

TRINITY TRIBUTE

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Trinity Lutheran Church-ELCA Cook, Minnesota

May Star Word Prompt: As we prepare for Pentecost, how has the Holy Spirit lit a fire in you in/through your star word? What new thing has it inspired you to do?

Join Deacon Kari Wednesday, May 7, as we complete our journey following "*The Footsteps of Paul*". There will be a potluck beginning at 5:30 pm with a final presentation of her trip. Greek/Turkish dishes are encouraged for the meal.

Cook Lions Club raised \$3107 between their annual community breakfast at Saint Mary's and a first-ever brunch at Trinity this spring. The club voted to round that amount up to \$3500 with the remainder coming from them.



Thank you to the Lions for being such an important, supportive part of the Cook Community and for allowing Trinity to be a small part. Special thanks also to the Lions members of Trinity for your dedication to the Cook community.



Our *Alleluia* was found by Deacon Kari (with joyous assistance by children of God) as Trinity celebrated Easter Sunday.



North Woods Class of 2025
Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 18, as we honor high school graduating seniors, Aidan Hartway, Talen Jarshaw and their families.



Camp Vermilion Needs Your Help!

Camp Work Day is a time to prepare the site the summer camping season they can't do that without your help! Join the staff and other supporters on **Saturday, May 10**, from 9 am - 2 pm at the camp site (2555 Camp Vermilion Road) to work on some planned projects.



9:00 am - 9:30 am - Registration & Coffee and Rolls

9:30 am - 12:30 pm - The work happens!

12:30 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - The work continues for as long as people are able to stay.*

More information and RSVP can be found at VLM's website: vlmcamps.org/all-programs-events/cvworkday or by contacting the camp office at 218-666-5834.



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL May 22, 2025

Meals are served Drive-Thru or Eat-In
4:00 - 5:30 pm (or until gone)

May's Menu Includes: Hamburgers,
Sides and Dessert

Come and kick off summer with us!

Volunteers have served an average of 103 meals each month so far this year. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these meals. We are helping to meet a need in the community!



IT'S STILL EASTER FOR US

He is risen. Alleluia!

While the world has moved on from Easter, in the church we have what we call the Easter season. This season lasts for 50 days until we reach Pentecost. The color of the season is white which represents light, glory, and joy.

So for us, Easter is more than one day. In fact, every Sunday of the church year is to be a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. But these 50 days allow us concentrated time to rejoice in the victory over sin and death, the promise of eternal life, and the hope that comes with believing in Jesus.

Each of these next Sundays, our texts lift up the resurrection, helping us to reflect and remember. And, we have the potential to grow spiritually as we think on these questions: 1. How am I living out the resurrection in my life? Where am I bringing hope and new life? 2. How is Trinity living out the resurrection? Where are we together, bringing hope and new life?

May the joy of Easter fill your heart and lift your spirit.

He is risen. Alleluia!

Program and Position Cuts Coming

It seems like program and position cuts are inevitable. These will likely be impacting people and households here in the Cook area. The cuts will create uncertainty for many as well as food insecurity. Please be mindful - for yourself - or for others you may know, that Ruby's Pantry is open every second Thursday and the Cook Food Shelf is open on the third Wednesday.

Finding Hope

It is often difficult these days to view news coverage. Things like tariffs, deportations, war, and program cuts can lead us to despair. Where do we as people of faith find hope in these challenging days?

A good place for us to start is with lament. Lament is a cry to God about the injustices in our world. Jesus himself laments in Scripture. He laments over Jerusalem for not responding to God's love in the Gospel of Luke.

Second, psychologists remind us these days to acknowledge our feelings. Whether it is rage, anger, frustration, or deep sorrow, all need to be acknowledged by us. Because even to acknowledge our painful feelings can be helpful.

Third, we remember the source of our hope - the source of all hope. In Psalm 39:7, the Psalmist reminds us of this saying, "*And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.*" Though events may seem chaotic and even destructive, because of God there is always hope. We remember that God is our Creator and is in control. We remember that God is in charge. We trust that God is at work, even in things that seem unsalvageable. Even in the darkest and deadest places, God can bring life and healing and restoration. We trust that somehow, somehow, God is working to bring equity and justice, even when it is not yet visible to us.

