

THE TRINITY LUTHERAN
April, 2024



Holy Week Services

~ **Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m.**

~ **Good Friday March 29th, 7:00 p.m.**

~ **Easter Sunday, March 31st.**



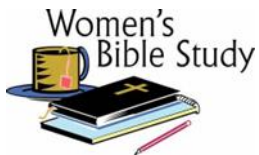
Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Come join us for worship Easter Sunday!

Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service @ 9:00 a.m.



**“PEOPLE OF FAITH”,
OUR BIBLE/BOOK STUDY**

will meet as usual on, April 4th at 10:00 a.m. finishing the study on *12 More Women of the Bible*. Then May 2, we begin a new series studying the book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. It is available on Amazon. Please let the office know if you need help ordering this or paying for it. Join us in this lively and interesting study of faith in the sacred practices in everyday life.



We will have an Easter Egg Hunt following the service this Easter Sunday. Kids are encouraged to bring a basket to collect the eggs.

DURING THE HOURS that our preschool is in session (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 - 11:30 & MMO Wednesday) the church door will be locked as we look to keep our young folks safe. If you need to come in and have a key, please lock the door after yourself. If you do not have a key, please call the church office to have Rhoda let you in. 618-392-4181. Thank you!

LECTORS, ACOLYTES, & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Please head to Sign-Up Central to get your names on the lists! Thank you for serving & caring.

FRITSCHLE EDUCATION GRANT

All graduating seniors planning on attending post-secondary school or professional training are encouraged to apply for the Fritschle Education Grant. The grant is a one-time award of \$250 to each student every May meeting the following criteria:

*He/she makes an application to the Fritschle Education Grant committee by April 14th and is enrolled in full time (12 semester hours or equivalent) post-secondary education/professional training in the fall of this year.

*He/she is a member of good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church. The minimal expectation for such a member includes:

*At least 4 communions of record during each year of high school ;

congregation.

* Participation in the activities of Trinity Lutheran Church each year of high school following confirmation or transfer into this congregation.

Please submit all written applications to the church office by April 14th with envelopes marked "Fritschle Education Grant Committee".

MAKE A NOTE OF OUR SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK!

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 28th and March 29th. Easter Sunday service, March 31st will be at 9:00 a.m. Easter breakfast will be at 7:30 am., (a donation of sweet rolls/breads or coffee cakes would be appreciated).

THANK YOU so much for your generous Lenten contributions. We have collected \$1457.21 during Lent for the Richland County Homeless Teen Program. Your offerings are so greatly appreciated!

ECLIPSE WEEK-END: Please bring empty cereal boxes into the parlor. We will make eclipse glasses out of them for the viewing in April. Thank you.



PLEASE LET THE OFFICE know if we need to add or update any personal information such as mailing or email address. Let the office know if you would like your birthdate or anniversary date included in the monthly newsletter. You can email the office at trinityolney@gmail.com or call 392-4181. Thank you.

Our Mission Statement
Trinity Lutheran Church strives to reach and welcome all with the love of Christ

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Nancy McClenathan
Becky Holstrum
Babbs Pitts, President
Beth Saler, Council Secretary
Matt Powell
John Scherer, Vice President
Kevin Scherer
Brooklyn Diel
Angela Slagley
Autumn Ryden ~ Youth Representative
Mike Kurtz ~ Church Treasurer

needy.

STAFF:

Pastor ~ Rev. Kathi Boland
Pianist ~ Keegan Tucker
Choir Director ~ Andrew Flynn
Sunday School Coordinator ~
Altar Guild ~ Steve Berry
Church Secretary ~ Rhoda Slichenmyer
Financial Secretaries ~
Custodians ~ Paul's Janitorial Service

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Board Members

Bob Crum, Treasurer
Sandy Britton, Secretary
Mike Kurtz, President
Doug Slagley
Jeff Pipher

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Director ~ Brooke Wheeler
Teacher ~ Peggy Brookheart
MMO ~ Brooke Wheeler
Peggy Brookheart
Brookelyn Mitchell

