

April 2024



Easter Blessings to you!
As April begins, so does the season of Easter in the church! Eight weeks where we get to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! Alleluia! The first Sunday in Easter this year is SO early, which means that the truly warmer weather of Spring has not yet arrived in any form of consistency. And yet, there are still glimpses of what we can expect when Spring has fully bloomed. This

month's photo is of a flower in the front yard of my home that bloomed in the middle of March, even as the weather turned cold once again. It was covered in rain and frost, but it still bloomed beautifully, nonetheless. In the same way, even when we are going through the hardships of life, the Good News of Easter is always ready to spring up in the world. Let us celebrate our Lord's resurrection with renewed joy and purpose this season of Easter and beyond!

In joy and alleluias,
Pastor Ashley

Pastor Ashley's Open Hours

Wednesday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Trinity

Friday: 9:00 am-11:00 am in the Community

Open Hours are set times when Pastor Ashley will be available for meeting, chatting, praying, etc.

Wednesday Open Hours will be at Trinity and on Fridays they will be Community Open Hours at a local coffee shop or restaurant.

April Community Open Hours Locations :

April 5- Biggby

April 12 - Red Rambler

April 19- Special Grounds

April 26- No Open Hours

If these times do not work for you, please talk to Pastor Ashley on Sunday to schedule a time to meet, or email her at

PastorAshleyRR@gmail.com. She would be happy to set-up a time that works for you!

New Child Safety Policy

Along with our change in insurance companies, we had a request for our written policy on child safety. When we found that there was no current written policy, we formed a small committee to create this document for us. Since it has not been approved in the proper committees and council, we want to offer an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to learn more about these policies.

After worship on Sunday, April 17th, Pastor Ashley will do a presentation on this new Child and Youth Safety Policy. Feel free to bring questions or just come to listen and learn about these new written policies that will help us keep all of our youth and children safe at church events!

Worship

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Worship - with Holy Communion

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship - with Holy Communion

9:30 am Sunday services are broadcast on our Facebook page and on our website, www.trinitywauseon.org. These videos will remain on our Facebook page and website. They can be viewed at any time.

Our weekly services can also be viewed on INTV (Spectrum Channel 1021) Tuesdays and Thursdays.

OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE

In person attendance

	Thursday	Sunday	Total
February 29/3	15	128	143
March 7/10	18	92	110
March 14 /17	26	105	131
March 21/24 (Palm Sunday)	28	147	175
Midweek Lent 2/28	68		
Midweek Lent 3/6	61		
Midweek Lent 3/13	58		
Midweek Lent 3/20	58		

PARISH EDUCATION

Bible Study Opportunities:

Lutheran Men In Mission Bible Study - Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 a.m. (see more info in LMM section of newsletter)

Hannah Circle - Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. (see more info in TWELCA section of newsletter)

Sarah Circle - Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm at Red Rambler (see more info in TWELCA section of newsletter)

Word Incarnate Bible Study - Word Incarnate Bible Study will be taking an Easter/Spring break for April and May, and we will pick up again on Sunday, June 23rd after worship. In the meantime, Pastor Ashley will be forming our next study about the book of Revelation. Do you have questions about Revelation? Are there things you wonder about it? Feel free to submit these wonderings or questions to Pastor Ashley and then join us for this Bible Study and discussion, starting in June!

Youth Activities

Bible Seekers, grades 3,4,5:

April 16 - 7:00pm in Jr. High Room

Catechism, grades 6, 7 & 8 (7:00 p.m.):

April 3 - Learn

April 10 - Learn

April 17 - Learn

April 24- Learn

Senior Luther League (grades 9-12):

Wednesday, April 10 - Faith Formation - 7:00pm

Sunday, April 14 -SLL Activity - Wauseon Musical, time TBA

Wednesday, April 17- Activity 5:15pm - Escape Room

Wednesday, April 24 - Life Planning 7:00pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars!! The kickoff for 2024 VBS
is Thursday, May 30th!
Time is still to be determined
but you will want to come!