Fourth, we also trust that God is present in suffering, chaos, and brokenness. We trust that God is in the thick of it, present with those experiencing trauma and tragedy. God ministers through God's Spirit and through caring helpers on the ground.

And fifth, we undertake actions that will help to bring hope and light. We pray. We can write letters to elected officials. We can attend organized events. We can speak up at these events, if we choose. We can donate food and clothing. We can write checks where appropriate. We can join with others to volunteer at existing programs - or create new ones.

There are very many things that are beyond our power to change right now. And this can be painful to admit. But it does not mean we are helpless or hopeless. There is always something we can do, and we trust others are doing something as well. Our God who brings life out of death itself at Easter, is the source of our hope - and the source of all hope, which leads us to profess, "There is always hope."

The peace of God be with you.

Pr. Denise



Deacon Kari

Usually when I see footprints on the carpet my first instinct is to grab a vacuum cleaner. But last night, and again today, I stood there looking at them with a smile on my face. And then I walked away. Those chalk footprints are remnants of the chalk drawings just outside the church's front doors. Drawings of love made by Bible Quest children. Signs of welcome and inclusion and joy and hope. The chalk drawings and chalk footprints will both disappear over time, but the feeling and the memories and the message will remain.

As we make our way through Spring and look towards summer, here's a brief update on a few things:

Bible Quest: our after-school program for preschoolers – 6th grade, is winding down for the school year. On Wednesday, April 30, we will have our final time together. I am so grateful for all of the children who participate along with the youth and adults who volunteer each week. Over the past year we have had about 20 different youth and adults show up to be with our amazing Bible Quest kids. Several of them show up weekly and the program would not be successful without them. I am so grateful for all of you.

Synod Assembly: On May 3 – 4, 2025, the 38th Annual Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly will take place at Breezy Point Resort. This year's theme is "*Living Christ's Wide Embrace: Echoing Shalom*" Isaiah 55: 11-12. Vickie and Larry Lange will be attending as Voting Members from Trinity along with Bruce Garbisch (a member of Synod Council), Pr. Denise, and me. When we gather, we will worship together, learn together, hear reports and presentations. We will also vote on: 2026 Synod budget; 2026 Compensation Guidelines; nominations; Resolution in Support of A Welcome Statement from the NE MN Synod: Welcoming All to be Reconciled in Christ; Resolution on Language in Public Discourse about Palestine-Israel; Memorial on Language in Public Discourse about Palestine-Israel; Memorial to ELCA Churchwide Assembly in support of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women; Memorial to ELCA Churchwide Assembly in support of National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools.

Please keep all of us in your prayers. On May 11, there will be a brief temple talk in worship followed by a Forum after worship to give updates on Synod Assembly.

Footsteps of Paul: Final Presentation and Potluck - Wednesday, May 7, at 5:30 pm (Greek and Turkish foods are encouraged) In January I had the opportunity to travel with 11 other deacons to Greece and Turkey as we followed the Footsteps of Paul. On Wednesdays in Lent we had a chance to journey together through slides and scripture. We traveled from Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens and Corinth in Greece. We have two more stops to make in Turkey, Ephesus and Istanbul.

Please join us for the final presentation and potluck on Wednesday, May 7, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to bring foods that represent Greece and Turkey.

Festival of Homiletics: From May 12-16, I will be traveling to the Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta, Georgia. This is an annual preaching conference that is always phenomenal. This year's theme is *Preaching to Heal the Divide*. I look forward to attending, learning, and having my soul fed.

Graduating Senior Sunday: On Sunday, May 18, we will celebrate and honor Talen Jarshaw and Aiden Hartway as they graduate from North Woods School this year. Congratulations Aiden and Talen!

New Member Sunday and Pentecost: On Sunday, June 8, we will welcome new members during worship. If you are interested in joining Trinity at this time, please talk to Deacon Kari.