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Prayer Chain~ John Scherer
Convalescing Meals ~ Becky Holsturm
Funeral Luncheons ~ Carol Diel, Sharon Kurtz
Fellowship ~ Autumn Ryden
Learning ~ Nancy McClenathan
Memorials & Special Gifts ~ Sarah Kincaid
Property ~ Kevin Scherer
Service ~ Angela Slagley, Beth Saler
Stewardship ~ Brooklyn Diel (liaison)

Witness ~ Becky Holstrum
Worship ~ Beth Saler
Finance ~ Mike Kurtz
Youth~ Matt Powell

GROUPS: Remember When ~ Rosemary West



- 2 Tressie Anderson
- 2 Daniel Scherer
- 6 Kevin Scherer
- 16 Linda Hanes
- 16 Justin Ryden
- 16 Savannah Ryden
- 17 Jeanne Holdren
- 18 Drew Holdren
- 20 Meah Stevens
- 24 Michelle Powell
- 24 Bryndle Rose Schuetz
- 25 Rob Gillis
- 26 Jenny Cartmill
- 28 Ruth Coleman
- 30 Anna Mae Barber



Ed & Darlene Fritschle



SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS (as of 4/01/2024)

Patricia Roberts

Jean Miller

Mary Lou Sager

Don Fritschle

Stonebridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney

Rock Castle, 145 Newcombe Ave, Room 238, Bed 1,
Mt Vernon, KY 40456

c/o Colonial Assisted Living Community,
1622 S Hart St. Room 133, Vincennes, IN 47591

Stonebridge, 1304 N East St., Olney, IL 62450

AT HOME MEMBERS:

Audrey Scherer

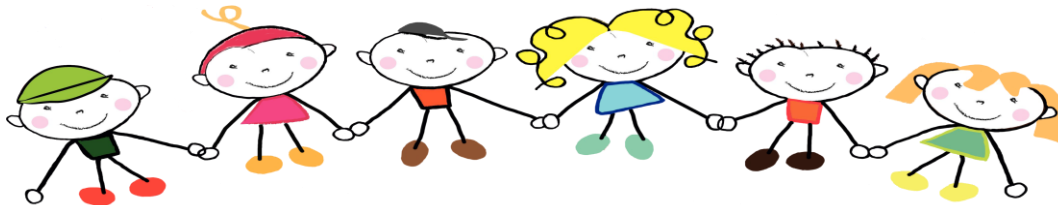
Gary Cowan

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600 S Christy Ave. Sumner, IL 62466 618 936-2169

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Register Now!

Mom's Morning Out & Trinity Preschool

for 2024-2025 school year

**Mom's Morning Out provides fun & creative activities
every Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 am on school attendance days**

Curriculum that meets IL Early Learning Standards

Classroom setting and many other unique learning experiences.

Register at 618 392-4181

5330 E. Frontage Rd. Olney, IL.

Or contact us on Facebook

Monday, April 8

Preschool Breakfast Fundraiser, 7 – 10 a.m.

Preschool Luncheon (Porkburger) Fundraiser

Eclipse begins at 12:46pm

Total Eclipse 2:02pm – 2:06pm

Eclipse ends at 3:21pm

Proceeds go to Trinity Preschool



April 2024 Newsletter

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Beloved, we are celebrating spring in April, filled with the hope God has given us in the Resurrection of our Lord! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Easter season is upon us. Let us allow ourselves to abound in hope, because we have been gifted eternal life and the power of the Holy Spirit. We look toward this month with joy and peace. Look what the God of hope is bringing us this month...

Throughout the very first weekend in April we are welcoming our Synod siblings to our church (Saturday – Monday) for the Eclipse Weekend Extravaganza. Some Lutherans will be camping outside in tents and some in motor homes; others have chosen to “camp” inside the church for the weekend. Adventures abound for that weekend, so check your “local listings” in the bulletin for times and locations! Play in the Park is Saturday, at 5. Our very own Bishop Greg will be joining us. He will be preaching and will help our Confirmands affirm their baptisms. I promise you, you do not want to miss meeting him. (I hear that Coconut Cream pie is his favorite! Maybe we could take turns bringing one to all the meals we have that weekend!) Each of us is invited to participate in the gift of welcoming everyone to our area and our church! Thanks be to God for the gift of hospitality.

