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The Lamplighter

The Joy in Uncertainty

I often listen to the radio while I'm driving, and I keep hearing the same commercials repeated over and over again. Commercials can tell you a lot about the world we live in. They tap into (or simply try to shape) what people are looking for in their lives and may be willing to pay money to get. The first thing this morning when I started my car, the ad for "California Psychics" came on. (It plays several times an hour.) In the midst of so many different stresses and difficult life decisions that a person may be called on to make, how can you be "certain" that you make the right ones? How can you find the "joy of certainty?"

Cue the commercial: "California Psychics is top quality -- only 2% of the many would-be California Psychics are chosen." Who knew there were that many aspiring psychics around to choose from? They offer "peace of mind in challenging times, validation for difficult decisions; insight for the next step forward; and bring closure and healing in grief." "The Joy of Certainty."

There's a special for new clients, of course: just \$20 for 20 minutes toward the first reading. The ad makes a remarkable promise, one that caught my theological radar: "Guaranteed life-changing or it's free." Real life-change takes time, and you can't buy it for \$20. I wondered how they would even make good on that promise of "free if it doesn't change your life." So, I checked the Web -- a client can ask for refund one time in a month, *within 24 hours of the call*, and you get credit --no cash back--*for another reading*. Cue the fine print: "The service is provided for entertainment value. We don't guarantee that readers' predictions will come true, but we do our best to ensure that you enjoy the Readings."

In this season of Epiphany, we hear about Jesus calling his disciples, preaching and teaching, and healing. The call of Jesus is life-changing, and his "reading" of the human heart is worthy of our confidence. In the Gospel of Mark especially, the action is "immediate," and so, an encounter with Jesus is often "life-changing" in ways that may be immediately realized. The life-change offered by Jesus is received by faith, which is marked by "confidence" but not "certainty." With "certainty" you don't really need faith. As we enter the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday is February 14) we are reminded that what Jesus offers is both freely given, and very costly. It cost Jesus his life, and as followers of Jesus, we are freed to receive God's grace -- so we can pick up our own costly service to others as a response of faith. Living in that faith, we can confidently celebrate joy even in the ever-present uncertainties of life.





REMINDER! Please check the church calendar in the office before scheduling an activity at the church. Thanks for your help!

THANK YOU TO THE JANUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Recording/sound engineers: Adam & Jody Pomfret;
Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller.

Lay assistants: Linda Afdahl, John Neuenschwander, Tom Weir, John McIntyre

Ushers: Ray & Suzi Bloomer, Gordon & Linda Afdahl, Gayle Bland, Aiden Pomfret, Pete & Donna Gustafson

Altar Care: Denise Taylor, Suzi Bloomer, Jody Pomfret, Pat McIntyre

Communion Bread: Denise Taylor, Carol Hawn, Kim Schoffstall, Donna Gustafson

Please Note:

Council Items Due - Thur, 2/15 @ 9:30a

Council Meeting - Mon, 2/19 @ 7:00p

Newsletter Items Due - Tues, 2/20 @ 9:30a



BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2/3 Rudie Butler | 2/14 Jim Ross |
| 2/7 Rev. Dana Newhouse | 2/16 Jenna McFarland |
| 2/8 Andrew Baber | 2/17 Robert Dierdorf |
| 2/8 John Schoffstall | 2/19 Maggie McLennan |
| 2/9 Sean McLennan | 2/22 Cody Spallone |
| 2/11 Randy Bland | 2/23 James Woolsey |
| 2/11 Aiden Pomfret | 2/26 Luke Yeagley |
| 2/11 Sandy Teeters | 2/27 Arianna Greene |
| 2/12 Beth Faust | |
| 2/13 Jim Rodenberger | |
| 2/14 Margie Phillips | |



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/5 Ray Bloomer
- 3/7 Sherri Southwick
- 3/9 Daniel Goldsworthy
- 3/16 Larry Hawn
- 3/19 James Pendergast
- 3/20 Isabel Rodenberger
- 3/27 Michael Stewart
- 3/28 Kristen Goldsworthy
- 3/30 Dalton Brown



