



# Good News

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Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

Thank you to everyone who attended the town hall meetings after service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February. We discussed making some changes to our ministries here at Trinity. Your feedback and insights were needed and much appreciated. PPC has discussed what was shared and approved the shift in ministry focus.

We feel more folks will benefit more in our congregation and surrounding community if we shift our focus from summer children’s ministries to a more senior-focused ministry year round. Coming out of the town hall meetings, we have identified a senior ministry team, and we are going to get them rolling ASAP.

Bur first, I want to relay to you that our Bitty Ballin’ and Raising Up Readers programs are going to continue. We have renewed our partnership with both the recreation department and the school district to keep those programs going. We are going to be more intentional about sharing Jesus in Raising Up Readers using bible storybooks more often and targeting the parents more. Bitty Ballin’ will be as it has been, a revenue stream to pay for other programming. We will still need volunteers for these programs and will be

looking to the congregation and outside service groups to staff them and in so doing, also seeking to minister to and invite any volunteers from outside our fellowship to church. However, revamping VBS is still a work in progress and may not happen for this summer.

The reasoning behind starting up some new senior ministry ventures is that it will be a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to events and ongoing programs that will benefit and be of assistance to seniors.

Some of that will simply be looking out for each other with check-ins and maybe even some health screening and wellness programs, but we are also looking into running day trips and programs for leisure, learning and even exercise for seniors and older adults. These are things that our own people will enjoy, but can also invite friends and neighbors to come to and meet other folks from Trinity with the hope that we can invite them to church. This will involve collaborating with other churches who have similar programs, but we will also develop our own.

Again, a team is in place to get going, but any feedback you have on this is welcome and needed. Please contact me with anything at all.

In Christ,

*Pastor Grenz*

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### OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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*Organist:* Jacob Ferns

# STUDIES & SERVICES

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

**Saturdays:** Worship at 4 p.m., Bible Study at 3 p.m.

**Sundays:** Worship at 11 a.m., Bible Study at 10 a.m.

## LENTEN VESPERS

Sunday, March 10, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

## LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays, March 6, 13 & 20, 5:30 p.m.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship  
w/communion

## GOOD FRIDAY

March 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship

## EASTER VIGIL

March 30: 4:00 p.m. Worship  
w/communion

## EASTER

March 31: 11:00 a.m. Worship  
w/communion

## BIBLE STUDIES

**All studies (except Tues.) meet in the sanctuary.**

- ♦ **Saturdays**, 3 p.m., "Hebrews" led by Pastor Grenz
- ♦ **Sundays**, 10 a.m., "The Wired Word: A Current Events Bible Study" led by Mendy Grenz
- ♦ **Mondays**, 1 p.m., "Romans" led by Pastor Grenz
- ♦ **Tuesdays**, 12 p.m., Women's Bible Study, "Leaning on Jesus" led by Mendy Grenz **in the Youth Rm**
- ♦ **Thursdays**, 10 a.m., "Isaiah" led by Pastor Grenz

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meets in the church basement, 10:00 a.m., Sundays.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Resumes April 14.



*If you would like to put yourself or someone else on the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request slip from the sign-up bar and hand it to Pastor or place it in the collection plate. You may also call the office.*

*\*The prayer list is not available on the church website version of the newsletter due to privacy concerns. If you would like a copy of the prayer list, then contact the church office.*

**The Parish Planning Council Minutes and Financial Report are available by contacting the church office.**



Daylight Saving Time begins March 10!  
Turn your clocks forward one hour!

## PPC & ELDERS MEETINGS

PPC: Sunday, March 10, 12:00 p.m.

Elders: Saturday, March 16, 5:00 p.m.

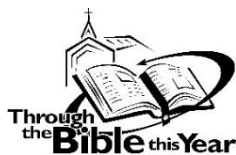
## OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on March 27 & 28.

