



GOD AT WORK, THROUGH US

It has been more than 500 years since the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. Next year, Trinity will mark 100 years as a congregation, and the ministries and people through the decades will be recognized and celebrated. Just this week, an article in the Terre Haute newspaper highlighted the new organ being installed at Trinity, and the great work of so many people in making that happen.

Even as we have a rich history to lift up, we recognize that Lutherans tend to keep a low profile. We can be insulated from the big picture of Lutherans and Lutheranism around the world. But that does not mean that we Lutherans do not put our faith to work in public life. And here are a few examples of that:

LUTHERANS IN AMERICA: DID YOU KNOW?

1. Lutherans were in America 7 years before the Pilgrims.
2. The first book translated into any American Indian language was Luther's Small Catechism.
3. The first "Stars and Stripes" was made by Sara Austin and the Ladies Aid Society of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.
4. Our Statue of Liberty was made by a French Lutheran, M. Frederic Bartholdi.
5. Washington's army at the Battle of Trenton was composed largely of Lutherans.
6. It was a Lutheran boy who called a Lutheran sexton to ring the Liberty Bell.
7. The Liberty Bell was hauled from Philadelphia to Allentown, PA by a Lutheran and then hidden under the floor of Zion Lutheran Church.
8. The second oldest military unit in America was formed by 137 men from St. John's Lutheran Church, Charleston, South Carolina in 1775.
9. The first president of the Continental Congress was a Lutheran, John Hanson. He served until George Washington was inaugurated.
10. A Lutheran, Michael Hilligan, became the first Treasurer of the U.S., serving until Alexander Hamilton took office.

A Lutheran pastor, Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg, was the first Speaker of the House of Representatives. With John Adams, he signed the first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights

But it's not just historical Lutherans who have made a mark in our world. Did you know that last year, the 300 organizations of Lutheran Services of America, one of the largest nonprofit health and human services networks, located in 1,400 communities in the United States, served more than 6 million clients? That means they served one in 50 people in the United States and the Caribbean. Or look at The Lutheran World Federation, which represents 77 million Lutherans in 149 Lutheran church bodies in 99 countries. In 2022, they celebrated their 75th anniversary, having been founded after World War II to help heal the devastations of war. LWF information states that "Public engagement is the church's ongoing response to the freedom that is ours in Christ to love and serve the neighbor. The Reformation clearly expressed that this freedom emerges from the salvation by grace through faith." *God's Work, Our Hands*. That's a legacy worth celebrating!

Pastor Karen Husby





THANK YOU TO THE APRIL WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Lay assistants: Sue Gosse, Eli Moffett, John Neuenschwander, Patricia McIntyre, Linda Afdahl, Jody Pomfret, Gordon Afdahl.

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

Altar Care: Jody Pomfret, Denise Taylor, Patricia McIntyre, Suzi Bloomer, Sue Gosse.

Communion Bread: Kim Schoffstall, Jody Pomfret, Denise Taylor, Sandy Teeters, Carol Hawn

Ushers: John & Kim Schoffstall, John Neuenschwander, Tina Teeters, Bob & Denise Taylor, Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller, Gordon & Linda Afdahl, Suzi Bloomer.

Council Items Due - 5/11 @ 9:30a
Council Meeting - 5/15 @ 7p
Newsletter Items Due - 5/22 @ 9:30a
Call Committee Meeting - 5/23 @ 7p
Mutual Ministry Virtual Meeting - 5/30 @ 5:30p



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 5/2 Elizabeth Eichmiller | 5/17 Sam Gumm |
| 5/3 Jean Lapp | 5/19 Robert Taylor |
| 5/3 Linda Ross | 5/20 Cynthia Olmi |
| 5/7 Amy Essig | 5/25 Lori Essig |
| 5/8 Bill Strecker | 5/27 Robbie Baber |
| 5/14 Sara Johnson | 5/29 Barbara Mericle |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 6/1 John Moon | 6/13 Jonathan Baber |
| 6/3 Joe Faust | 6/13 Gayle Bland |
| 6/3 Lise Speer | 6/15 Virginia English |
| 6/8 Bruce Martindale | 6/24 Julia Pomfret |
| 6/10 Maranda Schoffstall | |