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/2 Harry & Virginia English
- 2/25 Adam & Jody Pomfret

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/18 Sean & Sheri McLennan
- 3/22 Brian & Nicole Stewart
- 3/31 Bruce & Karol Martindale

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Counters for February: Darrel & Sue Gosse



<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
2/4/24	Sue Gosse	Marvin & Barb Mericle	Jody Pomfret/Sue Gosse (set up/clean up) Barb Mericle (bread)
2/11/24	Gayle Bland	Bob & Denise Taylor	Jody Pomfret (set up/clean up) Gayle Bland (bread)
2/14/24	Patricia McIntyre	Gordon & Linda Afdahl	Jody Pomfret (set up/clean up) Jody Pomfret (bread)
2/18/24	Gordon Afdahl	Tom & Kathy Weir	Denise Taylor (set up/clean up) Denise Taylor (bread)
2/25/24	Carol Hawn	John & Kim Schoffstall	Jody Pomfret (set up/clean up) Kim Schoffstall (bread)



Unlike contemporary culture's emphasis on a single day, December 25th, the classic celebration of Christmas in the church is a 12 night feast. This year the Growing Young Committee (GYC) partnered with St. Stephens Episcopal Church, St. Mark's United Church of Christ, and Centenary United Methodist Church to serve a holiday fest to celebrate the 12th night of the Christmas season. In addition to inviting members from the respective congregations the GYC made efforts to invite our neighbors in the community that perhaps did not have the experience of a warm house or the means to afford a hot, home-cooked meal



Preparing for the event, the GYC posted flyers for the event at the library at the local library, St. Benedict's soup kitchen, and the 14th & Chesnutt Center. Congregations prepared a variety of tasty dishes from roasted turkey, Waldorf salad, and desserts too many to name! This was the second year to celebrate on the 12th night and this year's attendance was estimated to be tripled from the first year.

The enjoyment of the delectable food was only surpassed by the time of fellowship with our neighbors; we had the opportunity not only to serve but to listen to our neighbors stories over a shared meal. As the evening drew to a close members of the various congregations were discussing way for us all to meet & serve together again.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them" -Matthew 18:20

It is my honor to serve the congregation as council president for 2024. The goals below were approved by the council and the congregation. In the months ahead they will be developed and implemented. Decisions will be brought to the congregation. Please let me know your ideas and be willing to step up where you can contribute to the success of these goals. We all can pray that the Holy Spirit directs our steps. I know that 2024 will be a significant year in the history of our church: ***Growing in Grace, Sharing Christ's love!***

Sue Gosse, Trinity Council President 812 299-5251

From the Trinity Council and approved at the Congregational Meeting January 21.2024

Reclaim non-attending members and add new members.

HOW to accomplish this GOAL?

- **PRAY! Welcome and INVITE...**
- **Each one bring ONE**
- **Council and congregation members reach out personally to members to ReEngage with TLC**
- **Forces of magnetism...curiosity, warmth**

Determine feasibility of solo pastor versus partnering with St. Mark UCC in shared ministry

HOW to accomplish this GOAL?

- **Continue meeting with leadership from St. Mark UCC and synod**
- **Determine details of shared ministry (\$)**
- **Constant communication with congregation**

Implement recommended building changes to make Trinity universally accessible.

- **Marigold entrance portico, automatic door, railing?**
- **Bathrooms in the main hall?**
- **Other planned updating?**
- **Special project—Sign?**

HOW to accomplish this GOAL?

- **Grant funding?**
- **Low interest loan?**
- **Capital Campaign?**
- **Other?**

QUILTERS will meet Sat., Feb. 10 at 9am. Bring your scissors and rested hands!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Cackleberries on Tuesday 2/13 & 2/27 @ 8:30am.

TRINITY WOMEN: Trinity Women will not meet in the month of February due to conflicts with Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services. See you in March!

