



The Trinity Tidings

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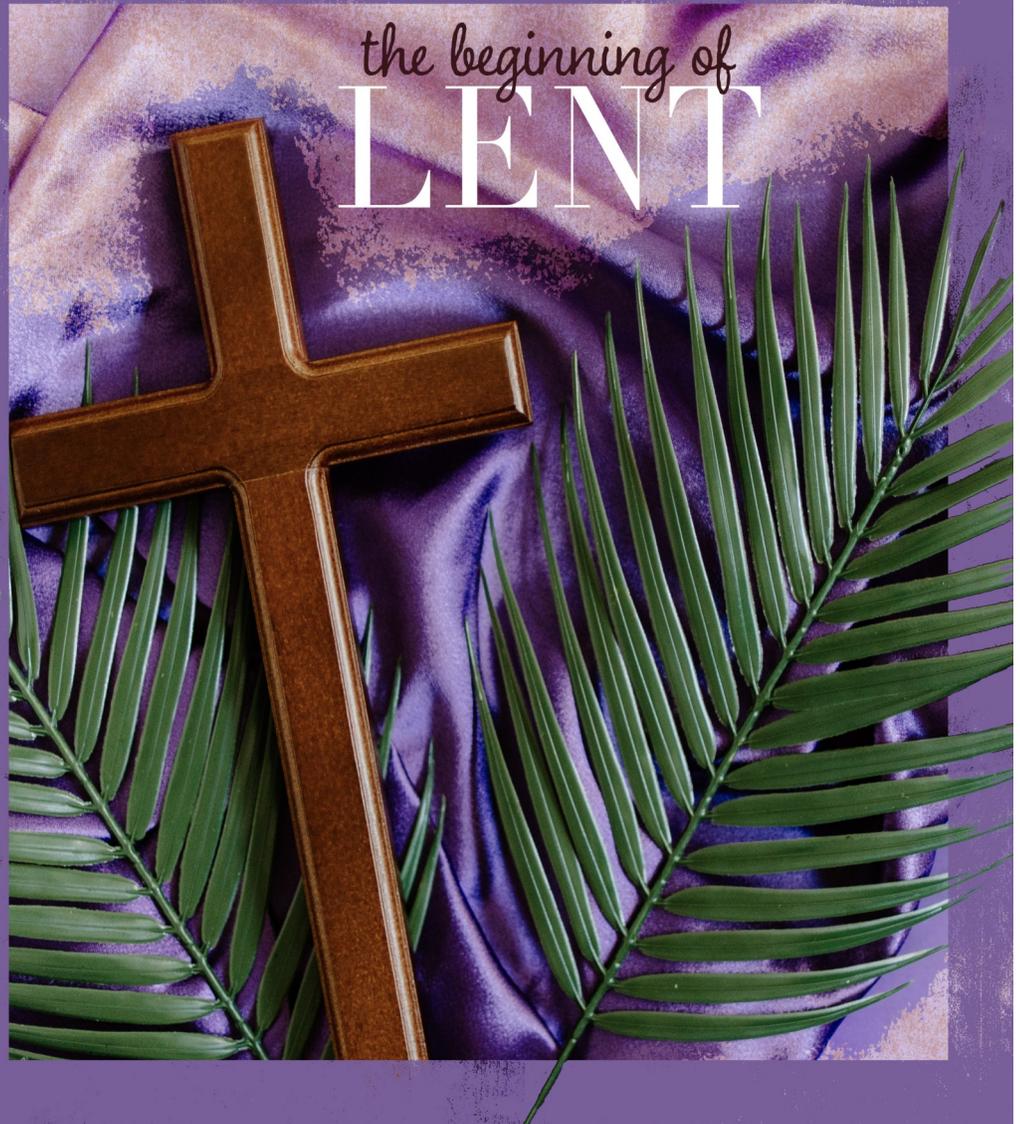
Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Fellowship Hour 10:15 am
TREK 6:00 pm Wednesdays



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.





