

April 2026



Greetings Trinity members, This month's photo was taken during Lutheran Schools week at the TLC child center. This is a week of learning and celebration that is shared by Lutheran schools across the United States. Our center also makes it a spirit week to add some fun! Participating in spirit weeks has always been something I've enjoyed, but I think my enjoyment highlights an important part of the life together. We are meant to be in community, and sometimes being in community means collaborating for the same purpose, even if that purpose is silly. The photo above is from

Hero Day. Nicole wore a shirt to represent the firefighters and I dressed like one of The Incredibles. When it comes to spirit week, I could have chosen not to participate or to only participate in small ways, but that doesn't feel like embracing the fullness of the church. To me, fully participating in spirit week uplifts the community found with our staff and students at the center. Diving right into the fun and silliness of the week brings us together much in the same way that our church ministries should. Whether we are dressing up for silly spirit days or worshipping during the holiest week of the year, we are always in community with one another. Our Lenten Way of Love theme connects to this as well. When we love one another as a church united under the same savior, then we can truly see the full diversity of God's Kingdom coming among us. As we transition into the season of Easter, I invite you to join with the church universal to love your neighbors and to embrace the silly and serious opportunities for fellowship offered by our congregation and beyond.

In peace and love,  
Pastor Ashley

**Pastor Ashley's Open Hours**

**Friday:** 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Community

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

**April Community Open Hours Locations :**

- April 3- Red Rambler
- April 10 - Special Grounds
- April 17- Biggby
- April 24- Red Rambler

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

**PastorAshley@trinitywauseon.org .**

She would be happy to set-up a time that works for you!

**Pastoral Care for Surgery, Hospital Stays, Home Visits**

If you are having a surgery or are ill and would like a prayer or a hospital/at home visit, please let Pastor Ashley or the office know. She is available to walk with us in these times of healing and the best way to make sure she knows your pastoral care needs is to contact her yourself. The hospital does not contact churches like they might have in the past when someone is there. When these occasions or any other pastoral care needs arise, you can contact her using any of the ways below, or in advance in-person when possible.

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Email: [pastorashley@trinitywauseon.org](mailto:pastorashley@trinitywauseon.org)

**OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE**

**In person attendance**

	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>February 26/4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>March 5/8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>March 12/15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>March 19/22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>			<b>111</b>
<b>Midweek Lent 1</b>			<b>67</b>
<b>Midweek Lent 2</b>			<b>56</b>
<b>Midweek Lent 3</b>			<b>37</b>

## Worship

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY-9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion**

**THURSDAY -6:00 p.m. Informal Worship with Communion**

**9:30 am Sunday services are broadcast on our Facebook page and on our website, [www.trinitywauseon.org](http://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.**



#### ***Palm Sunday, March 29***

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

#### ***Maundy Thursday, April 2***

*7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion*

#### ***Good Friday, April 3***

*7:00p.m. Community Worship  
at Christ United Methodist Church*

#### ***Easter Day — The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 5***

*7:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion*

*8:00 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall*

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



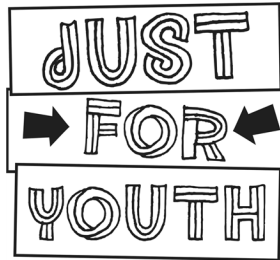
**The Senior Luther League will be serving the Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5th in between the worship services starting at 7:50a.m. Please join us for some egg casserole, muffins, fruit, drinks and fellowship.**

## PARISH EDUCATION

### Bible Study Opportunities:

**Lutheran Men In Mission Bible Study** - Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 a.m. (see more info in LMM section of newsletter)

**Word Incarnate Bible Study** - Sunday April 26 at 10:45am in the fellowship Hall



### Youth Activities

#### **Bible Seekers, grades 3,4,5:**

April 1 - 6:00p.m. Fellowship  
April 15 - 6:00p.m.