Trinity Day Camp: June 12–13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (going into K – 6th grade) followed by a middle school hangout from 3–4 p.m. This year we are teaming up with the NE MN Synod's LYO Leadership Team to offer a two-day Day Camp with the theme: *God's Word Comes Near*. The Day Camp will be led by high school youth who attend the Synod's Leadership Camp at Camp Vermilion from June 8–11. Registration forms will be out shortly.

On this journey with you,
Deacon Kari (she/her)



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An update on the upcoming synod resolution calling for welcoming our LGBTQIA2S+ siblings and committing to anti-racism:

The annual assembly of the ELCA's NE MN Synod convenes on May 3. A proposed resolution which unabashedly welcomes and supports our LGBTQIA2S+ siblings has been drafted by the synod's Welcome and Reconciling Team and endorsed by the synod council. The resolution will be introduced, discussed, and brought to the floor for possible approval by the voting members of the general assembly. The central thrust of the resolution calls for the synod to formally and publicly acclaim in a welcome statement that *"we (the synod) embody God's hospitality in our life together . . . through unapologetic welcome and affirmation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, races and ethnicities, ages and abilities, and socioeconomic or citizenship statuses. We embrace the calling to work for welcome and reconciliation through our commitment to anti-racism and inclusion."* Its focus of concern is remarkably prescient and timely given the increasingly hostile environment in which members of the LGBTQIA2+ community have found themselves in recent months. If approved by a simple majority, the resolution would formally designate the synod as a Reconciling in Christ Synod.

Vickie Lange provided an admirably succinct and informative overview of the resolution and the Reconciling in Christ process in her temple talk preceding worship on April 27. On leaving the sanctuary at the end of the service, attendees were offered a paper copy of the resolution for their own review (if they so desired), and a forum then provided a chance for participants to ask ques-

tions, learn further background, and share their own perspectives. Likely, questions and concerns persist in the minds of many, and a one-time opportunity to increase awareness and disseminate information cannot possibly do justice to a topic with such potential to elicit widely differing opinions, beliefs, and perspectives.

To promote ongoing dialogue and communication with our congregants, Vickie and Larry Lange will offer an adult forum following the worship service on Sunday, May 11. They are Trinity's elected lay voting members to the upcoming synod assembly; their forum will provide us with a summary of the proceedings of the assembly including, crucially, the outcome of the vote on the Reconciling in Christ resolution. Further, during fellowship time following any of the last 3 services in May (11, 18, 25) all are warmly welcomed and encouraged to broach questions, concerns, and opinions on the resolution with any (or all!) of the following individuals: Larry Lange, Vickie Lange, Julie Aune, and/or Bruce Garbisch. We are being challenged with an opportunity for our synod to stand up in tangible expression of support for and allyship with God's beloved but beleaguered neighbors of ours in the BIPOC (*black, indigenous, and people of color*) and LGBTQIA2S+ (*lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual/aromantic, two spirits, plus*) communities. They have been feeling increasingly marginalized and threatened in recent months, and the church has the potential to create broader spaces in which they can experience acceptance and affirmation

Submitted by Bruce Garbisch,
Synod Council Member/Laurentian Conference

Please keep all those attending the Synod Assembly in prayer as they gather: Pastor Denise Scheer, Deacon Kari Olson, Bruce Garbisch, Vickie and Larry Lange, as well as fellow-synod members.

Worship on Sunday, May 4, will be a lay-led service with leadership from Dale Horihan and Jim Aune.

There will be no communion that week, but will return Sunday, May 11.



Final Update from TLC's Transition Team

The work of Trinity's Transition Team began in September of 2024. With some unexpected events and technology glitches that took place, it was necessary to have a brief break during December. We resumed in January and have now completed our work the end of April.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the newsprint sticker dot exercise during Holy Week. It has helped us narrow down additional ministry priorities. We are in the process of finalizing our written report to hand off to the Council and Call Committee. The newsprint sheets will stay up for awhile in the long hallway at church. You are encouraged to take a look at them! Also included on the hallway wall is a newsprint sheet sharing many of the ideas you wrote down on the hard copy questionnaires. There are a number of wonderful ideas which can be lay led in consultation with the pastoral staff and council. A couple of ideas were resuming blood pressure screenings or purchasing *All Creation Sings* worship songbooks.