From Pastor Dave...

Lighting a candle is a powerful act. As you strike the match, a simple spark turns chemical energy into light and heat. The yellow glow casts shadows that dance on the walls around you. The wick, imbued with wax, takes a second to catch the flame. Then as the heat grows, the wax melts. As the wax melts, the flame grows. As the flame grows, the light shines brighter.

We light candles in worship for many different reasons. The eternal candle burns as a promise of God's presence and care. We light the Christ candle as a reminder that as the light of Christ shines in us, the flame of hope burns in our hearts. We light the candles on the altar to shine as beacons guiding us home. We light candles on All Saints Sunday to remember those who have gone before us. We light candles for hope, peace, joy, love, grief, presence, suffering, expectation, light, and more.

On cold days, I enjoy having a fire in the fireplace as it warms the house and makes things feel cozy. On days when my heart is heavy, I light a candle or incense to draw my focus to the light and the air. Keep the light of Christ burning in your heart and when you need a reminder of Christ's love and presence, light a candle. Lighting a candle is a powerful act.

Let's pray,

God of Light and Shadow, bring us warmth and hope. Shine your light upon us so we can bear that light to the world. Keep us focused on you and on your Good News so that we can be your hands and feet in this world. Amen.





The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service at 7:00 and Church School at 6:00.

**We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp
with the help of Thrivent Action Teams**

**Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm each Wednesday
Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering**

**February 18th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Welca**

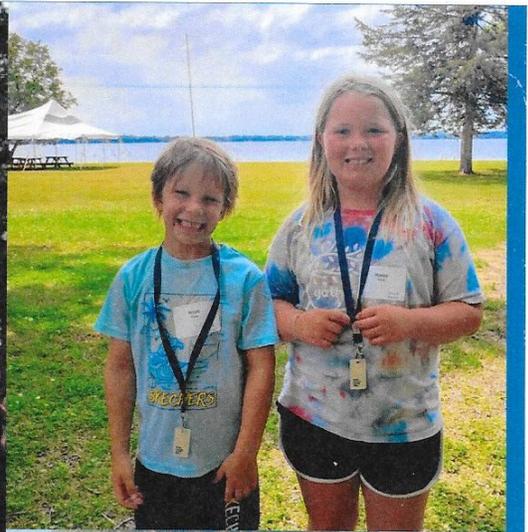
**February 25th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Youth**

**March 4th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Social Ministries**

**March 11th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Property**

**March 18th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Evangelism and Stewardship**

**March 25th: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert
Lay Ministry & Fellowship**



TRINITY CAMP SUNDAY

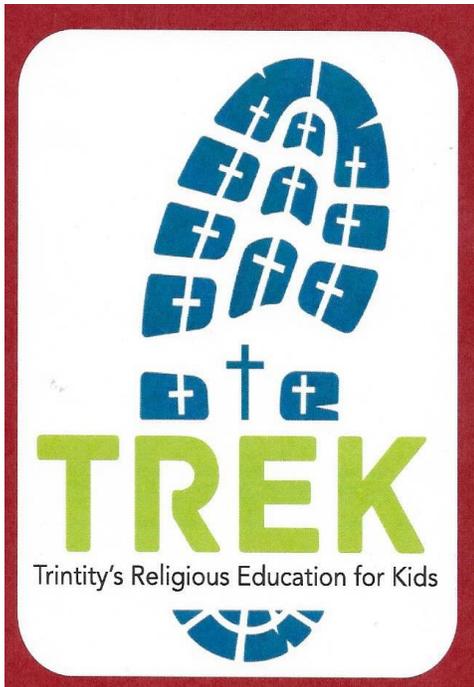
FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

Join us for worship service celebrating the fun and energy of Bible camp. TREK students will lead us in song, prayer, and scripture. Wear tie dye or camp shirts if you have them!