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

April 1 - No Catechism , Holy Week  
April 8 - Fellowship  
April 15 - Learn  
April 22 - Learn  
April 29 - Speaker

#### **Senior Luther League (grades 9-12):**

Wednesday, April 1– Egg Drop Set Up - 6:15p.m.  
Saturday April 4 –9:30a.m - SLL Breakfast Set Up  
Sunday April 5 - 7:30am Easter Breakfast  
Wednesday, April 15 -SLL Faith Formation—7:00pm  
Sunday April 19 - Activity TBA  
Wednesday, April 29 - Life Planning 7:00pm - Speaker

# 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. 5th—Matthew 28:1-10 — HE has been raised

Week of Apr. 12th—John 20:19-31 — Jesus appears to the disciples

Week of Apr. 19th—Luke 24:13-35 — “Stay with us.....”

Week of Apr. 26th—John 10:1-10 — “I came that they may have life”

## A Psalmody for April

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
—Psalm 118:24

## Bible Verses for the Month

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



*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

—Philippians 2:5-11


*If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

*When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

—Colossians 3:1-4

**EVANGELISM**

# Celebrating April Birthdays

3 Daniel Schuette	22 Rieley Elling	
4 Marc Miller	24 Lonna Britsch Addyson Gamber Foster Rowland	
5 Shirley Nagel	25 Sophie Gibson	
6 Verlinda Schantz	26 Eric Rychener	
7 Lauren Borton Riley Sluder	27 Annette Blissett	
9 Bowen Makula	29 Barb Gibson	
11 Vincent Davis April Jackson	30 Jean Horwath Brad Gibson	
12 Michael Burkholder		
16 Mike Lichtenwald Kristin Boldman		
17 Jeff Hench Nathan Denn		
20 Taylor Schnitkey		
21 Russ Paxson Janelle Nafziger		

## **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

### **Migrant Rest Center Outreach**

*For: Pathstone Rural Opportunities-Migrant Rest Center*

We are still collecting washable, long-sleeved shirts for men and women in all adult sizes. These shirts are needed by farm workers who spend long hours working in the fields under direct sun.

Donations of leftover sunscreen from 2025 are also appreciated, along with insulated water jugs.

Thank you for helping us care for those who work so hard to provide food for our communities. Please drop your donations off at the wooden cross.

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me.” — Matthew 25:40*

### **Community Meal**

**Trinity will host the Community Meal on April 16** at Christ Methodist Church. Looking for willing volunteers to help serve and clean up. We need workers from 4:40pm to 6:15pm. Sign up on sheet on bulletin board. Contact Phyllis Precht, Jeanne Andre or Jeff Hensch with questions.



# Community Meal



## **Trinity Caring Cupboard Outreach Mission since 1980**

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to help those experiencing food insecurity. Your donations of food and financial support are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to the Women's Group for the Bold Women toiletry bag donations last month. We now have 30 bags ready to distribute, each filled with thoughtful and useful items for families in need.

The meal kits assembled in zip bags by Trinity members are wonderful. We will be setting up a location where members can pick up meal recipes if they would like to participate in this ministry throughout the year.

### **Items needed in April:**

- Canned fruit and applesauce
- Canned vegetables
- Instant oatmeal
- Crackers and graham crackers

Thank you for helping Trinity continue this important ministry. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." — Matthew 25:35



Miss. Hannah and Miss. Alli in the toddler room will be exploring exciting spring themes, including flowers, farms, Earth Day, and bugs. Students will learn about how flowers grow from seeds, what farmers do on the farm and in the fields, why taking care of the Earth is important, and the life cycle of bugs. Throughout the month, the toddlers will participate in fun hands-on activities such as making flower handprints, painting pigs, celebrating with an Easter class party, and creating thumbprint caterpillars. For science, the toddlers will take part in planting a flower, allowing them to observe how plants grow and learn about nature through real-life experiences. These activities will help support curiosity, creativity, and early learning while celebrating the seasons of spring.

Miss. Tessa and the Extended 3 and 4 year-old class will explore exciting spring themes, including Easter and the letter Ee, flower gardens and the letter Nn, Insects and the letter Zz, and Earth Day with the letter Pp. Students will participate in engaging learning activities such as egg letter matching, egg puzzle matching, and name planting art, helping them practice early literacy and recognition skills. The class will also create recycling projects to learn about caring for the Earth. Fun experiences this month include coloring eggs and participating in an egg hunt, giving students opportunities to celebrate the season together. In science, students will explore nature by planting flowers and experimenting with coloring eggs, encouraging curiosity and hands-on learning about the world around them.

