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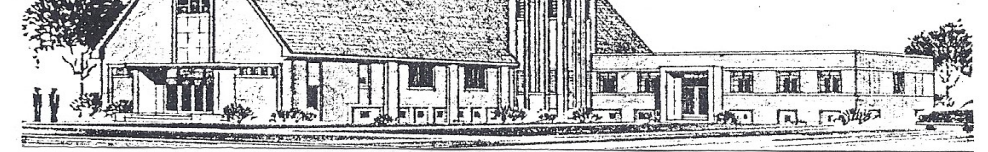
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Trinity Tidings



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's almost March. The days are getting longer and we have begun our trek to warmer days. As I write this letter it is snowing outside with a prediction of 4-6 inches. This does not seem to bother me at all, because I trust that it will all be gone in due time. With Spring right around the corner, I am happy to see some of the white stuff. Yes, I know. What are you thinking? Are you crazy? Not exactly, but I do know that if it is warm enough to snow, then I do not have to worry so much about my animals in the barn, whether my car will start, what about all of you on the road, etc. Also, if it is to snow that much, I just have to make sure there are provisions in the cupboard, brew some coffee and enjoy the quiet snowfall—all while claiming it's shorts weather.

March also brings us to the heart of Lent. A time of pondering all that Jesus will do for us Easter week. A time to reflect on our own brokenness as humans. A time to focus on the Cross. Each Wednesday in Lent we continue our look at God's Promises/God's Promises Fulfilled where we are reminded of how God has been faithful to God's people throughout history. Does God get angry with us? Yes. Do we disappoint God? Almost daily. Does God abandon us? Does he leave us alone? Does he quit caring or wanting to be in relationship with us? NO, He does not. God has and will always love His people and His creation. He provides for us and watches after us. God makes promises and makes good on those promises.

As we focus on our own broken humanity, we cannot help but focus on the Cross. God's promise for you through the Cross is unfathomable, unbelievable, unconscionable! It is undeserved and unearned, and yet it is for you. This is the Grace of God poured out for you in the sacrifice of His one and only Son. It all runs through the Cross.

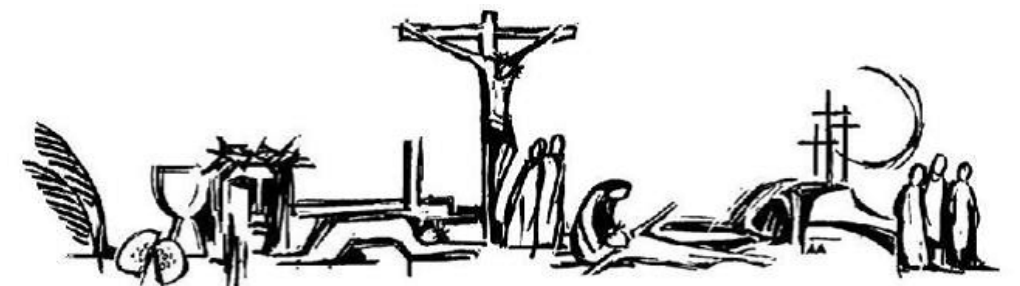
I invite you this Lenten season to contemplate what promises God has made in your life and what promises he has made good on? How is God working in your life? How does the story of this Jesus character impact you? Who is this Jesus to you?

Remember from dust you come, and to dust you shall return.

Lenten Blessings to All,

Pastor Rick

You are Named and Claimed, Sealed and Marked, Called and Sent, Forever.



Holy Week Worship Schedule:

~Palm Sunday~

March 28, 9:30AM Worship

~Maundy Thursday~

April 1, 7:00PM Worship with
Holy Communion

~Good Friday~

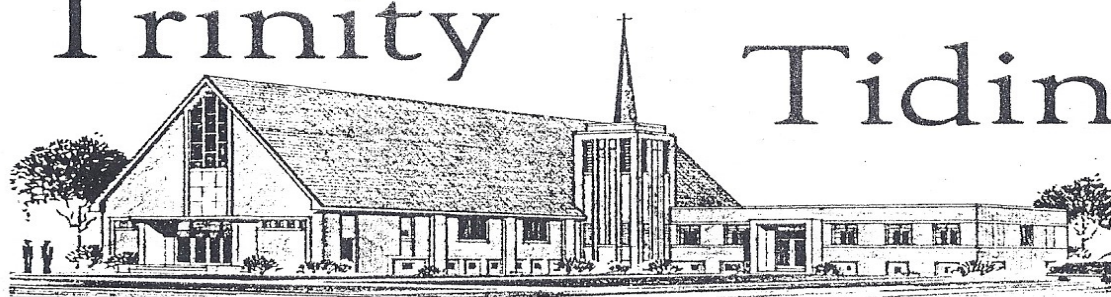
April 2, 7:00PM Worship

~Easter Sunday~

April 4, 7:00AM & 9:30AM
Worship



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WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Marcella Fors
Shirley Norgard

In Memory of Florence Holm
Ruth Evans

In Memory of Joan Anderson
Ruth Evans
Marilyn Clark
Gary & Julie Lunde-Pew Cushions
Shirley Norgard
Clarence & Mary Steffen
Beverly Ellefson-Pew Cushions
Clarence & JuliAnn Sandvik
Lynn & Sonja Johnson
Orville & Beverly Tranby
Ray & Barb Walker

In Memory of Steve Dahl
Beverly Ellefson-Pew Cushions
Orville & Beverly Tranby

In Memory of Ardell Lovejoy
Jason McCardle & Wendy Serr



All memorials received are deposited to the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. These funds are used to pay for special projects as designated by the donor. Designations currently established are: Banners, Altar Guild, Pew Cushions, Music, Rock Garden, SAMs Program, Sunday School, Youth and Undesignated. Please indicate if you would like your memorial designated to one of these or another of your choice. Your giving in honor or memory of loved ones is greatly appreciated.



**"God's Promises—
God's Promises Fulfilled"**

Please join us for
Wednesday evening
Lenten Services at 7:00PM



The Quilters meet
each Tuesday at
9:00am. Everyone
is welcome to join
them!



A Blessing

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to
serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a
blessing, in the name of the holy and
life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

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—Education

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Dane Mueller—Social & Fellowship

Karen Hornung—Stewardship

Nicky Wathne—Worship

Next Council meeting—March 3, 7:30PM

We appreciate the dedication of our Sunday offering counting teams.



* March—Ruth & Lois
* April—Chris & Connie
* May—Beverly & Shirley

Our 2021 Offering Envelopes
are here and ready for you to
pick up. Please find yours in the
church library.



The Youth Ministry ZONE

We are in search of a few things for the fireside youth room downstairs. Before buying things, Pastor thought we'd see if any of you have these things sitting around in your basement collecting dust.

Wanted in good condition: 1.Pool table with or without balls and sticks

2.Foosball table

3.Pingpong table (the current one is broken).

If you have one of these items and would like to donate it to the church, please contact the office so we can arrange a time to pick it up. We'll also need volunteers to help move these things.



Maundy Thursday

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.

Come to this meal and be fed.

Pastor Rick will be offering classes for those who wish to take their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1. Please contact him or the church office for more information.



"Hosanna!"

Palm Sunday is March 28th! We hope to see the Sunday School kids lead the palm procession and sing for us.