Trinity's wish list for pastoral gifts and ministry foci is really good. However, it is really important to remember that no matter how gifted a rostered minister - pastor or deacon - might be, ***no one person alone*** can do everything on that list! The Holy Spirit has also equipped you, Trinity Lutheran Church, as the Body of Christ with gifts for outreach, teaching, ministry, caring and multiple ways of loving God by serving the neighbor.

It will be even more important to remember once a pastor is called (and in the meantime as Deacon Kari leads along with part-time Bridge Pastor Denise) that the ministry does not stop when someone new is called. We continue to serve in the ways in which God has called each of us to do. We are called to be in *mutual ministry*, in a partnership relationship with our rostered leaders; and, to continually uphold them in our prayers along with our encouragement and cooperation.

Please keep Trinity's Call Committee in your prayers as they will utilize the Transition Team's info from you as well as other parochial information to begin filling out the Ministry Site Profile. Once they conclude that work with council approval, it is submitted to Deacon Susan Williams at the synod office who will then begin the search for potential pastoral candidates.

While the Transition Team's work sought to be as transparent as possible, this aspect changes with/for the Call Committee. Once the actual pastoral search begins, the Call Committee's work will need to be ***totally confidential*** until such a time as the council along with the pastor-elect gives the OK to announce the news. This would take place ***only after*** multiple interviews and visits. Once a Candidate of Choice is named, then a meet & greet with the congregation takes place followed by a congregational vote to extend the Call. The Council President would call the Candidate of Choice with the congregation's decision. The Candidate as pastor-elect has up to thirty days to accept or decline the call to serve at Trinity. ***Confidentiality is still crucial at that point*** to allow the pastor to notify their

current congregation in an appropriate manner. There are a lot of moving pieces that happen during a Call Process! Your prayers will be greatly appreciated for each potential candidate, the Call Committee and Trinity as the Holy Spirit continues to work through everyone, weaving together this process for calling the next pastor into mutual ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook.

Again, a final thank you to our motivated, dedicated Transition Team for your work!

Julie Aune, Jesse Glass, Mike Enzmann,
Tony Pascuzzi, Ashley Skorseth and Brenda Tibbetts.

Greetings from your Trinity Call Committee!

To update you on what we have been doing, at this point we have met twice and by the time you read this we will have a third meeting on board. The first meeting was with Deacon Susan Williams from the synod office. Her job is to meet with Call Committees around the synod and help get them going on the process of finding a new pastor. And a process it is! She gave us some carefully thought out resources and instructions on how to use them. She will be available to us throughout the journey if we have questions about how to proceed.

At our second meeting we dug into the first part of our printed resource to help us develop our Ministry Site Profile or MSP. This is the document that will introduce Trinity to prospective pastors who might be interested in coming to Cook to serve. They describe it as being like an online dating profile. We are in fact pursuing a relationship with a new pastor so that metaphor is probably a good one.

In the coming months we will be asking the congregation to assist us through some simple activities, probably around Sunday morning worship. We are working on a way for our community online to make their contributions to these times as well.

If you ever have any questions about how things are going in our search please feel free to talk to anyone on the Call Committee. We would all be happy to discuss where we are at in the process. Also, please keep the Call Committee and the Trinity congregation in general in your prayers at this time. God's guidance will be an important part of our work.