Our theme is Camp Firelight: A summer camp
adventure with God.
"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."
Psalm 56:3

The camp (VBS) will start Sunday, June 2 and end
on Wednesday, June 5. Time is from 6-8:15 pm.

If you liked camp, you will want to volunteer!
Please let Becky Dickson know if you
are available.

Open Your Bible

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.—Ps. 119:105

April Gospel Readings

Week of Apr. 7th—John 20:19-31 — Jesus appears to the disciples

Week of Apr. 14th—Luke 24:36b-48— He opened their minds...

Week of Apr. 21st— John 10:11-18 — "I am the good shepherd."

Week of Apr. 28th— John 15:1-8— "I am the true vine."

A Psalmody for April

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Bible Verses for the Month

- Clip it out
- Put it in a handy spot
- Read it frequently
- Commit to memory



And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. —1 John 3:23,24


God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

—1 John 4:9-11

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." -John 10:14-16

EVANGELISM

Celebrating April Birthdays

3 Daniel Schuette	22 Rieley Elling Dianne Wolfinger	<u>Luther Leaguers</u>
5 Shirley Nagel	24 Lonna Britsch Addyson Gamber	Rieley Elling
6 Verlinda Schantz	25 Sophie Gibson	
7 Lauren Borton Riley Sluder	26 Eric Rychener	
9 Bowen Makula Brianna Bost	27 Annette Blissett	
11 Vincent Davis April Jackson	29 Barb Gibson	
12 Michael Burkholder	30 Jean Horwath Brad Gibson	
15 Rhonda Bell		
16 Mike Lichtenwald Kristin Boldman		
17 Jeff Hench Nathan Denn		
21 Russ Paxson Janelle Nafziger		

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Our Migrant Ministry Outreach

For: Pathstone Rural Opportunities-Migrant Rest Center

The farm season is right around the corner, so needs will increase as we get into the spring and summer months.

Donations needed at the Migrant Center in April and May:

- Gently used sleeved women and men lightweight shirts.
 - Ball caps of any type
 - Water bottles or small water jugs or small coolers
 - Left over sun screen
 - Towels, sheets, sleeping bags
 - Balls of any type for the children
 - Sharp knives, pots and pans, cooking utensils
- *Coffee cups, plates and glasses are not needed at this time*

Place your donations under the wooded cross near the Sanctuary doors.

Thank you. Migrant Outreach Committee

*“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling”
(1 Peter 4:8-9, NIV).
“Share with the*

Community Meal

Trinity will host the Community Meal on April 4 at Christ Methodist Church. Looking for willing volunteers to help serve and clean up. We are also looking for people to provide desserts. We are usually finished by 6:45. Sign up on sheet on bulletin board.



Community Meal



Fulton County has raised \$19,270.83 of the \$60,000 goal. Trinity has raised \$8,419.50 (Platinum) so far with the following fundraising activities coming up!

- Still Selling Candy Bars!!! A new round of candy bars has been ordered.
- At the end of April, we will start selling Mother's Day cards.
- Fulton County Relay for Life will be selling "6" flavors of Fry pies in May! Cost \$2.50/pie and \$1.25 will be donated to Relay for Life!!! Stay tune for flavors and specific dates!

Survivors and Caregivers:

A date has been set for Saturday, June 8th for the Survivor/ Caregiver meal at St. Caspar's. More information will be coming as far as the time. If you are a Survivor and have not received an invitation, please see me and we will get you on the list of invitations. With HIPAA it is impossible to get everyone who is a Survivor, and we would like to Celebrate YOU! Please let me know before the end of April.

If you would like to join Trinity's Relay for Life Team, please see me and we will get you signed up.

Thank you to all of you for your continuing support of this amazing event!



Caring Cupboard – Food Pantry

Trinity's Outreach Mission for our neighbors in need since 1980

We filled our toiletry shelves with the Bold Women Toiletry Bags donated in February. The shelves are now full and ready to go out. Thank you Trinity Women.