FIRST FRIDAY CARDS: First Friday cards met on the first Friday of the first month of the year, 2024. We had more food than we could eat and we celebrated the late December and January birthdays with cake but no candles. We visited, we sang (Happy Birthday, of course), we played cards, we cleaned up, we went home. Just your typical Friday night activities. The scorekeeper won the card game but the rest of us were tired and really didn't mind. There was a tiny bit of snow in the air so that drew conversation with winter predictions. There were no resolutions broken because most of us didn't make them. In general, we had a pleasant evening with little conflict and lots of good food and fellowship. Join this boisterous group in February for a stimulating evening (maybe) of food and fellowship.



See you February 2 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

TRINITY RINGERS continue rehearsals on Wednesday at 5:15 pm. Bring your rested and relaxed hands and wrists, your sharp eyes, and be ready to laugh and play some music. Thanks for your dedication and willingness to play.

Questions, see Suzi Bloomer (812-877-4273).



GIVE THE CHOIR A TRY FOR LENT AND EASTER!

Consider adopting a Lenten discipline and sing in the choir for Lent and Easter. New voices are always welcome. Rehearsals are on **Wednesday Evenings**. Our normal rehearsal time is 6:30 but during the Lenten season we will rehearse following the soup/salad supper and program at approximate 7:15. If you have any questions please speak with our music director Sara Johnson or any choir member. You can speak with Sara following worship on Sunday mornings, reach her by phone at (812)360-0897 or email at sarajjohnson72@yahoo.com. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

LENTEN CHALLENGE

Trinity Women, once again, offers you a Lenten Challenge. We encourage you to give up your fancy coffee or extra-large coke or fast food meal and donate to help feed the world what you would have spent for that perk. This year we are supporting Lutheran World Relief's global barnyard. In honor of our 100th anniversary, we are hoping to buy 100 chickens. Money collected over that will be used to purchase pigs. Chickens are "a buck a chick" so we only need to have donated \$100 to have 100 chicks and meet that goal. Pigs are \$30 and our goal is to buy 15 pigs. All in all, we are looking forward to having 100 chickens and at least 15 pigs. Now, as the price of coffee, coke, and fast food has increased, it shouldn't take us long to reach that goal and move beyond. Watch the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to see how we are doing. Donations may be included in your regular offering and labeled "barnyard" or may be given to any of the Trinity Women. Cash, checks, electronic transfers are all accepted.





We extend our gratitude to those who have helped to provide music for our 10 am worship services in January. The Trinity Choir provided offertory music on January 7th, 21st and 28th; and the Trinity Ringers provided prelude and offertory music on January 14th.

Thanks are also offered to our corps of cantors: Elizabeth Eichmiller, John McIntyre, Patricia McIntyre, John Neuenschwander, Charles Parks, and Bill Strecker for their faithful service throughout the year.

Thanks be to God for Jenna McFarland, our Parish Administrator, for providing all our printed and online worship materials, keeping us informed of our schedule of activities and performing many unseen but necessary tasks.

A hearty thank you is also extended to Pastor Donna Glazier for leading our worship on January 7, 2024.

And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our worship on Sunday mornings, her guidance of our congregation, her meaningful messages and her pastoral care. We are blessed to have her leadership of Trinity.

Trinity is blessed to have many talented people sharing their talents in service to Christ throughout the year. Thank you all!



BE PRAYING FOR...

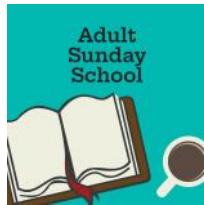
Christina Browne, Carla Chapman, Corrine Erickson, Braden Hunt, Kristan Hunt, Jade, Janet, Don Johnson, Kris Johnson and Debbie, P.K. Johnson, Jean Lapp, Jack & Carol Lee, Mary Lee, Deval Lennon, Bruce and Karol Martindale, Richard Martindale, Judy McGregor, Pastor Dana and Susie Newhouse, Briar Osborn, Charles Parks, Pastor Ben and Pastor Susan Stallings, Sarah Stroik, Sarah VanSell, and Rhoda Wood.