# TRINITY PROGRAMS

## START NEW NEWS

It's time to start thinking about how you can help over the summer. Our Raising up Readers program will be starting July 9-August 8, we meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-11:30am. We need volunteers to work with students as reading partners. A training/review of what volunteers do will be happening in June. Watch for more details.



## CONGREGATION WIDE BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Less than 10 weeks to go! Keep up the good work!

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We would love to have new members! If you like to read, and like to talk about your books, you are a perfect fit! Join us! March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm will be our next meeting. Hope to see you there!



- March – Anxious People by Frederik Backman
- April – The Women by Kristin Hannah

Contact Mendy with any questions.



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Christians Hyped About Our Savior

**Youth Schedule:**

**March 3 – Youth Group 12-2pm**

**Bible study & Pizza**

**March 17 – Youth Group 12-2pm**

**Bible study & Pizza**

**March 30 – Easter Egg Hunt 1:30-3:30**

## ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thanks to all who came out to support our youth! This was a great success! We are planning to do another one in the fall, so watch for details!

## WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY

Hey Trinity ladies! It's been a bit since we gathered together for a day of learning, fellowship and fun. We are looking at planning one in early May.

## MESSAGE FROM MENDY

We have formed a committee that will be meeting to brainstorm and get some plans rolling for Senior Ministries. This is exciting! Watch for details of our first event happening this spring.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

We are getting back to a traditional Easter Egg Hunt. March 30, 2pm. Prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> we need eggs filled! Bags of eggs will be available in the Narthex for you to take and fill with individually wrapped candy and bring back to church by the 24<sup>th</sup>. On the day of the hunt, we will need volunteers to help spread out eggs, hand out story books and resurrection egg pieces, help with snacks/crafts, and chat with families who come from our neighborhood. We will be serving cookies and lemonade as well, so volunteers will be asked to bring in cookies. Watch the bulletin and sign-up bar for your chance to sign up to help!



## YOUTH SERVANT EVENT

This summer we have 5 youth going to serve at camp Youth Haven just outside of Lansing. Amelia, Nate, Ethan, Olivia and Micah. We will go the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June and do maintenance, landscaping and other things around the camp. This camp does an incredible ministry to underprivileged youth and we have the opportunity to save them the cost of hiring companies to do the things that need to be done.



Please keep these youth in your prayers as we prepare to go and be Jesus' hands and feet to the ministry at Youth Haven.

# TRINITY GROUPS & NOTES



March 2024

## Women's Ministry News

**Women's Bible Class** meets Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We began a new book-guided

Bible study: *Leaning on Jesus, A Study of God's Strength* by Deb Burma.

**Book Club meets monthly** to discuss a book the group has selected (all kinds of fiction). We would love to have new members!

Here are the upcoming books:

**March** – *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

**April** – *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Watch the bulletin and monthly newsletter for Book Club meeting dates and times or contact Mendy Grenz for more information. Book Club usually meets at Mendy's house and sometimes in Trinity's Community Building.

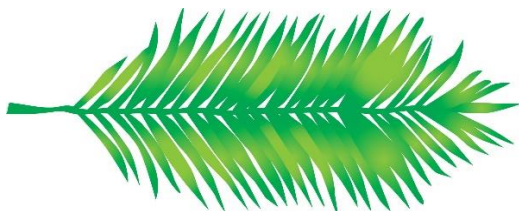
Christie Wilczynski, Trinity LWML Zone Rep.

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10: 24-25a, c (ESV)*

## LWML Sunday Celebration!

Trinity will celebrate the work of Lutheran Women in Mission on the weekend of **April 13 & 14, 2024**.

**Do not forget your Mite Box donations!** Bring them up to the front of the church during offering time. Pick up a Mite Box(cardboard bank) if you do not already have one. They are located on the table in the church narthex (entry area). The theme for this year is *The King is Coming*, based on Psalm 24:7-10. Look for the LWML article highlighting this month's Mission Grant and see where your generous donations are being used for the Lord's work!