Miss. Brooke in the Kindergarten Readiness class will be exploring exciting seasonal themes, including Easter, Spring, Bugs and Insects, and Earth Day. Throughout these themes, students will engage in activities that help them learn about the changing spring season, insects in nature, and ways we can take care of the Earth. The class will celebrate with a fun Easter classroom party, and students will participate in hands-on science experiences such as coloring eggs and completing an Egg Drop STEAM activity, where they explore simple problem-solving and experimentation.

Miss. Hannah and the School-Age class will explore exciting spring themes, including bugs and insects, flowers, birds, and Earth Day. During this time, students will learn about which bugs and insects are safe and not poisonous, how flowers grow, the life cycle of birds, and why taking care of our Earth is important. The class will participate in fun

hands-on activities such as creating paper plate bugs, making cupcake liner flowers, building a baby bird nest craft, and completing a Q-tip Earth art project. In science, students will enjoy playing and exploring in the dirt, allowing them to connect with nature and learn through hands-on discovery. These activities will encourage creativity, curiosity, and a greater understanding of the natural world during the spring season.

For a weekend in April, the staff will also be heading to conferences for more training to better our knowledge and to include new and exciting ideas in the classroom.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.~ John 1:14

Allison Vermeulen

### **Details on Our Center Operations**

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

- Experienced teachers and staff, with some serving since our opening in 2003
- Tuition discount for active church members (ask when enrolling)
- Daily preschool curriculum from 8:45 – 11:30 am for all young children in attendance (except school-age)
- Part-time, mornings only Pre-K/Preschool program is offered during the school year five mornings a week, with placement in an age-appropriate classroom
- School-Age Program: before and after school care with Wauseon Schools bus pick-up and drop-off, plus care on school closure days (weather, teacher in-service, etc.) for an additional fee
- Special summer program for school-age children
- Weekly Chapel, with Pastor Ashley, during the school year

# Stewardship

## FEBRUARY MONTHLY FINANCIALS

MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME	\$31,311.00	MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$31,311.00
YTD BUDGETED INCOME	<u>\$62,622.00</u>	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$62,622.00</u>
MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME	\$22,054.49	MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$24,715.35
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	<u>\$44,862.34</u>	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES	<u>\$48,100.95</u>

### NON-BUDGETED GIVING

	2026	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 18 & 22	TOTAL
<b>Capital Improvement</b>	\$	707.25	\$ 270.00	\$ 424.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 1,986.25
Mission Support - FISH	\$	395.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 732.00
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$	12.00	\$ 17.59	\$ 17.76	\$ 11.00	\$ 58.35
Multimedia	\$	300.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 555.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Caring Cupboard	\$	249.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 599.00
Winter Coat Ministry	\$	25.00	\$ 20.00			\$ 45.00
Community Garden				\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Senior Luther League	\$	25.00				\$ 25.00
Catechism Fund Raiser	\$	100.00				\$ 100.00
Habitat for Humanity				\$ 22.00		\$ 22.00

**Mission Support for April**

**Lutheran Social Services  
Filling Home of Mercy**

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](http://trinitywauseon.org)  
*then click on “Donate ” at the top right corner.***



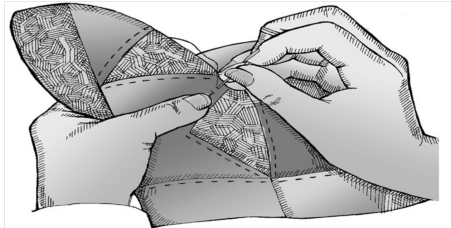
**You can also scan this QR code to go right to  
the  
donations page .**

## TWELCA

Times are changing, and so are we. The TWELCA Board has been doing a lot of behind-the-scenes work to keep our women's faith efforts strong at Trinity. Today there are many ways for women to participate in Bible studies, so our emphasis will be on fellowship and building relationships.