**LOOK FOR OUR
EVELOPE
FUNDRAISER!**



Children, Youth *and* Family



SUMMER CAMP



It's been a great start to 2026 at TREK! In the midst of this cold snap we are enjoying looking ahead to summer and various camp opportunities. On February 1st we had "Camp Sunday" where TREK students helped to lead worship through readings, prayers, and songs. We also launched our envelope fundraiser. To participate, pick a decorated envelope labeled with a dollar amount from the display in the narthex, then simply put that much money in the envelope and return it to the box or the offering plate. Donations will go towards camp scholarships as well as funding a summer Day Camp here in Sleepy Eye.

Now is the time to register for camp! We are once again partnering with Green Lake Bible Camp (now renamed as Water's Edge Ministry). Check out the camp parent letter for information about how to register and scholarship options. We want all our students who are interested to have the opportunity to participate in the life-changing opportunities that Bible camp offers. Make sure to register before February 19th for the \$65 early bird discount!

Mark your calendars for another camp opportunity- Day Camp! Like last year, Water's Edge Ministry will be sending counselors to Sleepy Eye to lead games, crafts, devotions, and activities. This year Day Camp will be offered for students who finished **1st grade through 5th grade** on **June 8- 11**.



Trinity Choir is Sundays
All are welcome to practice in celebration of the music
to come!

Call Mary at 507 227-9880 with any questions.

Bell Choir is Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.

All are welcome to
ring in the music to come!

Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions.



I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
when in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Called to Offer Survival

“One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table.” (Luke 7:36)

The line of people snaked halfway down the block as they waited for the doors to open. A cold winter wind bit at their faces and numbed their feet. Heavy clouds in the steely gray sky hovered low and silent, poised to attack again with pitting sleet and indifferent inches of snow. The more than 80 people waited not for a department store’s after-Christmas sale, nor for Hollywood’s latest release from reality. They awaited a hot bowl of soup and a cold cheese sandwich—and perhaps an hour or two’s warm respite from winter.

They are nameless women, unschooled children, jobless fathers. In their eyes is vacant sadness—as vacant as the boarded-up buildings surrounding the one they will soon enter—and despair so deep that hope is no more than a distant memory. The motives of the Pharisee who invited Jesus home for dinner are unknown. Hospitality? Status? A chance to learn from the itinerant rabbi? Whatever the reason, Jesus was invited in and he took his place at the table, just as he does in the soup kitchen, amid his friends.

Prayer: Generous God as you open your hand to us, teach us to open our hands in response to the needs of those who struggle simply to survive. Amen.

Thank you for each and every gift for the ministry and outreach of Trinity Lutheran Church in 2025. The yearly budget was exceeded and many projects were funded. We need to keep our focus in mind as we enter a new year. During the month of January, we did not meet our needs by \$8,000.00.

Offerings are received in many ways. Over forty giving units participate in the “Simply Giving” program which transfers funds from your checking account to the church weekly, monthly or twice a month. Others are making use of the required minimum distributions (RMDs) and choosing Trinity to receive a check monthly or once a year. Offering envelopes have been provided and need to be picked up in the narthex mailbox. Stop in the church office if you did not get a packet. The envelopes in the pew holders can also be used. TREK students collect a weekly offering and there are envelopes available but need a name added in order to give the family credit for the offering.

The parking lot will be patched this spring/summer so gifts to the building fund will help pay for that. Thank you for the prayers offered for the ministry of Trinity.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of February 1

Su Matthew 5:1-12
 M Philemon 1-25
 Tu James 5:1-6
 W Luke 6:17-26
 Th 1 John 5:1-5
 F James 3:13-18
 Sa Mark 7:1-8

Week of February 8

Su Hebrews 11:23-31
 M Romans 11:2-10
 Tu 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
 W John 8:12-30
 Th James 1:12-16
 F 1 John 2:7-17
 Sa Matthew 15:1-9