Bottle Cap Collection

We are collecting bottle caps for Reach Services in Terre Haute. Info on what is accepted is located in the Narthex. We look forward to collecting caps and lids & building more benches! For more information, contact Elizabeth Eichmiller @ 812-698-3365 or ebrochin95gmail.com

Pastor's Discretionary Fund assists with individuals in need of assistance, primarily utility needs by working with the Salvation Army. Any help replenishing this fund is greatly appreciated. *Mark your offering envelope .*

Calling all adults! Come join in on
Adult Sunday School held
every Sunday
before service at 9am!



2024 PENNY POWER OFFERING

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

- January \$60.90
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December



2024 Total: \$60.90

Equals 6,090 cups of milk for needy children!!

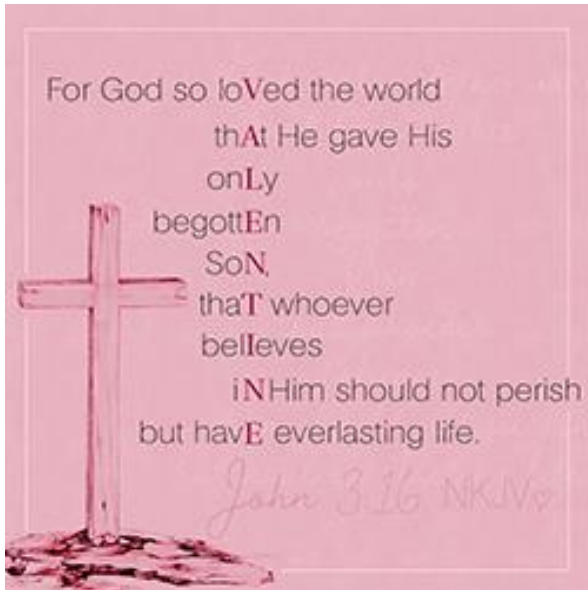


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Operating Budget Summary at December 31, 2023

	2023		2022
	Actual	% of Budget	Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$150,419.52	105.3%	\$ 142,869.00
Expenses for budgeted items	\$150,890.77	93.2%	\$ 161,824.00
Revenues over/(under) expenses	(\$471.25)		\$ (18,955.00)

Unified giving and other revenues for 2023 were \$11,797.41 higher than the previous year, and were \$7,550.52 higher than budget for the year. Expenses were \$10,933.23 lower than budget for the year, but much higher than the previous year. Year to date expenses exceeded revenues by just \$471.25. Obviously, this is much better than the budgeted deficit of \$18,955.





2023 PENNY POWER OFFERING

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

January	71.68
February	36.45
March	55.93
April	71.20
May	41.23
June	89.26
July	60.30
August	66.43
September	30.04
October	62.32
November	70.71
December	67.95



2023 Total: \$723.50

Equals 72,350 cups of milk for needy children!!

What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA is a wonderful way to support Trinity's ministries and receive key tax benefits.

Here's how it works: Under IRS tax law, at age 72 you are required to withdraw from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) a certain amount of money known as your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). These distributions made directly to you are taxed as they are withdrawn. However, taxpayers over age 70½ can have their QCD paid directly to their church from their IRA, and thereby avoid federal income tax on this money while supporting the ministries of their church.

Please consult with your tax or legal advisor about proceeding with your QCD gift plan.



TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 11:30-12:30 COME AS YOU ARE!

Topical Bible study using the book, *102 Fascinating Bible Studies*, written by a Baptist pastor, Preston A. Taylor. The unusual thing about this study is that each of the 102 chapters stand alone. There are 102 topics arranged in alphabetical order. Each chapter contains ten Bible passages with questions related to the topic.

We read the Bible passages and discuss the questions. We usually spend two meetings on each chapter. Talk to Johnny Neuenschwander who sets up the Zoom meetings. He will send you a link and reminder. Everyone is welcome to participate.

