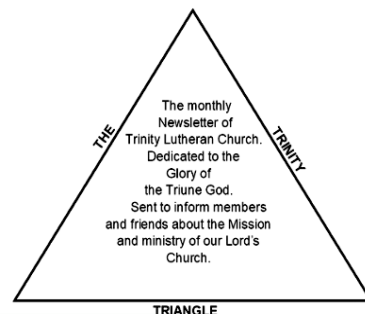


TRINITY TRIANGLE



March 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 8am and 10:30am



Sundays: 9:15 Sunday
School and Bible Class



Wednesday-Lent Worship
10:30am and 6:30pm



Preschool Registration



Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Your child must be three by September 1, 2023 to enroll. For more information on our state licensed preschool, please visit our website or pick up a brochure at church.

Holy Week SCHEDULE

April 2-Palm Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am with
Holy Communion

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

April 6-Maundy Thursday 10:30am and 6:30pm
with Holy Communion

April 7-Good Friday 10:30am and 6:30pm

April 9-Easter 8:00am and 10:30am
No Sunday School

Pray, Tell Me

What is prayer?

I got asked this back in school by a professor once, and I was so completely taken aback by such a basic question that I stammered, hemmed, hawed, beat around the bush (and through the whole forest), and when my brain caught up with my mouth, I managed to spit out this: "Talking to God."

In the main, this is true. Prayer is talking to God. You can do it a bunch of different ways. You can do it out loud (this helps a bit), you can do it in writing if you like words (this helped me for years) you can do it in your head (don't do this for any prayer longer than a simple sentence, you'll get distracted). God gives us an enormously wide latitude for talking to Him. It doesn't need to be formal or fancy. You don't need to spell or say your words correctly. Just talk to God.

If you don't have the words, the Lord's Prayer and the Book of Psalms are there for you. Read one or two psalms out loud to yourself in private, or with your family. That is prayer. Get a book of prayers and use those if you want, but the psalms work just as well, and they are Scripture on top of it.

What do you talk to Him about? Well, what is on your mind? Do you have worries? Talk to Him about those. Do you have ideas? Talk to Him about those. Are you curious about something? Talk to Him about that. God hasn't really put any limits on it. The Lord's Prayer gives you some ideas. In the Lord's prayer, you have praise (hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come), you have requests (daily bread, forgive us our trespasses), and you have reminders for yourself (for Thine is the kingdom, power, glory). All these are good food for prayer.

Why do we pray? Because we can, and because we are commanded. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer. When talking on this subject, Paul gets us closer to answering that question: **"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."** God wants us to pray because it is good for us and because He likes it. In Psalm 50, God challenges us to **"Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you will glorify me."** This is the relationship God wants with His people. To rescue them from trouble, and for them to ask Him to do it.

God is not interested in petty judgments about your prayers. God just wants you to darn well pray. Ask Him for things you need. Do not listen when the world and false teachers call this petty or selfish. You have, at your disposal, the King of the Universe, the Architect of Fate, God the Lord of Hosts and Armies and Creator of the World, etc. etc. etc. You have the most powerful being in all of time listening. He wants you to speak to Him. So speak. Tell Him what is on your mind. Tell Him what confuses you, what frightens you, what worries you. Tell Him what you need and what others need.

We've all heard that prayer works. It does, because God is listening. We've all heard that prayer makes a difference. It does, because God cares. Multiple times in the Bible, God changes His mind, for no other reason than the simple fact that His people ask Him to. More than circumstance or problems, though, I can personally tell you that prayer changes **you**. It changes your heart, your mind, your soul. It doesn't happen all at once, sometimes it takes years, but praying can teach you. It can form, shape, and train your faith. It can teach you the power of words in God's ears, and the power of God's Word in your ears. Pray His Words to Him, and He will use that to change you. Sanctify you.

So this Lent, pray. Just pray. Doesn't matter what for or why. Just talk to God, read God a psalm, and hear His words echoing back to you.

-Pastor Fremer





Elder's Corner

How is your Faith doing?