Week of February 15

Su Matthew 17:1-9
 M Acts 7:30-34
 Tu Romans 11:1-6
 W Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
 Th Romans 1:1-7
 F Romans 1:8-17
 Sa Matthew 18:1-7

Week of February 22

Su Matthew 4:1-11
 M Hebrews 2:10-18
 Tu Hebrews 4:14-5:10
 W Matthew 18:10-14
 Th 1 Timothy 1:3-7
 F Romans 3:21-31
 S Luke 7:1-10



Please join us for Trinity's "Dining Out", at 11 am 2/15/2026. "Breaking Bread Together" is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. We will meet at 11:00 AM at the Golf Course on January 15th. Our goal will be to "Dine Out" the 3rd Sunday of each month!



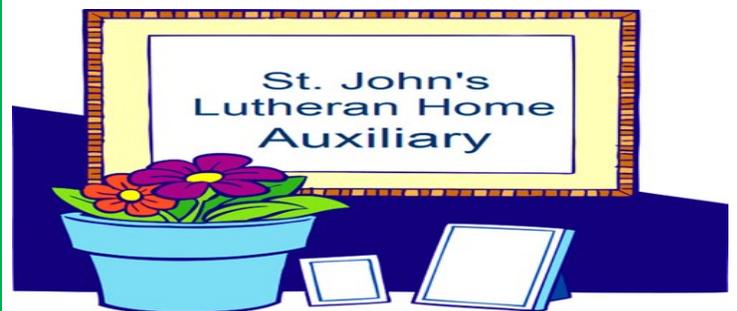
RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
 YOUR ARTICLES
 EARLY!**

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be emailed by the 1st of the Month. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month.

Thank you.



Trinity is looking for someone to serve on the St. John Lutheran Home Auxiliary Board in 2026. For information about the position please contact Judy Weedman at judyweedman@gmail.com or 507-227-1659, or contact Darlene in the church office.

10 Worship Assistants



FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 2/1 Kendall Haala
- 2/8 Ryder Braun
- 2/15 Natalie Fulmer
- 2/18 Ash Wed. Miles Krzmarzick
- 2/22 AuDee Darnell
- 2/25 7 pm Jaxon Peterson

Readers

- 2/1 Sandy Beito
- 2/8 Doug Domeier
- 2/15 Diane Evers
- 2/18 Ash Wed Phyllis Kleven
- 2/22 Sara Lentd
- 2/25 7 pm Levi Johnson

Communion Assistants

- 2/1 Larry Baumgardt at the rail
- 2/15 Mark Miller, Mark Beito

Sound Tech

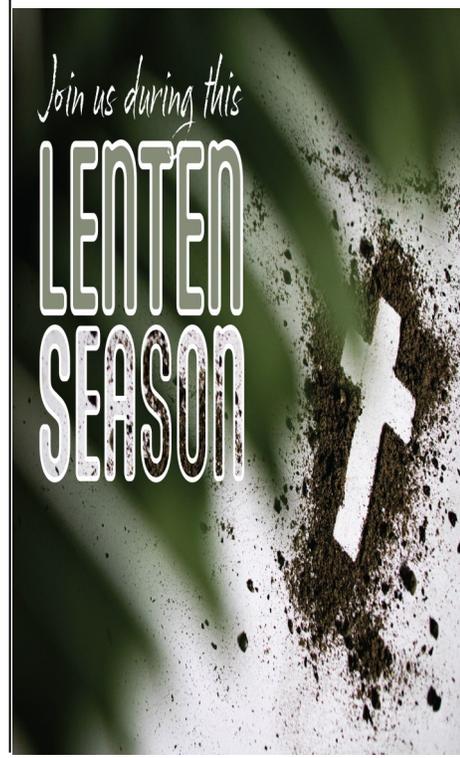
Russ Sorensen

Ushers

Eric & Juliann Wahlborg

Greeter

Brian & Carol Polesky



January: Mary Renberg, Joleen Dittbenner
February: Joleen Dittbenner



MARCH 2026

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 3/1 Kaylie Fulmer
- 3/4 Hudson Braulick
- 3/8 Anders Coulson
- 3/11 Madelynn Mangen
- 3/15 Levi Johnson
- 3/18 Maddy Jensen
- 3/22 Colten Case
- 3/25 Brecken Peterson
- 3/29 Levi Johnson