While Trinity will no longer offer two separate Bible study groups, we will continue to have two groups with all Trinity women assigned to one. These groups will help continue our tradition of providing funeral meals and receptions at Trinity. We will also gather as Women United in Faith for fellowship, short devotions, service projects, outings, and an occasional Bible study outside the church setting.

Come join us! All women of Trinity are welcome to participate in any of these gatherings. The TWELCA Board looks forward to sharing faith, fellowship, and service with you.



### QUILTING GROUP

**The Quilt Workshop** will meet on  
**Wednesdays in April at 9:00 a.m.**

*Come and lend your helping hands, and join in the fun!*

### ***Prayer Chain***

***All E-mail prayer requests begin with Betty Elling  
(bettyelling53@gmail.com).***

## WOMEN UNITED IN FAITH

NEW NAME ..... Women United in Faith will take on a new way of gathering together. No more separate circle group meetings or lengthy and dull bible studies. Each month an activity, along with a short devotion, prayer, and fellowship is planned for all ladies to gather together as one.

Below you will find a tentative schedule for this year. Most activities are scheduled for the 3rd. Tues. of the month with an occasional Saturday morning. We hope you will consider attending and being a part of these activities.

**Sat. April 25 “ FAITH – FRIENDSHIP – FOOD”** Join us for a delicious breakfast buffet at the Delta 109 restaurant. Enjoy the friendship of other ladies as we reconnect and build the unity of our group.

**Tues. May 19 “SEW WHAT!!”** Where do all those quilts come from? Ladies of the Quilt Workshop will explain their outreach ministry with a hands on demonstration of making a creative quilt from start to finish.

**Sat. June 20 ‘ SUMMERTIME CONCERT’** Come and be inspired with beautiful music while engaging in food, beverages, and fellowship. The Henry County Chorale will perform at 3:00 p.m. at the Leisure Time Winery, Napoleon, OH.

Nothing planned for July at this time.

**Tues. August 18 “ BACK PORCH STUDY’** Special guest, Bev Ernst, will lead us in our outdoor Bible study at the home of Pat Dettmer. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship

**Tues. Sept 15 “ GENERAL MEETING”** Gather together as we review the past year and plan. for the future. Special guest speaker to be announced later.

**Sat. Oct 17 ‘ BREAKFAST IN BED’** Not really, but the men are going to cook and serve us breakfast for our fall gathering. More information to follow.

**Tues. Nov 17 “ TYING THE KNOT’** Come and join in the fun as we work on making fleece blankets for Christmas Cheer. Many hands make light work!

**Tues, Dec. 15 CHRISTMAS GATHERING....**more information coming later

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**



INVITATION FOR ALL  
TRINITY WOMEN



*Faith-Friendship-Food*

*Join us for a breakfast buffet & a little fun*

*♥ ♥ ♥ Saturday, April 25 ♥ ♥ ♥*

*At Delta 109, in Delta from 9-11 am*

*\*Tickets will be sold at church on April 5, 12, 19*

*\*Cost is \$15 for the buffet, beverages and tip*

*\*Checks, Cash, Venmo*



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## **Lutheran Men in Mission**

Many thanks to all of the men who helped with the soup supper on March 18. Whether it was donating soups, breads, or dessert, helping serve soups, or helping with cleanup. All was very much appreciated.

Our next Breakfast and Bible Study will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 a.m. in the church basement. All men are welcome to join in the fellowship and discussion as we study “The Promise of Heaven”.

The “Band” app is now in place. This app will allow all of us to communicate with each other through texts. If you have questions on how to join, contact Scott Anderson.



## ADMINISTRATIVE

### Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 3/10/2026

**Present:** Luke Frey, Amy Miller, Marle Weber, Cathy Croninger, Pastor Ashley, Robert Nafziger, Terry Clark, Vaughn Baltzly, Laura Brown, Tyson Hoste, Jeff Hench, April Jackson, Mindy Dunbar, and Chris Marlatt  
**Absent:** Lisa Rupp, Deb Boyers, and Dan Miller

Meeting was called to order by Vaughn Baltzly at 7:04 p.m.