In Christ, (l to r) Bob Walker, Kate Cheney, Laurin Glass, Nick Nicklow, Jane Kujala, Ashley Skorseth, Lauren Simensen

General Fund

Budget Receipts	\$25,683.01
Budget Expenditures	\$23,387.30
Checkbook Balance	\$20,456.11

2025 Budget = \$287,207.99

Offerings Needed

Monthly - \$23,934.17
 Sunday - \$5,523.26

<u>Income</u>	<u>March Receipts</u>	<u>Monthly Anticipated Budget</u>	<u>YTD Received</u>	<u>Anticipated YTD Budget</u>
Envelope Offering	\$ 24,743.58		\$ 67,086.04	
Loose Offering	\$ 599.43		\$ 3,673.76	
Church usage	\$ 340.00		\$ 645.00	
Total Regular Income	\$ 25,683.01	23,934.17 **	\$ 71,404.80	\$ 71,802.51

<u>Mission Support</u>	<u>March paid</u>		<u>YTD Paid</u>	
NE Synod	\$ 634.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 1,902.00	\$ 1,905.00
VLM	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 243.00
Total Mission Support	\$ 715.00	\$ 716.00	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 2,148.00

<u>Expenses</u>				
Education	\$ 1,039.02	\$ 350.01	\$ 1,039.02	\$ 1,050.03
Wellness Ministry		\$ 12.50		\$ 37.50
Stewardship	\$ 127.14	\$ 100.00	\$ 345.51	\$ 300.00
Mental Health & Wellness		\$ 41.67		\$ 125.01
Social Outreach Ministry	\$ 366.66	\$ 166.67	\$ 366.66	\$ 500.01
Worship	\$ 780.46	\$ 827.60	\$ 2,750.25	\$ 2,482.80
Church Operations	\$ 8,041.24	\$ 8,711.88	\$ 29,100.20	\$ 26,135.64
Pastoral Salary & Bene	\$ 1,353.22	\$ 7,090.53	\$ 4,049.66	\$ 21,271.59
Congreg Care Minister Sal & Bene	\$ 7,883.37	\$ 5,892.30	\$ 20,070.93	\$ 17,676.90
Misc	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 547.05	\$ 75.00
Total Expenses	\$ 20,456.11	\$ 23,934.16	\$ 60,414.28	\$ 71,802.48

Growing In Grace(3)

		<u>March</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Total loan	\$786,660.31	Mar 2	78
Current Balance	\$0.00	9-Mar	78
Pledged	\$183,603.00	16-Mar	68
Pledges Received	\$188,363.95 (48 giving units)	23-Mar	67
	102.60% thru 3.31.25	30-Mar	58

Receipts for the month ABOVE budget by \$1,748.64. Receipts, are BELOW budget for the year \$397.71

Expenses are BELOW budget for the month by \$3,478.06 Expenses are BELOW budget for the year \$11,388.23.

Memorials received this month in memory of:

Lary Kujala
 Marsha Zattola
 Katie Aune

Given by:

Mike & Lorene Enzmann,
 Mike & Lorene Enzmann, John & Claire Zweig
 Mike & Lorene Enzmann

VancoMobile link



<u>GIFTS</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Submitted-YTD</u>
Noisy Offering	\$274.06	\$968.06
Cook Food Shelf		
Social Outreach Ministry	\$434.00	\$676.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		
Salvation Army		
Lenten Offerings		
Mental Health and Wellness		\$2,695.00
Cook Lions Club-flood relief		
Camperships	\$1,505.00	\$2,005.00