That next Sunday, April 14, we will have everyone’s favorite service: “Blessing of Fields, Farms, Farmers, Gardens, and Gardeners.” Bring seeds to fill your hands, or pictures- anything that reminds us of how you plant, and bring them forward to be prayed over and blessed during that service.

April 21 is Good Shepherd Sunday. We have asked for a representative of LSSI to join us that day. It is not certain they can be with us that day or not. If they let us know they can come another Sunday in the Easter Season, we will change to celebrate that day. But for now, we are planning on April 21.

The whole month of April is going to be a faith-filled, hope-filled, and joy-filled month for us. I pray that we see as many of you as much as we possibly can. He is risen! His is risen – Alleluia!

- *Pastor Kathi*

PLAY IN THE PARK

APRIL'S "PLAY IN THE PARK" will be moved from our usual third Saturday to the first Saturday, during our Eclipse events. We will meet April 6 at 5pm, with our Synod Siblings, and our Bishop! Please make plans to attend and if you are able, bring food to share.

Coming soon – Eclipse Weekend Extravaganza!

Our festivities begin Saturday, April 6 and run through Monday. Our Synod siblings have been invited to stay with us (camping outside or in the church), including Bishop Greg Busboom, who will be staying in the area and will join us. Please plan to attend as much as you are able and pray for the good Lord to send us clear skies and warm April weather!

- Saturday, April 6

Folks arrive in the afternoon to get settled and acquainted with surroundings.

3 pm Confirmation Students' time with Bishop Busboom (pizza provided)

5pm Play in the Park, with carry-in and also featuring music and fun and games!

7pm Holden Evening Prayer Service devotions

Afterward, Stargazing with Ranger John (viewing of the heavens!)

Sunday, April 7

7:30am Carry-in Breakfast with Bishop and Synod guests

9am Service, Bishop Busboom preaching

9am during the service, 5 Students will be Confirmed

10:30am Reception for Confirmands

3pm Walk-With-a-Doc at Trinity

6pm Ranger John headlines in the Sanctuary, featuring:

Explanation of viewing and photographing the eclipse

Construction of viewing boxes. And much more!

Closing with song and prayer.

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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 7, 2024

Present: Pastor Kathi Boland, Babbs Pitts, John Scherer, Kevin Scherer, Angela Slagley, Nancy McClenathan, Autum Ryden, Brooklyn Diel, and Beth Saler, Absent: Becky Holstrum, Matt Powell

The meeting opened with Dwelling in the Word devotions.

Financial Report: Mike Kurtz pointed out we are behind in giving in the first two months of 2024 and urged caution in spending. John Scherer moved the acceptance of the financial report. Angela Slagley seconded; the motion passed. Also there is no new report about Tithely.

Minutes: Kevin Scherer moved the February minutes be approved as distributed to the council via internet; Pastor Kathi seconded, and the minutes were approved. After discussion John Scherer moved and Nancy McClenathan seconded the council minutes minus any personnel discussion be included in the monthly congregational newsletter. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kathi explained her idea of establishing a monthly brown bag supper / presentation at the Olney Public Library. Sample suggested topics so far include personal health, mental health, and gun safety. These sessions will be open to the public. Ideas for publicity were shared including flyers and sharing on FaceBook.

Community Support System: Greg Scherer has met with Pastor Kathi to talk about a job opening that would include driving people needing transportation from 4-9 p.m. Pastor Kathi has more information.

Service: To date \$310.60 has been collected from the noisy offerings and two of the Lenten dinners. These funds are being raised to pay for as many wells from the Marion Medical Mission as possible; Angela hopes for at least two. Nancy volunteered to do color copies of a bulletin insert that helps explain Marion Medical Mission. The noisy offerings for the wells will continue in March. Starting in May the noisy offering will be collected to raise money for us to take to the synod assembly in June. That offering will go to our sister synod in Madagascar.