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5/2 John & Rudie Butler | 5/19 Jim & Linda Ross |
| 5/3 Larry & Carol Hawn | 5/31 Randy & Gayle Bland |
| 5/14 Greg & Lori Essig | |



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| 6/1 John & Elisse Neuenschwander |
| 6/21 Eli & Sage Moffett |
| 6/22 Daniel & Michelle Goldsworthy |

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY



Counters for May: Ray & Suzi Bloomer

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
5/07/23	Pete Gustafson	John Neuenschwander & Aiden Pomfret	Suzi Bloomer/Sue Gosse (set-up/clean-up) Kim Schoffstall (bread)
5/14/23	Carol Hawn	Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller	Jody Pomfret/Elizabeth Eichmiller (set-up/clean-up) Jody Pomfret (bread)
5/21/23	Eli Moffett	Marv & Barb Mericle	Jody Pomfret/Donna Gustafson (set-up/clean-up) Sandy Teeters (bread)
5/28/23	Gordon Afdahl	John & Kim Schoffstall	Denise Taylor (set-up/clean-up) Denise Taylor (bread)

Sisters of Providence: Upcoming Events



Spring Plant Sale: Friday, May 5, 11a-5p & Saturday May 6, 9a-3p; WVC Greenhouse

Taize: Tuesday, May 9, 7-8p

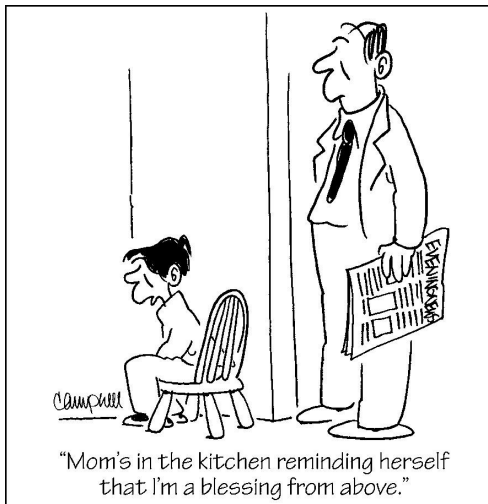
Thursday Guided Meditation: Thursday, May 11, 6:30-7:30p



Mother's Day Brunch: Sunday, May 14; O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall, PSCC

Treat mom, grandma, and all the mother figures in your life to a special Sunday Brunch in the elegant and spacious O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. Enjoy a special menu prepared by Bon Appetit featuring shrimp cocktail, prime rib, and more. See Brunch.SistersofProvidence.org for prices and seating times.

Faith and the Arts: Saturday, May 20, 9a-12p; Foley Room, PSCC





The **quilting group** will meet Sat., May 13th at 9am in the fellowship hall. Quilts are made for both LWR and Union Layettes. Experience required: being able to tie knots in your shoelaces.

Summer is coming!
Plan time for camp!



Brochures available in the narthex.



Cackleberrries on Tuesday 5/09 & 5/23 @ 8:30am.

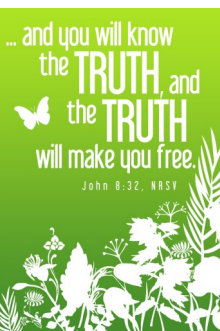
TRINITY WOMEN

Trinity Women will meet **Wed., May 10, at 7 pm** in the fellowship hall.



FIRST FRIDAY CARDS:

March may have come in as a lamb, but as the group gathered for April cards on March 31, conversation was weather related as the group watched the darkening sky getting closer and winds increasing. Despite the approaching March going out "lion" weather, the group enjoyed another competitive game of cards. Pizza, teriyaki chicken, chicken dip, fruit and various other treats were on the menu, as well as chocolate (always chocolate). Bids were made, tricks were taken, points were awarded to those who made their bids and points were removed from those didn't quite reach their goal. Conversation was good and laughter was heard. Regular players were missed and a prodigal was welcomed back. Scores were close but at the end of the evening a winner was declared, as well as surprised. Clean up was quick and soon the events of the evening were in the memories of those in attendance. Our next competition at the tables will be Friday, May 5, 6:00 PM. Bring a snack/treat to share and join us. You will be glad you did and the regulars will be glad to have you.