Readers

- 3/1 Mark Miller
- 3/8 Neil Neidt
- 3/15 Cheryl Neidt
- 3/22 Terry Newgord
- 3/29 Mike Petersen

Communion Assistants

- 3/1 Lee Johnson at the rail
- 3/15 Neil Neidt, Brian Polesky

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

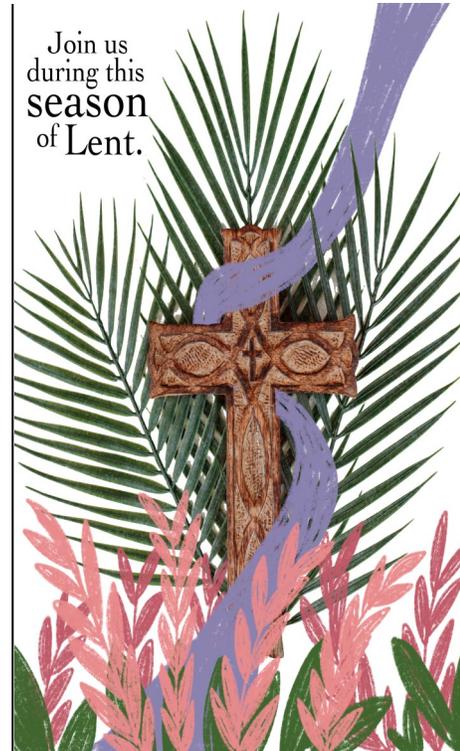
Ushers

Doug Domeier, Larry Baumgardt

Greeter

Rose Wall

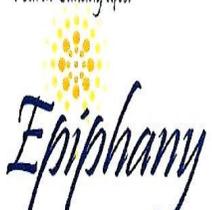
Join us during this season of Lent.



FEBRUARY

2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Camp Sunday! 9 am- Holy Communion/Baptism 10 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p><i>Fourth Sunday after</i></p>  <p>Epiphany</p>	<p>2 9 am Quilting</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>4 9 am-Women's Bible Study 10:15 pm Evangelism 5:15 pm WELCA 6 pm TREK 6:30 Bell Choir 7 pm Confirmation 8:15 pm Parish Planning Council</p> 	<p>5 8 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>6 ACT Practice in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p><i>Fifth Sunday after</i></p>  <p>Epiphany</p>	<p>9 9 am Quilting 3:30 pm Prokindship for Kids</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>11 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm TREK 6:30 Bell Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>12 8 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Happy Valentine's Day!</p>
<p>15 9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Hour</p>  <p><i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i></p>	<p>16 9 am Quilting</p>  <p>Presidents Day</p>	<p>17 4:45 pm Social Ministries 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>18 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon Worship 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6 pm TREK 7 pm Worship</p>  <p>ASH Wednesday</p>	<p>19 8 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>20 Tidings Articles Due</p>	<p>21 8 am Community Quilting in the Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>22 9 am- Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour</p>  <p>First SUNDAY IN LENT</p>	<p>23 9 am Quilting</p>	<p>24 3:30 pm Prokindship for Kids 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>25 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon Worship 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6 pm TREK 7 pm Worship</p>	<p>26 8 am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>



PREPARING FOR
Easter

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM

Fellowship Hour 10:10 AM

Lenten Services Wednesdays at Noon & Evenings at 7:00

Lenten Suppers at 5:30-6:30

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM

& Good Friday Worship at

Noon & 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM

Worship at 9:00 AM

TREK

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