Book donation: An anonymous donation of books has arrived at Trinity. John Scherer moved they be accepted; Beth Saler seconded, and the motion was approved.

Prayer Partners: We may have a new prayer partner after June's synod assembly.

Property: Josh Hayes will repair the sanctuary carpet soon. Kevin also reported that Flora Battery and Alternator will accept used batteries. Saturday March 16 will be work day. Some projects will include re-setting the front pew and replacing some downstairs lights.

The ELCA has Disability Grants. Trinity may apply for one for the purpose of replacing the current doors with sliding doors. It is hoped we also will have a ramp leading off the outside sanctuary door (by the piano) for fire safety.

Stewardship: Pastor Kathi, Brooklyn, and Babbs will schedule a meeting soon to brainstorm stewardship ideas.

Weekday Children's Ministry: Mike Kurtz reported that 7-14 kids are coming to Mom's Morning Out with the result that a third teacher is sometimes necessary. The teachers want to move the program to the downstairs stage. Kevin moved and Nancy seconded that permission be given for this; the motion passed. Several parents have asked about the program being continued in the summer. Mike has determined that there must be 10 paying children for that to be possible. Also cooperation will be needed in terms of the SNAP program coming and using the downstairs for a week in July. The preschool will be doing breakfast and lunch Monday, April 8 as fund raisers.

Worship committee: The committee is working cooperatively with Pastor Kathi to plan Holy Week, Easter, and confirmation Sunday services.

Fellowship: Autumn has the financial register for the fellowship committee and will track expenses. She reported an excellent group preparing for the Easter breakfast.

Looking ahead: The projected numbers for next year are for 9 – 10 confirmands. Pastor is considering whether that will mean one or two classes. Also an important question is how will we keep our teenagers involved following confirmation? Nancy and Matt will work together to generate ideas.

Reports: Council members are reminded to submit monthly reports the Thursday before the regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Saler, secretary

Announcing Synod-Wide Survey

Help us “PIE” the Bishop and raise \$2,000 for ELCA World Hunger!

YOU are invited to participate in the next phase of our synod-wide listening and vision process through an online survey that will be live April 3-17. To access the survey, please click on the following link beginning April 3: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSIS-Survey>.

Help us meet our goal of at least 500 completed surveys! If we meet our goal, we will celebrate at our Synod-Wide BBQ and Hymn Fest on Friday, June 7 during Synod Assembly.

- At least 300 completed surveys = a pie in the face of Deacon Jason Fisher, Director for Evangelical Mission
- At least 400 completed surveys = a pie in the face of both Deacon Jason Fisher AND Pastor Amy Zietlow, Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership
- At least 500 completed surveys = a pie in the face of Deacon Jason Fisher, Pastor Amy Zietlow, AND Bishop Greg Busboom

In addition, thanks to a generous CHALLENGE GIFT from disciples of Jesus in our synod, if we reach our goal of 500 surveys, \$2,000 will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

YOUR VOICE and the voices of ALL in our synod are needed! Thank you in advance as we listen together for how the Spirit is calling us to move forward together!

Leading in HOPE †,

Bishop Greg Busboom

REMEMBER WHEN will meet at noon on Thursday, April 18th.

Sarah Kincaid and Vicki Fehrenbacher will be the hostesses. and will provide the meal. Come prepared for fun!! If you have any questions, please call Rosemary West.



This month the church library is featuring a graphic book, entitled *The Faithful Spy* by John Hendrix. The book is about Dietrich Bonhoeer, a German Lutheran pastor during World War who is imprisoned for being part of a group that plans to kill Hitler. Dietrich was executed in April 1945. This book will be displayed in the narthex during April and is available for check out.



NOTICE: We are trying to get a count on the number of outdoor keys that have been loaned out to council, committee members, etc. If you have an outdoor key to Trinity, please let Pastor Kathi know asap. Thank you for your help.