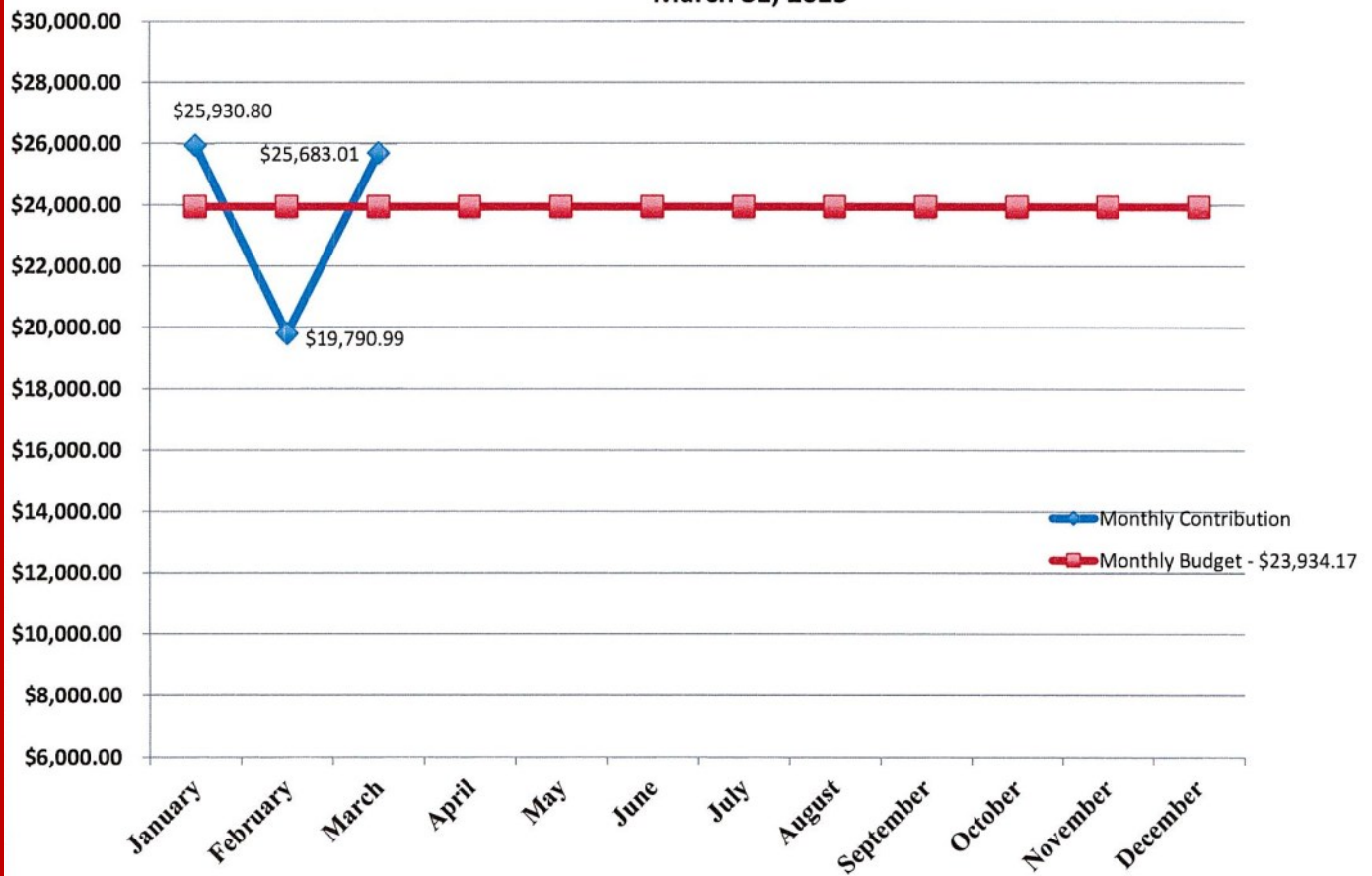
Regular offerings keep Trinity going;
Thank You for continued support.
 Whether worshipping in person or
 online, TLC ministries and missions
 are dependent on faithful giving.

*If you would like to set up regular
 electronic payments contact Sue for
 more information at 218-666-5965
 or email sue@trinitycook.org.*

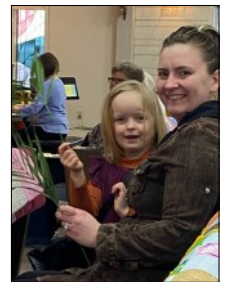
Submitted by Sue Carstens. Bkbp

Giving in Grace

2025 General Fund Offerings March 31, 2025



Waving the Palms as we enter the beginning of Holy Week.



The spring quilting may be over (135 completed), but there are always more ways to help. Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries are being assembled and collected for the Summer Convention/Gathering to be held June 16 -17 in Grand Rapids. If you would like to help, specific instructions are listed below and also available in the main entry. Completed kits can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Gerry Ruuska or Norma Thomas for further information.

Norma Thomas and Sue Gustafson attended the Laurentian Conference Gathering at First Lutheran Church in Hibbing on March 27. The theme was *"Uplifting Our Neighbors"* and the speaker was Becky Sorich from "Home on the Range" – a homeless shelter in Hibbing. Lynda Larson spoke about Hibbing High School's *"Room for Requirements"*, a program that provides an onsite store for student in need of physical items including clothing, school supplies, etc.