**Opening Devotion:** Mindy Dunbar led a devotional on vulnerabilities by Mike Pool, followed by a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tyson Hoste made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented and Terry Clark seconded. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** An application for use of the fellowship hall and kitchen was received from Hannah Bechstein for June 6 from 3-5 p.m. for a Baby Sprinkle. An application for use of the fellowship hall and kitchen was received from Allison Vermeulen for August 1 from 8-4 for a baby shower. Jeff Hench made motion to approve both requests and Robert Nafziger seconded. Motion approved.

**Pastor's Report:** (report submitted) Ash Wednesday service on 2/18 and the Lenten Way of Love theme preparation had good turnouts. Led Wednesday Lent services. Met with Confirmation Camp parents. Attended Lay Preachers meeting. Officiated a graveside service for Alice Gamber. Took part in Child Center's Lutheran Schools Week Spirit Days. Teaching a Growing in Faith Diakonia Course. Met with local church leaders about ecumenical Good Friday Service at United Methodist Church. Attended the Regional Substance Abuse Prevention breakfast in Archbold on 2/26. Met with the ESL teacher using a classroom at Trinity through June. Passed around a new devotional sheet.

**Treasurer's Report:** (report submitted) For the month of February income was lower than expenses. Discussed how the Cash Sweep account works. Terry Hench made motion to approve February's report as presented, seconded by Tyson Hoste. Motion approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

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**Evangelism:** Creating Easter tokens.

**Outreach:** Thrivent Choice Dollar Grant given to a family in need. Car-ing Cupboard received a \$500 Daily Bread grant from ELCA. Trinity Sunday for a Cause will be 5/31. A \$250 donation was given to Fulton County Worship Tent at Fair. Discussed mowing down wildflower area in Community Gardens as neighbors have been complaining, thistles are overtaking, and has become a maintenance burden. Will discuss next month.

**Parish Education:** Meeting held March 10. Catechism class will hold a youth led service May 3. SLL is hosting soup supper and Easter break-fast. Vacation Bible School theme is “Operation Restoration” May 31- June 3.

**Parish Personnel:** Two new members, Andy Slawinski and Kristi Rotroff, will start next month. Conducting interviews for custodians.

**Stewardship:** Audit completed, no report yet. Jeff Hench will take over Stewardship committee.

**Technology:** Did not meet. Working on getting new panel for lighting installed.

**Trustees:** Nothing to report.

**Ushers:** Dan not present. Discussed Holy Week and coverage.

**Worship:** Discussed Good Friday service. Will meet 3/11.

**TLC Childcare:** Meeting held March 10. Hoping to get a few more em- ployees and more students. Would like some more cameras inside and one more on playground.

**Lutheran Men In Mission:** Nothing to report.

**TWELCA:** Bible Study Groups merged together and are now called the Women United in Faith group (WUIF). WUIF will put out sheets to ask for volunteers, as we no longer have a group to plant flowers around the church. Will also put on announcements.

**Old Business:** Vaughn Baltzly passed out a proposal regarding the Vi- sion Committee. Look over and can discuss next month.

**New Business:** None

Tyson Hoste made a motion to adjourn the meeting, April Jackson se- conded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. and was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

April Jackson, Council Secretary

## *Thank you notes...*

*Yes, I had another birthday, my 101st.. So again I want to thank all who remembered me with Happy Birthday Wishes. I enjoyed them all. You truly made my day special!*  
*Margaret Croninger*

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*Dear Friends,*  
*Thank you for your recent gift of \$875. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. As 2026 begins, Luther Home of Mercy is honored to celebrate 98 years of ministry. For nearly a century, thousands of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have found opportunities to live fulfilling, enriched lives, thanks to friends like you.*  
*We are deeply grateful for your commitment to this work. May God's love guide you and bless you with a year filled with joy, peace and hope.*  
*With Appreciation,*  
*Megan O'Brien*  
*Vice President*

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*Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,*  
*Thank you for your generous gift of \$470 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through ELCA Good Gifts.*

*Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.*

*Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.*  
*With gratitude,*  
*Rachel Wind*