## Mite Box Donations

You support LWML Mission Grants by saving those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars in your little purple/blue mite box bank. You may return your mite bank at any time or use a zip lock bag and place it in the large mite box located on the table in the back of the church. Mites may also be placed in the offering plate by using an envelope or zip lock bag and marking it "LWML Mites." Checks may be made out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and marked as "LWML Mites. Our mites support mission grants for the Michigan District LWML and National LWML.

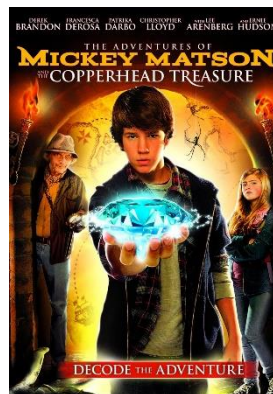


**Your LWML Mites in Action...March 2024**

## **2023–2025 National Mission Grant No. 5 DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas | \$50,000**

The Disaster Response Team of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, Texas, responds to help victims of natural disasters. They are called to serve, have a presence on the ground, and assist with cleanup. While providing help, they listen to the victims, share the love of Jesus, and bring hope, encouragement, and healing through God's Word and prayer. To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-5](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-5).

## MARCH MOVIE NIGHT



Please join us for a fun family movie: The Adventures of Mickey Matson and the Copperhead Treasure featuring a bicycle with a custom-built sidecar belonging to one of our members!

**Saturday, March 9, 5:30 p.m., youth room**

Pizza, popcorn & refreshments will be provided.



*“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

*Psalms 139:13-14a*

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 2  | Kris Baker       | 17 | Christine Davis |
| 7  | Paul Ivity       | 19 | Lynnea Arnoldy  |
| 14 | Alden Johnson    | 25 | Debbie Schweyen |
| 17 | Dr. Bob Schweyen |    |                 |



*Jesus said, “Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”*

*Matthew 19:6*

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| 13 | Joe & Christie Wilczynski |
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**Fund:**

Birthday

Endowment

Food Pantry  
General

Seminarian

Youth/Dinner  
Youth

**Given by:**

- Joyce Kubley  
Jean Stull  
Karen Lester  
James Henri  
Dennis & Darlene Schafer  
Christie Wilczynski  
Denise Kerr  
Heineman Family  
Carole Belletini  
Sally Shepherd  
Ruth Schmidt  
Denise Kerr  
Helen Kwalton  
Suzie Chapiewski  
John & Barb Kowalczak

**In Memory or Honor of:**

- Memory of Stan Stull’s Birthday  
Honor of Joyce Kubley’s Birthday  
  
Memory of Joyce Kubley  
  
Memory of Louise Heineman  
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**The Endowment Fund has 2 cemetery lots for sale.**

**Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park:**

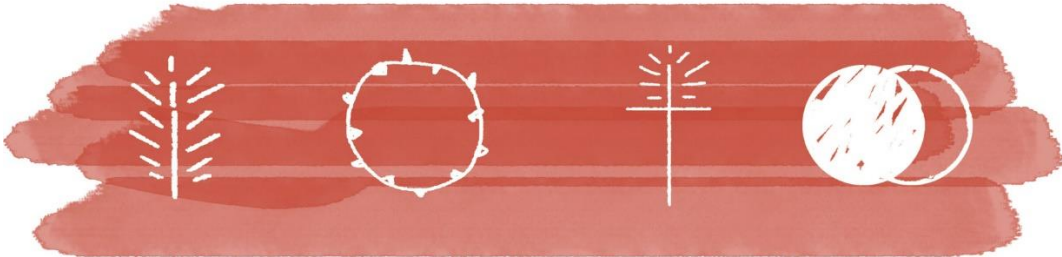
Section 1662, Graves 1 & 2, Block 20 – Garden of Holy Trinity, \$780.00 each or 2 lots for \$1,500 (Current value \$1,300 each)