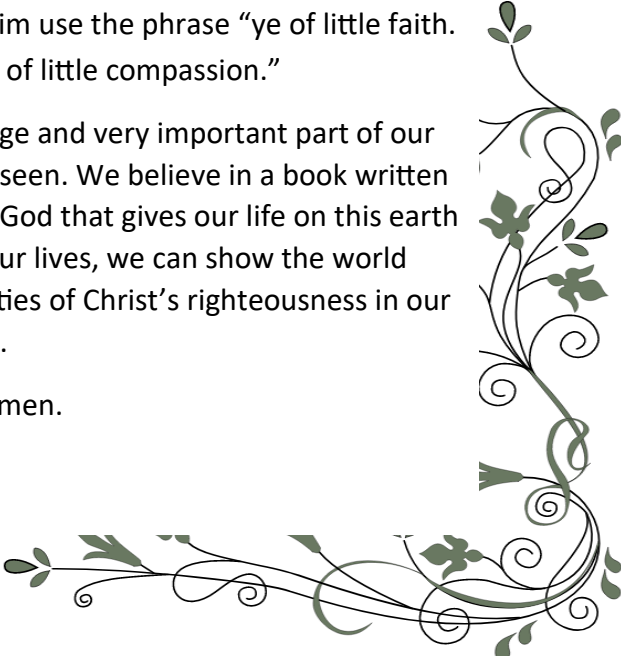
As winter starts coming to its end and we feel spring in the air we know things are going to start to change. The grass will start turning green and the air will start to warm up. Year after year we see this happen. What if we were only told this is what happens every spring but never witnessed it? Would we just believe it, or would we believe when we see it?

So goes the Christian faith. None of us have ever seen God, yet we have been taught to believe in this invisible God. Most of us reading this letter have had the good fortune of having Christian parents. We have been brought up in the faith learning about God. But what is faith? Is it positive thinking? A feeling? One's church affiliation? The belief that Jesus died for our sin? Confidence? Hope? Or is it more? If we as humans can see, feel, or touch we can at least testify to its being.

Many in our world would find it hard to believe in a God that has never been seen, only talked about. Thankfully we as Christians have heard about the Holy Spirit, the "Faith maker" who helps bring us to faith and keep us in the one true faith. Hebrews 11:6 states that without faith it is impossible to please God. Our faith journey as Christians is a lifelong venture. There will be ups and downs along the way. We have been given many tools to help us nurture, feed and grow this faith. Through our prayer life, reading our bibles and bible studies, worship and Holy Communion. Even with all these tools we will still stumble and lose faith. We are not alone in this area. We can read throughout the Bible that even some of God's greatest lost their faith. How many times in Christ's ministry did we hear Him use the phrase "ye of little faith. Never did he say "ye of little righteousness" or "ye of little compassion."

So we as Christians realize that faith is a large and very important part of our belief. We believe in a God which no one has ever seen. We believe in a book written thousands of years ago. Yet it is this book and this God that gives our life on this earth meaning and purpose. As we live out our faith in our lives, we can show the world what a Christian looks like. We can share the qualities of Christ's righteousness in our walk as He did when Christ walked upon this earth.

"Keep the Faith", In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting Minutes



- CWF met Monday, February 13th with President Denita Krause presiding. She welcomed visitors.
- Morgan opened with "Martin Luther's Evening Prayer."
- Chris led our Bible Study "I am the Heart of LWML and Trinity Howards Grove CWF".
- Mary Lou read the Secretary's report for January and the minutes were approved as read.
- Shelly read the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted. Payed Morning Meditations with our Christmas Gift money.
- Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story for February handed out: "Helping Churches Reach an Ethnic Group Different from Their Own, Missionaries to America Project, Mission Nation Publishing—\$88,000". & "Worship Anew—Sharing the Gospel Message Through Weekly Broadcasts....Lutheran Media Ministries, Inc.—\$100,000."
- Janice had the Federwitz Prayer.
- Lutheran High Auction April 15th, members donating money in March for gift basket.
- Voted to accept rewritten constitution.
- Everyone paid for LWML Quarterlies.
- Going to be working on decorating dish towels at our March Meeting.
- Reviewed Assignments for March 11th Prayer Service.
- Thanked guests for coming.
- Janice had our closing devotion, "Strength and Grace."