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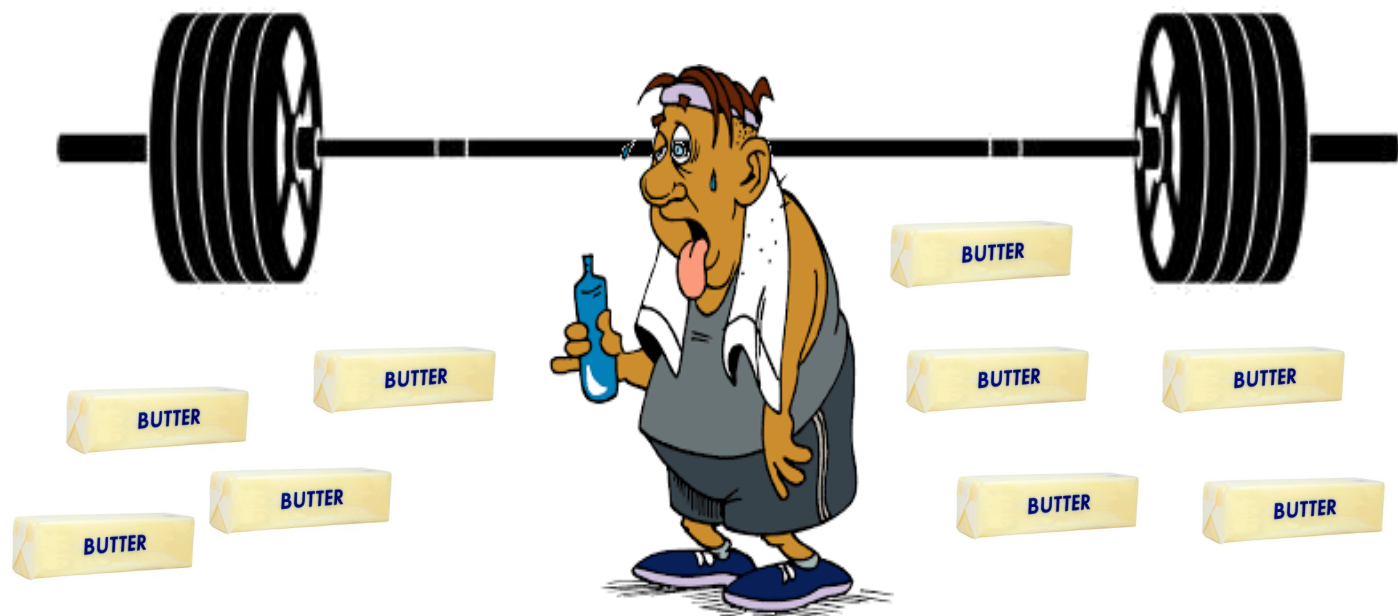
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WORSHIP



This talented group of young people helps to tell about God's Promises to us each Wednesday during Lent. (L-R) Welton— aka Kermit the Frog, Tia— aka Daisy, Jersey—aka Louisa, Tatum—aka Adam, Tyson— aka Ben



Pounds Off Pastor (POP)

We are happy to report that as of February 24th Pastor Rick has lost 27 pounds!

He issued us a challenge to pledge \$\$\$\$\$\$ in support of his weight loss journey. His goal was to receive pledges to total \$50 for each pound he lost. *We surpassed the goal!* He now has pledges of \$51 per pound with additional donations to bring the amount raised to \$1,595 so far.

As you may recall, 20% of funds raised will be given away locally, 30% will go to future FCA camps, 20% to the nursing home PT center, 15% to the RC Cooper Athletic Center and 15% to the WeeCare daycare center.

Please get in touch with Pastor Rick or Allison in the office if you have any questions, want to pledge, or want to join in the journey.

*Updates on Pastor's journey will be shared on the church website and Facebook page.



27 pounds = 54 sticks of butter!



- ♦ The Bread of Life Food Pantry serves any Griggs County resident in need.
- ♦ They are open **every 3rd Wednesday from 4—5:30PM**. Drive up and a basket will be brought to your vehicle.
- ♦ If that day doesn't work or if you have questions or concerns, please call or text **Farrah at 701-730-6221** to set up an appointment.

"Get One/Give One"

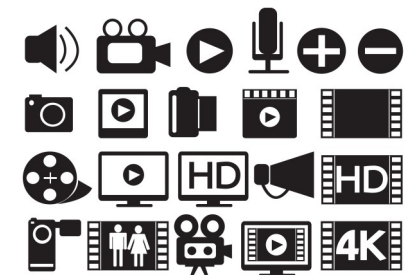
We will continue with this fundraiser for our community during Lent. You are invited to participate in "Get One/Give One". Three ways to do this:

1. Inform your checker at Miller's that you want to give one to the food pantry, the checker will set that item aside to be taken to the food pantry right here in town.
2. Take the items to the food pantry yourself.
3. Bring the items to Trinity and our church will make sure it gets delivered.

We always encourage you to support our local businesses but if you run across a deal in another town, bring the item(s) you **Get** and **Give** it here in Cooperstown.



The Trinity Tidings is published the last week of each month. If you have information you wish to have included in our newsletter, please be sure to contact the church office— 797-3611 or officemanager@trinitycooperstown.com



Thanks to a generous donation from a member of our congregation, our Multi-Media System will be upgraded soon!

If you would like to join the Multi-Media team, please talk to Pastor Rick or Kelly Urness. Additional training will take place with the upgrade.

To view our Sunday worship: tlccooperstown.com