Thanks also for filling the shopping cart with food donations. Your donations each month keep our Pantry doors open for people to get food baskets. We rely on our members to purchase and donate foods to fill the shelves. We appreciate all who donate regularly. You know we do monthly special requests to help fill a section of our shelves that are low or near empty.

For this month we need :

- **Egg noodles or pasta, any shape or size**
- **Side dish bag or box such as rice with broccoli, noodles & cheese etc. Sometimes they are \$10 for 10 (maybe a bit more now)**

What we need for children:

- **Individual puddings or applesauce**
- **Chicken noodle soup**
- **Graham crackers**

Place your food donations in the shopping cart by the office between benches. Thanks for supporting this outreach mission.

Matthew 25:35 *“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and took me in”*

In His service, Marle Weber, Suzanne zumFelde, Lynne Boyers, Ann Holthues, Sam and Sandy Denn, Carol Rorick, Phyllis Precht, Judy Warncke



Spring has sprung! We hope. The weather has been crazy!

Our young toddler teachers have been busy. They talked about who Dr. Seuss is and also did several science experiments to go along with their themes. The themes for the month were Dr. Seuss, St Patrick's Day, Weather and Easter. They enjoyed Green Eggs and Ham and had an awesome Easter Party!

Miss Vanessa's 3-4 yr Extended Day class spent time talking about the weather and Dr. Seuss. They read many books including "The Lorax" and "Green Eggs and Ham" They had fun chasing a Leprechaun around the church, coloring eggs, making Easter baskets, and spring crafts. They also had fun with transportation!

Miss Tessa and Stacie's Pre-K group had themes that dealt with the weather, feelings and emotions, Easter, and Dr. Seuss. The letters they worked on were Z, R, K, and E. During science time they made a storm in a jar. The class had fun with a rhyming picture game and enjoyed Green Eggs and Ham.

Miss Shirley's School Age class talked about Dr. Seuss and why we celebrate Easter. They had fun designing their own airplanes. They also did a colorful Skittles rainbow experiment, colored eggs and built the perfect leprechaun trap.

All the classes had a fun during Lutheran Schools Week learning Bible stories and making themed crafts. All their work was displayed on the hallways upstairs.

The same week was Spirit Week. Each day we dressed for different themes, pajama day, color day, Wizard of Oz day, vacation destination day and cowboy day. It was a lot of fun to see the different outfits.

The weather has been great so the playground has been awesome! Miss Brooke, Miss Michelle, and Miss Allison, the toddler teachers, walked the kids to Cross Roads to play in their play area. What a fun field trip.

The kids all enjoy Chapel on Wednesdays with Pastor Ashley, hearing Bible stories all the way up to Easter. We end each session with a song and prayer. Thank you Pastor Ashley!

The staff is now planning Mom's Tea which is April 12th.

Letter From Vanessa Bradner

At this time, I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone here at Trinity Lutheran Church for all the support, welcome smiles and prayers that you have given to me in the last 21 years of being a teacher at your child care center. I walked in as a teacher on June 3, 2003 when it opened and now I'm leaving as a friend on May 13th as I start my retirement.

The total years of being a Pre-school teacher is forty-four, wonderful, gratifying years. I'll always remember all the families, children, my co-workers, you as members, the smiles, hugs, the tears, teaching, and growing spiritually. Not sure what plans I have yet, or what is in store, but with God's help and love it will be amazing! Thank You! God Bless! What an amazing place to teach God's children.

Vanessa Bradner



**Congratulations on
your retirement
Vafggnessa! Thank
you for all that you
have given to TLC
Childcare over
the years.
You will be missed!**

TLC Child Center-A Three Star Center
An ELEA Center since 2003

We had a great month especially when the entire Center celebrated Lutheran Schools Month. We hope you noticed the wonderful art on our hallway walls showing the theme. Our school is a member of ELEA (Evangelical Lutheran Education Association) and that's how we get the information and curriculum for this special week.

The children finally are spending some good time outside on the new playground. They barely got to enjoy it last fall so this warmer weather is welcomed.