-Secretary CWF
Mary Lou Neuman

Happy Birthday



Mar 2	Daniel Horness	Mar 18	Debra Gardner
Mar 3	Charleen Baumann	Mar 18	Alex Milbrath
Mar 3	Cooper Schmidt	Mar 19	Trent Grunewald
Mar 4	Emily Harris	Mar 19	Jessica Luecke
Mar 4	Andie Koenig	Mar 19	Kathy Shircel
Mar 4	Tammy Stelter	Mar 20	Michael Holler
Mar 6	Jacob Englebert	Mar 20	Kristin Reiss
Mar 6	Dan Schueler	Mar 21	Tania Kolb
Mar 6	Gretchen Winter	Mar 22	Jacob Grunewald
Mar 7	Janet Schneeweiss	Mar 22	Leona Heling
Mar 8	Michael Horness	Mar 25	Penny Damrow
Mar 9	David Richter	Mar 25	Journey Polzin
Mar 11	Eric Holler	Mar 25	Joseph Senkbeil
Mar 11	Ryan Luecke	Mar 26	Jacoby Endreas
Mar 11	Marilyn Zimmermann	Mar 26	John Stoelting
Mar 12	Elisabeth Cassity	Mar 29	Susan Grunewald
Mar 12	John Roediger	Mar 29	Jerome Jaeger
Mar 13	Liz Haag	Mar 29	Allison Schobert
Mar 13	Marianne Oppenorth	Mar 30	Craig Lallensack
Mar 17	Betty Butzen	Mar 31	Michael Milbrath
Mar 17	Justin Koenig	Mar 31	Michelle Scharenbroch



Happy Anniversary



Mar 3	Jeffrey and Marilyn Zimmermann (50)
Mar 9	Larry and Kris Bender (38)
Mar 9	Mike and Judy Lutzke (46)
Mar 10	Scott and Linda Plocar (39)
Mar 25	Duane and Susan Lau (51)

March Flower Sponsors

Altar:

March 5 Dan and Connie Bitter—Nathan's Birthday

March 12 Scott and Linda Plocar—39th Anniversary

March 19 Dale and Rita Milbrath—Baptism Clayton Milbrath

Tall Pedestal:

March 5 Grandma and Grandpa Horness—Michael Horness 19th Birthday

March 19 Robie and Dave Scharinger—Kristin Reiss Birthday

March Bulletin Sponsor

March 12 Larry and Kris Bender—38th Anniversary

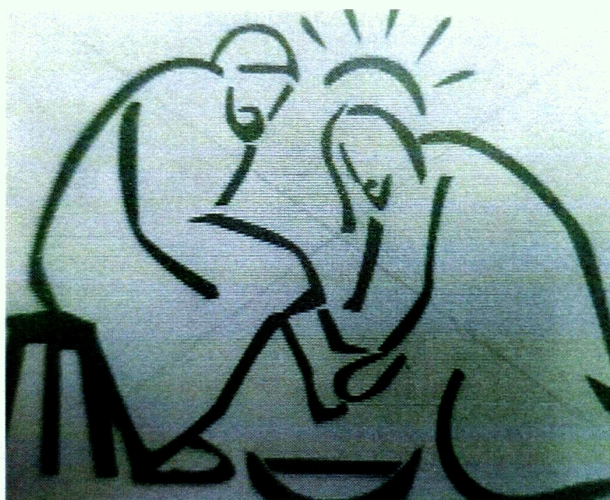
March Newsletter Sponsor

Jeff and Marilyn Zimmermann—50th Anniversary

Church Announcements



LWML Prayer Service for Zones 8 and 9 is Saturday, March 11. Registration and refreshments start at 9am. All ladies of the congregation are welcome. Please join us for fellowship and prayer.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP
Open to all women of our Church

MONDAY MARCH 13 in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 7:30 Study: ***"GREATEST AT THE TABLE"***

Activity: ***"Washing of the Feet"***

Create a towel to symbolize washing of feet

Bring a friend to partner with or
make a towel for a friend or family member.

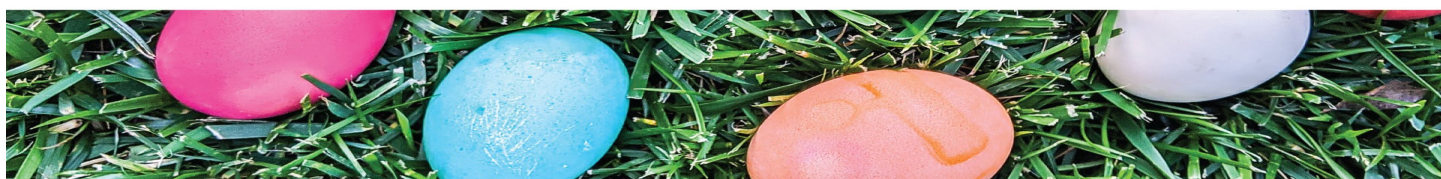
7:40 – 8:15 Membership Business Meeting

RSVP to Chris Breunig – text 920-450-8178 or email: gramb5.cb@gmail.com or sign up at back table by March 8)

(MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED – BUT we need to know number of towels to prepare by Thursday March 9)



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
April 2nd



Community Announcements



Auction Dinner at Lutheran High School

Reservations are open for the annual Crusade for Bids Auction Dinner to be held on April 15, 2023 in the LHS Gymnasium! Early bird prices are good through April 7. Register online at www.lutheranhigh.com/auction. Additionally, Auction Preview Night on Friday, April 14 features booklet pickup, Friday-only opportunities, and light entertainment. All are welcome to stop in on Friday night for FREE and see all we have to offer even if you're not registering for the dinner.

