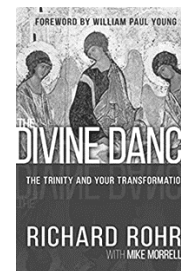
WE WILL HAVE ECO-PALMS

in partnership with Lutheran World Relief for Palm Sunday. We are helping palm harvesters, their families, communities, and the environment by:



- 1) Ensuring palm harvesters receive a fair price for their palms.
- 2) Promoting sustainable harvesting practices that protect and sustain the environment.
- 3) Empowering palm harvesting communities, who receive a premium for each palm we wave.

TRINITY'S BOOK GROUP will meet on **Thursday, April 13** at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. They will continue to discuss the book, THE DIVINE DANCE by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell.



ANY MEMBERS OR GROUPS wanting to use Trinity's facilities or Pavilion should call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to schedule the date and time for 2023, even if you have used it for the same date/event in the past.

FREE BOOKS are located on the wooden benches in the Narthex as you enter Trinity on both sides. Please help yourself and share them with your friends and neighbors.

GOLDIE WILL BE 101

WE CELEBRATE that Goldie Beals will be 101 years old on **Tuesday, May 16**. We ask God's continued care upon her. Please send birthday greetings to :

Mrs. Goldie Beals
Laurel View Village
1000 Vista Drive, Apartment 205
Davidsville, PA 15928



CHILD CARE CHICKEN BBQ

When: **Friday, April 28, 2022**

Time: **Starting at 2:45 p.m.**

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church - Front Porch
Drive-Through Chicken BBQ

Purchase a 1/2 chicken or a full meal
(which includes 1/2 chicken, dinner
roll, 2 sides (macaroni salad,
applesauce, or green beans)



TO BENEFIT: **TRINITY'S CHILD CARE**

To Volunteer or for Questions call Jody: (814) 445-5436

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

(Check out April's bulletins for pricing information.)

EASTER BREAKFAST

EASTER BREAKFAST will be held at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, April 9**. The menu will be breakfast casseroles, sausage, donuts, juice, coffee, tea, and milk. If you can come and/or volunteer to help, please call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to let us know how many will attend or how you can volunteer or fill out the form below and return it to Trinity's Office by **Wednesday, April 5**.

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EASTER BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS

Name: _____

Phone: _____

___ I will provide a Breakfast Casserole and bring it hot.

___ I will help set the tables.

___ I will help serve the meal.

___ I will help clean up after the breakfast.

___ I will warm up breakfast casseroles and help with the sausage.

If you are able to help in any way, please return this form to Trinity's Office or call (445-5446) to volunteer your help.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT
BE HELD FOR ADULTS OR
CHILDREN ON EASTER SUN-
DAY TO ALLOW EVERYONE
TO COME TO THE EASTER
BREAKFAST!**



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2023

- ⇒ Motion approved to send out a letter to the congregation overviewing the income and expense for 2022 and continuing stewardship for 2023.
- ⇒ Motion approved for the dismissal of JoRene Lightfoot to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Somerset.
- ⇒ Motion approved to repaint, add new lighting, add new carpet/vinyl flooring combination, and install new blinds in the School-Age Child Care room not to exceed \$6,000 to come from Improvements to Trinity.
- ⇒ Motion approved to designate Trinity's Child Care and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (to be used towards utility or medical needs) as alternatives to purchasing Easter lilies.
- ⇒ Motion approved to adopt the 2023 Parish Outreach Benevolent Gifts and Payment Schedule.
- ⇒ AED/CPR/First Aid/How to Stop the Bleed Training FREE on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.

SECURITY

TRINITY'S DOORS are opened at 7:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Sundays for worship. Once the service starts at 8:00 a.m., the Narthex and all other outside doors are locked during worship. At 8:30 a.m., the Educational Building is opened. During 10:00 a.m. worship, the front door is left open during the service as there are ushers present. All other outside doors are locked during the 10:00 service.



Security Update

**TRINITY'S DEADLINE
FOR OUR
NEXT NEWSLETTER:
MONDAY, MAY 22**

CAMP SEQUANOTA

ADULT DAY WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 27, 2023

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Bowersox Center

Cost: \$10 includes lunch

Join us for a day of Bible study and lunch. We will be exploring the Gospel of Matthew, which is the gospel we read most Sundays this year. Bring a bible (any translation) and a pen or pencil. Dress comfortably. Please register with the Camp Office by calling (814) 629-6627.

SPRING BENEFIT DINNER

Friday, May 5, 2023

Cost: Suggested donation of \$55/person

4:45 PM Tours of Camp
 5:30 PM Appetizers and Social Time
 6:00 PM Dinner
 6:30 PM Entertainment and Annual
 Report

An evening of fellowship to support camp and raise money to help kids attend summer camp. Three meal options for those attending in person: two meat options, one vegetarian. Please choose one when you RSVP. If you are unable to attend in person but would like to hear a camp update, please join us on Zoom for summer staff introductions, camp songs, and the annual report presentation.

MORE CAMP...

SPRING WORK DAY

Saturday, May 6, 2023

9:00 AM

Main Camp Dining Hall

Cost: Free and includes lunch

Grab your work gloves and a sturdy pair of shoes to help prepare Camp for the upcoming season. Contact the Camp Office (814) 629-6627 for more information or to let us know how many volunteers to expect.

MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET

Sunday, May 14, 2023

2 Seatings: 11:30 AM or 1:30 PM

Reservations required

Cost: Freewill donation

Celebrate the mothers in your life with a lovely meal. Indoor and covered outdoor tables available. This year the buffet will be served. Your table will be dismissed to the buffet line once your entire group is present. Contact the Camp Office (814) 629-6627 to make a reservation for your group.



HORNER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS' CLUB at Horner Lutheran Church is held **Tuesdays** 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. with Games, Crafts, Bible Study, and Snacks. Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to join us. There is no charge to participate in the program.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Horner Lutheran Church; 415 Horner Church Road, one mile off 219 at the Stoystown exit, offers a Celebrate Recovery meeting on **Saturdays** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This meeting provides an environment for adults affected by hurts, hang-ups, and habits. At Celebrate Recovery, people will hear about the healing power of Jesus Christ through eight recovery principles. These biblical principles centered on Christ help us to grow and free us from our addictive, dysfunctional, and compulsive behaviors, drawing us together into a stronger relationship with God and others.

HOW TO CONTACT TRINITY'S VICAR

VICAR REGINA HOLLIDAY

(202) 441-9664 (cell)
(814) 445-5446 (Trinity's Office)

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HOLY WEEK/EASTER 2023

Trinity will celebrate with the Sacrament of Holy Communion beginning Maundy Thursday, April 6; Easter Vigil Saturday, April 8; Easter Sunday, April 9; and continuing through the Sundays of Easter.