If viewing the pdf while you are online, you can click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9142075889?pwd=VkU5R3BydFMzMzZlZzgyS3kvdjFzdz09>



Banner Dedications

During this Epiphany Season, the 100th Anniversary Committee has been working with artists in the congregation to create beautiful banners to celebrate with. Each week, one banner was put on display and presented during the service.

Featured Banner



January 7, 2024
Prince of Peace

By Elisse Neuenschwander

When I first looked at this Nativity Scene Wall Hanging I fell in love with it, I thought it would be beautiful hanging in our church. I call it "Prince Of Peace". Isaiah 9:6, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Featured Banner

January 14, 2024
Tree of Life

By Kim Schoffstall



I chose to use earth tones in the banner to reflect colors in nature. The tree is a symbol of us as Christians. The leaves on the tree are results of God's work through us. The roots are our foundation in Christ that supports and feeds our growth and whole being.

This banner was done with Applique and was cut out by hand. The quilting was completed by my dear friend, Elisse.

Featured Banner

January 21, 2024-Church Symbols-By Sandy Teeters

I decided on a banner that could be used multiple times during the church year. My inspiration came from a catalog of banners. The banner I liked displayed three symbols of our faith, (the Fish, the Candle, and the Chalice with stalks of wheat), however all symbols were incorporated into one panel piece, which also emphasized the colors of purple, blue and green. The seams are ¼" wide and the raw edges are finished in a zigzag stitch to prevent unraveling from washing. Each panel measures 15 ½" X 50" for a total measurement of 46 ½" X 50" when all three panels are used together.

Featured Banner

January 28, 2024-Trust-By Sandy Teeters

I decided to make a banner that could be used during the seasons of Epiphany and/or Pentecost . My inspiration came from a picture of a banner which contained inspirational verses. The heart and cross came from an embroidery web site, and I knew it had to be the focal piece. The eight pointed rotated gold star with the gold cross in the middle represents our faith. All seams are ¼ inch wide, the raw edges are finished in a zigzag stitch to prevent raveling, and stabilizer fabric is utilized on the embroidered pieces. The completed banner measures 41 1/2" by 52 ½ "and can be hung by inserting a rod into the sleeve at the top of the panel.

Featured Banner



February 4, 2024
Cross of Baptism
By Kim Schoffstall

The blues and greens in this banner symbolize the water used in our baptism. The white dove and the rays represent the Holy Spirit shared with us during our baptism. The pattern made me think of the joy that is bestowed during this sacrament.

Featured Banner

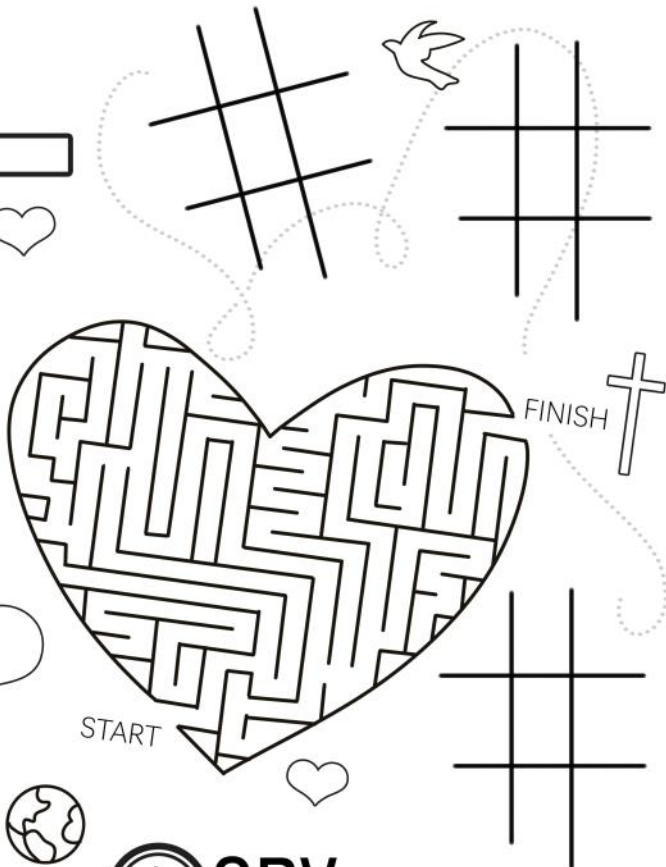
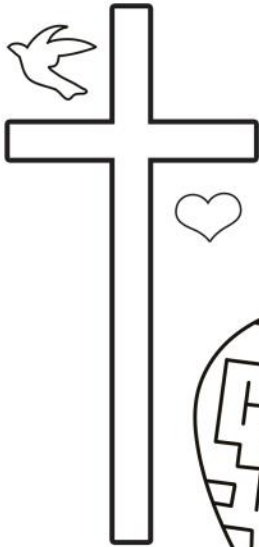
February 11, 2024
Love For Us
By Elisse Neuenschwander