Saturday night, April 15, Auction includes dinner, silent and live auctions and a featured Fund-A-Cause. We will offer simultaneous online bidding from 4:30 – 8 pm for those unable to attend the event. View a more complete list of items on our website including sporting event dates and vacation packages at lutheranhigh.com/auction.

Upcoming Sales

2/21-2/25 Linens 50% Off

2/28 – 3/4 All Pictures Frames 25¢

3/7-3/11 All Vases 50¢ & All Scarves 50¢

3/14 30% Off Everything in the Store

3/15- 3/19 Jewelry 75% Off

3/21-3/25 Kitchen Items 75% Off

Store Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday:

9:30am–5:00pm

Saturdays: 9:30am-4:00pm

Sundays and Mondays -
Closed





MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR



1. Start your day with Luther's Morning Prayer
2. Pray for Christian education
3. Pray for our LCMS Seminaries
4. Thank God for all your blessings
5. Invite someone to church with you today
6. This is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it
7. Pray for those who are ill
8. Pray for church leaders
9. Pray for our Lutheran High School and grade schools
10. Pray for our armed forces
11. Daylight savings time starts tomorrow. Remember to adjust your clocks
12. Attend church today
13. Pray the Lord's Prayer
14. Read or sing your favorite hymn
15. If you are worried about something, read Psalm 31:14-15
16. Send a card to a shut in
17. Listen to Morning Meditations
18. Arrange a quiet time to read your Bible
19. Seven days without God makes one weak
20. First day of Spring. Look for signs and be thankful for the four seasons
21. Remember your confirmation vows and your verse
22. Life is fragile - handle with care
23. Remember to put the Lord first in all that you do
24. Pray Luther's Evening Prayer
25. Pray for Alvina Federwitz and the work that she is doing
26. Thank the Lord for your family
27. Commit a Bible verse to memory
28. Pray for common sense and Godly wisdom
29. Pray for peace in the world
30. Pray for the Lutheran Hour
31. Pray for the Preschool

Those serving our congregation this month:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>
Mar 1	10:30am 6:30pm	Brody Timm	Richard Boje Dale and Linda Hopf	
Mar 5	8:00am 10:30am	Andie Koenig and Matthew Koenig Joey Senkbeil and Matthew Schukow	Scott and Linda Plocar Judy Lemke	Lance Liermann
Mar 8	10:30am 6:30pm	Ethan Fenn	Dave and Robie Scharinger Dick and Sherry Horness	
Mar 12	8:00am 10:30am	Emmet Kunze and Greyson Reiss Rylan Bahr and Bryce Peter	Jan and Deb Grunewald Mark and Karen Plocar	Scott Timm
Mar 15	10:30am 6:30pm	Macey Schueler	Dale and Donna Bitter Dick and Lee Schoessow	
Mar 19	8:00am 10:30am	Brody Timm and Matthew Koenig Emily Harris and Chloe Grunewald	Betty Butler Nathan and Jenny Cassity	Josh Schorer
Mar 22	10:30am 6:30pm	Cooper Schmidt	Al Bramstedt Kathy Schmidt	
Mar 26	8:00am 10:30am	Kaitlyn Koenig Joey Senkbeil and Matthew Schukow		Mark Schorer
Mar 29	10:30am 6:30pm	Emmet Kunze		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
Feb 27-Mar 12	Rita Milbrath and Susie Sixel
Mar 13-26	Janice Lieffring and Kathy Shircel
Mar 27-Apr 9	Margie Born and Anne McCraw

<u>March</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
8:00am	Team 5	Tom Weber
10:30am	Team 2	Jim Post
<u>Lent Midweek</u>		
March 1	Team 5	
March 8	Team 4	
March 15	Team 3	
March 22	Team 2	
March 29	Team 1	



MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:30 Preschool 10:30 Lenten Worship 4:00 Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Worship	2 8:30 Preschool 7:15 Dartball Colts@Tigers	3	4
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