The classrooms, small bathrooms, halls and parking lot entrance have all been freshly painted. It sure looks nice in every space. Our Center used funds we had from a state grant to cover the cost.

Thank you to the congregants and parents who supported our soup supper in March. It was a great turnout. We are grateful to this congregation for their continued support.

Details on our Center Operations

Open 6:00 am-5:00 pm for ages 18 months – 11 years

- Experienced teachers and staff (some have been with us since we opened in 2003)
- Active church members-receive a tuition discount-ask when enrolling
- Educational curriculum is every day from 8:45-11:30 for all young children in attendance
- During the school year our Pre-K program (for those entering Kindergarten the following year) operates 5 mornings a week
- School-Age: Before and after school program for children with Wauseon Schools bus pick-up and drop-off includes care on Wauseon school closed days (weather/teacher in-service days etc) for added fee
- Special Summer Program for school-age children
- Children have Chapel every week
- *Call if you have any questions or want to donate to our Center: 419.335.6970*

FEBRUARY MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Stewardship

MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME	\$29,422.00	MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$29,422.00
YTD BUDGETED INCOME	\$58,884.00	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$58,884.00
MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME	\$27,774.33	MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$22,076.03
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	\$51,574.01	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$46,733.41

NON-BUDGETED GIVING

	2024	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 14 & 18	Feb 21 & 25	TOTAL
Capital Improvement	\$	668.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 466.00	\$ 341.00	\$ 1,705.00
Mission Support -Habitat for Humanity	\$	385.00	\$ 134.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 904.00
Sunday School	\$	15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 81.00
Multimedia	\$	20.00	\$	\$ 60.00	\$	\$ 80.00
Quilt Workshop	\$	20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ 60.00
Fish	\$	\$	\$	\$ 500.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 510.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Caring Cupboard	\$	50.00	\$ 15.00	\$	\$ 365.00	\$ 430.00
World Hunger	\$	\$	\$	\$ 200.00	\$	\$ 200.00
Filling Home of Mercy	\$	\$	\$	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 500.00
TLC Child Care	\$	\$	\$	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 70.00
Altar Guild	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

Mission Support for April

**Sufficient Grace
Cherry Street Mission**

We would like to remind you that you can give to any ministry or mission at anytime you wish. You may do this by writing in where you would like it to go on the “other” line on your giving envelope.

Sunday School Offering for April

VBS

**Did you know that you can give through
our website
(one time donation or scheduled giving):
trinitywauseon.org
*then click on “Donate ” at the top right corner.***



**You can also scan this QR code to go right to
the
donations page .**

Lutheran Men in Mission

Many thanks to all of the men who helped with the soup supper on March 13. Whether it was donating soups, breads, or dessert, setting up tables, helping serve soups, or helping with cleanup. All was very much appreciated.

Our next Breakfast and Bible Study will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 a.m. in the church basement.

Russ Rice will continue to lead us in our bible study, "Experiencing God".

So we can have an accurate count for breakfast, please reply to Steve Dettmer at 419-340-7259 or by emailing stevepatd@gmail.com.



TWELCA



Trinity Women



Save the Date

Saturday, May 18, 9:00-10:30 am



Breakfast Get-together



Tickets will be sold starting the last Sunday of April



Maumee Valley Conference Women's Spring Assembly
April 20, 2024

We will be hosting it here at Trinity!

We would love to have good attendance from our home church. Registration starts at 8:30AM. Registration due by April 12, along with a \$15 fee. Registration forms are on the TWELCA bulletin board.

TWELCA Bible Studies

Sarah Circle Bible Group

Sarah Circle Bible study will once again meet at the Red Rambler on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:45 p.m. Come a little early to grab a beverage or snack and join in some fellowship. Suzanne zumFelde will be our discussion facilitator. Remember to bring your favorite version of the Bible. Hope you can join us.