**If an individual would prefer a different lot or location at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park than those listed above, they could purchase the above lot/lots for the price indicated and Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park will apply the current lot value of either \$1,300 or \$1,500 towards the purchase of any other available lot within the Park. For additional information on this purchase and transfer procedure you may contact Floyd Schafer or call a Service Representative at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park at 1-248-477-4460.**

| Parochial Report    |                      |                    |             |            |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| January 2024        |                      |                    |             |            |
|                     |                      | Average Attendance |             |            |
|                     |                      | <u>2023</u>        | <u>2024</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
| Baptisms – 0        |                      |                    |             |            |
| Confirmands – 0     |                      |                    |             |            |
| Weddings – 0        |                      |                    |             |            |
| Funerals – 0        |                      |                    |             |            |
| Released – 0        | Worship:             | 52                 | 56          | 56         |
| Transferred in – 0  | Weekend Bible Class: | 11                 | 9           | 9          |
| Transferred out – 0 | Sunday School:       | 6                  | 6           | 6          |
| Reinstated – 0      |                      |                    |             |            |

He is  
not here,  
for he  
has *risen*.

Matthew 28:6





HAVE A  
*blessed*

EASTER

# EASTER

How many different words can you make using these letters?

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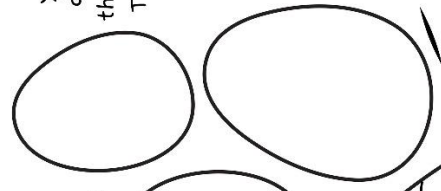
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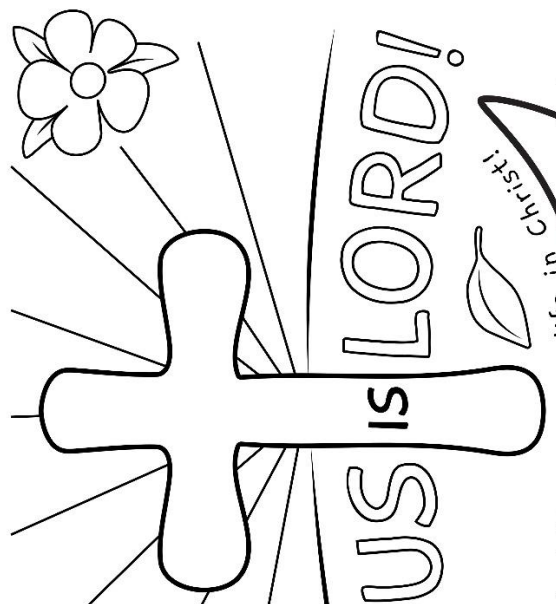
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Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!



LORD!

# HAPPY EASTER!

You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

"IF YOU C \_ \_ \_ \_ WITH YOUR  
3 15 14 6 5 19 19

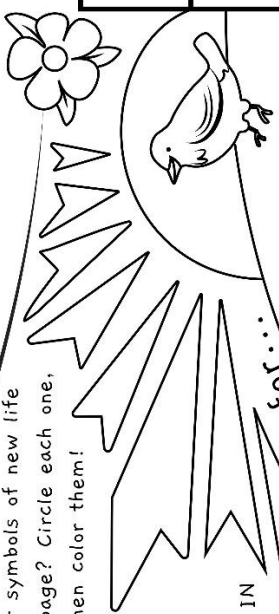
MOUTH THAT \_ \_ \_ \_ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN  
10 5 19 21 19

YOUR \_ \_ \_ \_ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE  
8 5 1 18 20

DEAD, YOU WILL BE \_ \_ \_ \_  
19 1 22 5 4

ROMANS 10:9, ESV

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!



He is not here, for...!



**HE IS RISEN!**

Matthew 28:6

Use the grid to draw the other side!