"Love For Us", is the name of the Cross Banner. I really enjoyed making this for our church, all the beautiful colors and different materials for the Cross.

I hope everyone will enjoy it.

JESUS
LOVES
me



THINGS I LOVE...

H	Z	F	N	C	O	Q	N	A	Y	REJOICE
E	P	R	O	Z	J	Q	E	B	I	HEART
A	R	J	E	L	G	R	D	K	H	LOVE
R	T	E	C	J	L	V	L	I	Y	FOLLOWS
T	Y	S	G	O	O	N	N	H		ANGEL
A	B	U	J	E	L	I	W	D	O	HOPE
H	N	S	O	E	N	O	C	S	P	GENTLE
J	Q	G	Y	Q	T	T	V	E	E	JESUS
W	U	R	E	F	F	S	L	E	S	KIND
T	W	X	H	L	L	N	A	E	A	JOY

SPY...

Find & color the below images on the page



How many hearts can you find on the page?
a. 12 b. 14 c. 9

AS THE FATHER HAS
LOVED ME,
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV

COLOR THE BOOKMARK & THEN CUT IT OUT.

FEBRUARY

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Pastor: Karen Husby: 812-230-2628
 President: Sue Gosse: 812-299-5251
 Vice President: Andrew Eichmiller: 812-797-2720
 Secretary: Jody Pomfret: 812-243-1130
 Financial Secretary: Greg Essig: 812-230-3208



Treasurer: Gordy Afdahl: 812-877-0903
 Organist/Music Director: Sara Johnson: 812-360-0897
 Administrative Assistant: Jenna McFarland: 812-240-3970
 Church: 812-232-7628

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2		2	4	1	2 6p First Friday Cards Groundhog Day	3
4 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	5	6 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	7 5:15p Handbells 6:30p Choir	8 National Kite Flying Day	9	10 9a Quilting
11 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	12 7p Council Meeting w/ St. Mark's @ Trinity	13 8:30a Men's Breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	14 5:15p Handbells 6:30p Choir 7p Service Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15 9:30a Council Items Due	16	17 Random Act of Kindness Day
18 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	19 7p Council Meeting President's Day	20 9:30a Newsletter Items Due 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	21 5:15p Handbells 6p Soup & Salad + Lesson 7:15p Choir	22 National Walk the Dog Day	23	24
25 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Penny Power	26	27 8:30a Men's Breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible Study 1p Organ Viewing Meeting	28 5:15p Handbells 6p Soup & Salad + Lesson 7:15p Choir	29		

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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TLC website: <https://trinityterrehaute.org>

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:30a-1:30p

Sunday Services

10a IN-PERSON &

ONLINE SERVICE

[https://www.youtube.com/
@trinitylutheranchurchterre4439](https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurchterre4439)



TRINITY'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

Growing in
Grace,
Sharing
Christ's
Love.



Accompanying Guiding Principles

- Rooted in the Grace of Christ
- Listen, trust, and move with the Holy Spirit
- Generously share God's Gifts
- Love our neighbors
- Accept and welcome all

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