The day included worship service, business, installation of new officers, in-kind project updates, upcoming events, a silent auction and information about the NEMN ELCA women's synod convention (scheduled for June 16 & 17 at Zion Lutheran in Grand Rapids) on-line quilt auction.

Women from 13 churches of the Laurentian conference participated this year and it was fun visiting. Lots of information and news was received, so both Norma and Sue are available for any questions.

-- Sue Gustafson



The numerous beautiful quilts created & finished during April were blessed and carried from the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, April 13, after worship, with the assistance of many in the congregation.



Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries

We are helping Global Heath Ministries reach their goal of 10,000 Newborn Kits

Please follow these directions carefully, and make sure any used items are in excellent (like new) condition.

- 1 regular-sized bath towel, lightweight, Approx. 50" x 26"
- 1 washcloth (please not microfiber)
- 1 bath-size bar of white Ivory soap in original packaging
- 1 newborn cotton t-shirt or "onesie" - size 0-3 or newborn - No need to cut off bottom of onesie
- 1 newborn stocking hat – Size small, a newborn's head is about 14" in circumference
- 1 baby receiving blanket, between 30" x 30" and 48" x 48" – Soft cotton or medium weight flannel
- 2 cloth prefolded diapers – Cotton with reinforced center panel, minimum size 12" x 16"
- 2 diaper pins – Please no safety pins – Pin diaper pins to diapers

To assemble your kits:

- Lay items on center of towel, fold and roll (like a burrito!)
- Place towel bundle in a pillowcase if available, or tie bundle securely with strips of cloth, ribbons or twine



Thank you to Maren, Sonja, and Dale Foss for helping the BQ kids to remember Pastor Erika on her birthday.



As April comes to a close, so does Bible Quest for another successful year. Thanks to all the many volunteers (of all ages) who helped Deacon Kari and all the Children of God as they made their ways through the transitions and challenges of the past year.

Special shout-out to Mickey Maki and Kim Marwick for the snacks and goodies waiting for the children as they arrived after full days at school; to Lindy Wilenius for assisting in the transportation; to Brenda Tibbetts for her assistance with music.



Also, big thanks to Diane Pascuzzi and Marcia Price for the fun paint activity; to Bjorn Anderson and Tom Hed from Camp Vermilion for sharing a little bit of camp with us; to Norma Thomas for helping the kids transform small squares of fabric and paint into the "Love Quilt" that currently hangs in the Fellowship Hall; to the Mad Scientist who always has us ooh-ing, aahing and giggling.

A very special, loving thank you again, to Pastor Erika for remembering us and for knowing just how important Gaga ball and pancakes can be to active, hungry kids. She is missed.

A final thank you to all the other volunteers of all ages who helped in big or small ways to navigate the ins and outs of children's ministry: Vickie Lange, Jim Aune, Kerrisa Anderson, Ashley Skorseth, Lauren Simensen, Bailey Conger, Julie Aune, Nancy Lindbeck, Barb Brenna, Lila Pearson, Kate Cheney, Laurin Glass, Sophia Hoffman, Brittin Lappi, Izzy Pascuzzi, Talen Jarshaw, Vinny Pascuzzi, Sawyer Glass, Gage Aune, and Luke Cheney.

And to the Trinity family your loving support and willingness to include all of these very special Children of God

Thank You All!



It's been a fun year with a variety of activities and adventures as different grades helped Deacon Kari to plan one session each: snacks, music and games. Every week was entertaining.

One last, BIG thank you to all the families for sharing your wonderful, wide-eyed children. They are a blessing and it has been a joy to get to know and spend time with each and every one of them. Hope to see most of you in the fall, friends!