Hannah Circle Bible Group

Hannah Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Mindy Dunbar will lead the Bible study and LouAnn Wheeler will serve as hostess.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 3/12/2024

Present: Pastor Ashley, Russ Rice, Marle Weber, Charlie Meyer, Dan Miller, LouAnn Wheeler, Amy Miller, Marlene Clark, Sam Denn, Neil Weber, Lisa Rupp, Reid Rice, Mindy Dunbar

Excused: Jill Anderson, Robert Nafziger, Terry Clark

Meeting was called to order by Charlie Meyer at 7:00 pm.
Opening Devotion: Russ Rice led the devotional with a reading from “Experiencing God” followed by a prayer.

Approval of Minutes Russ Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Dan Miller seconded. Motion approved.

Correspondence: Received a Thank-You from Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Luther Home of Mercy and the Fulton County Senior Center for our donations. A church use request was received from Lauren Rohrs to use the sanctuary on July 19 and 20, 2024 for her wedding rehearsal and ceremony. Marle Weber made a motion to approve the request and Marlene Clark seconded. Motion passed. Council also agreed to allow the couple to have their dog in the church for part of the ceremony.

Pastor’s Report: (submitted report) Lenten services and soup suppers are going well. March 10 helped with blanket tying with TWELCA group. Holding monthly meetings with TLC Child Center Director. Participated in Lutheran Schools Week and Spirit Week the week of March 4. Taught Diakonia New Testament class for the synod. Attended the Lutheran Ministries of Mercy Annual Meeting and Dinner. Met with Pastor Michael about the Ecumenical Good Friday Service. Vacation scheduled the end of April. Will be a small group volunteer at the Young Adult Gathering in July.

Treasurer’s Report: (submitted report) February was a strong month. Mindy Dunbar made motion to approve the report, seconded by Lisa Rupp. Motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Waiting to hear back from the plasterer. Helped with the library updates. Will begin gathering information on how to solve heating

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issues. Not all rooms are maintaining the temperature the thermostats are set at.

Parish Personnel: In the process of evaluating procedures for all employees.

Evangelism: Still looking for a chairperson.

Parish Education: (submitted report) Last day of Sunday School and Senior Recognition will be May 19. Bible School is scheduled for June 2-6 “Camp Firelight” with kickoff May 30.

Worship: There was not enough interest in the Children’s choir so will try to incorporate with special music. New red paraments will be arriving soon and currently considering purchasing purple and another set of green. One of the Altar candles was damaged and cannot be repaired. Replacement candles have arrived.

TLC Childcare: Room painting in process. The walls need to be cleared and furniture removed from the High School/Childcare room. The Childcare staff has asked for a damaged microwave and foosball table be moved.

Lutheran Men in Mission: Received a letter from the Fulton County Fair Board wanting to know if Trinity would be interested in manning the ticket gates again. Council agreed that Trinity would rather man the gates vs. supplying golf cart drivers.

TWELCA: Eight blankets were tied for Christmas Cheer.

Technology: Working on a backup system for the library. Checking in to a Smart TV for the Fellowship Hall.

Old Business: Delegates for the Synod Assembly are still needed. The date is June 1 at St. Marks in Bowling Green.

New Business: Amy Miller made a motion to donate \$250 to the Fulton County Christian Music Ministries and Russ Rice seconded. Motion approved.

Sam Denn made motion to adjourn meeting, Neil Weber seconded the motion. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. and was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
LouAnn Wheeler, Council Secretary

Thank you notes...

*Dear members of Trinity,
Thank you for all the prayers and cards during Barb's
mom's illness and passing. They were much
appreciated.
Brent and Barb Gibson*

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,
On behalf of the Fulton County Senior Center, we would
like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous
donation of \$816.12 to the Fulton County Senior Center
nutrition program. Your commitment to our program will
assist us in providing the best services possible for the
seniors in our communities.
Sincerely,
Sheri Rychener
Director

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$450.00 to Luther Home
of Mercy. Thank you for remembering your friends at
Luther Home of Mercy and for blessing us with your
generosity. It is truly through your friendship and the
sharing of your gifts that those with intellectual and
developmental disabilities are able to thrive.
Sincerely,
Megan O'Brien
Vice President