Birthdays

	16	Caleb Uchal
4	17	Sonja Foss
5		Kaden Ratai
	21	Jesse Glass
	22	Kate Cheney
	27	Anya Pearson
7	31	Crystal Whitney
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14		
15		

Anniversaries

2	Bob & Leigh Zika
9	Duane & Sue Gustafson
24	Mark & Barb Schmidt
	Dan & Nancy Reing

SAVE THE DATES:

Trinity Lutheran Day Camp
God's Word Come Near

Thursday, June 12 and Friday, June 13
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Grades K - Entering into 6th grade

Registration Information will soon be available on the
Trintiy website. (www.trinitycook.org)

MAY SUNDAY COFFEE SERVERS

5/4/25	Dale & Jody Bixby
	Edna Albertson
5/11/25	Cindy Aune
	Dawn Reing
5/18/25	Joel & Kerrisa Anderson
	Trisha Aune
5/25/25	Nick & Margaret Nicklow
	Crystal Whitney



Want to Help Keep Minnesota Beautiful?

Duane Gustafson is gathering volunteers to help clean up
Trinity's assigned area of Highway 53 north of Cook on
Wednesday, May 14.

Plan to meet in the back parking lot at 9:00 am and then to
carpool to a 2-mile segment beginning just north Ryan's
Rustic Rails.

*Please dress for the weather, with comfortable footwear &
work gloves; vests & trash bags will be provided. Hwy 53
is a very busy highway; no children under 18, please.*



*Lord, Hear Our Prayers for those
needing healing and comfort:*

Ryann Lee, Mary Larson, Audrey Floyd
Hill, Gary Whitenack, Dudley Reing,
Art Dale, Walter Putney, Marla Kahn, Dave O'Melia,
Bruce & Judy Anderson, Barry Hansen, and Kevin Cairn.

- + All those in the Cook community still working toward recovery and reconstruction after July's flooding
- + Families and communities that are still trying to get back on their feet following the devastating storms, fires, and floods throughout the country
- + Citizens, refugees and their families caught in the devastation and military actions in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.
- + People facing medical testing, challenges, & difficult situations
- + Those serving in the armed forces, at home or abroad.
- + Those seeking Jesus Christ in their lives.

Elmer Van Heuvel celebrated his 94th birthday with his Trinity family on Sunday, April 13, with a yummy cake provided by his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Dale Horihan.



God's blessings to you and may the coming year be a good one.



Another successful Community Meal was prepared and served by volunteers of all ages on Thursday, April 24, with a total of 119 meals going out. Thanks again to all the many volunteers who help make this event happen. You may not all be pictured, but you are all a blessing to the Cook community and the Trinity family.



Scripture Readings May 2025

May 4

3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 11

4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 18

5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 25

6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
John 14:23-29

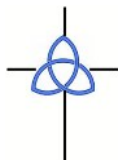
Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**



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4 Synod Assembly Worship 9:30 am Cook Care Center 1:30pm AA, Al-Anon 6:30pm	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Well 9:30 am Knit/Crochet 11 am	6 Bible Study 9:30 am Worship Team 10:30	7 Carefree 10:00am "Footsteps of Paul" Potluck 5:30 pm Grace Notes 5:15pm Choir 6:30 pm	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	9 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	10 
11  Mother's Day Worship 9:30 am w/ communion	12 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Well WILL NOT BE MEETING	13 Bible Study 9:30 am	14 Hwy 53 Cleanup 9:00 am WELCA 9:30 am Grace Notes 5:15pm Choir 6:30 pm	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	16	17
DEACON KARI OLSON WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE MAY 12 - 17						
18  Senior Day Worship 9:30 am w/ communion	19 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Well 9:30 am Knit/Crochet 11 am	20 Bible Study 9:30 am	21 Grace Notes 5:15pm Choir 6:30 pm	22 Community Meal 4-5:30 pm	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24 
25 AA, Al-Anon 6:30pm	26  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Well WILL NOT BE MEETING	27 Bible Study 9:30 am NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOON	28 Grace Notes 5:15pm Choir 6:30 pm	29	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	31

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Financial Manager/Bookkeeper: Sue Carstens
Secretary: Beth Sprouls



Sunday Worship 9:30 am
(Holy Communion Most Sundays)
Livestream Available on
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