SEEKING RECYCLE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are still needed to sign up for the rest of 2023 to collect the church's recycling materials! Sign-up in the narthex.



Ruth Circle is gathering on 5/17 @ 10am in the library.



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=VkU5R3BydFMzMzZOZzgyS3kvdjFkdz09>



Amber McNamara Houston
P. K. Johnson
Don, Keith, & Larry Johnson
Cheryl Johnson



James Rodenberger
Sherry Tacker
Ray Bloomer
Mark Fouts



Our gratitude is extended to all those who have assisted with music in worship during April. Special cheers for all our musicians who shared their talents with us this month: Soprano soloist Patricia McIntyre and flutist Michele Goldsworthy who along with the Trinity Choir deepened the meaning of our Palm Sunday service; the Trinity Choir who provided offertory music on Maundy Thursday and greatly amplified the joy of Easter Sunday leading both our Gathering Hymn and our Offertory anthem; Trinity Ringers whose celebrative music rang out on Easter during the prelude and a special musical offering; and our guest flutist Amanda Fallon who provided Easter prelude music, accompanied the choir anthem and also joined in on our sending hymn. Her talents are greatly appreciated. Thanks also for Opus 13, our new M.P. Rathke pipe organ and the privilege of using what was available for our Easter Morning worship service. We also offer our thanks to our corps of cantors-Elizabeth Eichmiller, Patricia McIntyre, John McIntyre, John Neuenschwander, Charles Parks and Bill Strecker.

I also must extend a personal thank you to all those who have graciously stepped up and provided music for our worship services on April 16th and 23rd during my illness. Trinity is blessed to have so many talented and generous musicians. Many thanks to guitarists John McIntyre and Elizabeth Eichmiller, soloist Elizabeth Eichmiller, flutist Amelia Pomfret, cantor/vocalist Patricia McIntyre and especially keyboardist Pastor Karen Husby who seemed to effortlessly flow from the pulpit to the keyboard for the hymns. If I have missed anyone I apologize and offer you my deepest thanks.

Our thanks and appreciation are also offered to Jen Black, our administrative assistant for providing our printed and online worship and hymn materials and helping to keep us all informed. And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our worship, her meaningful messages and her pastoral guidance. We are blessed by the efforts of all these servants of Christ.

OUR 2023 ORGAN FUND UPDATE

The Organ Committee launched its pledge drive four years ago - Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. **We truly appreciate all gifts received to date, which has exceeded our expectations.** God has blessed Trinity Lutheran Church in this effort to enhance our worship and praise.

Financial Summary:

Estimated total cost (\$139,423 paid to date*)	\$160,000	
Cash gifts received through March 31, 2023		(156,988)
Outstanding pledges		<u>(2,940)</u>
Current estimated unfunded cost		\$ <u>72</u>



* Most of the remaining estimated cost of \$20,577 is expected to be paid in April, including approximately \$14,000 for the organ delivery and worker travel costs. The final installment of \$6,562 will be paid after the final "voicing" of the organ. Any excess funds raised will be used toward periodic maintenance charges that the new organ will require.

Sincerely,
The Organ Committee



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 to donate.*

TRINITY BLESSING BOX

Many vulnerable people are served through this ministry. And several people come to the box every week. Please consider donating by adding to the baskets in the NARTHEX!

What is needed?

- ◆ **Hygiene items:** Shampoo, combs, brushes, toilet paper, feminine care products, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, razors, hand soap, dish soap, hand sanitizer, baby supplies.
- ◆ **NON-perishable SAFE items (NOT expired).** Best if cans have pull rings: vegetables, beans, rice, cereals, condiments, dried fruit, canned meat, pasta, peanut butter, and crackers .
- ◆ Consider the **SEASON.**
- ◆ **Not acceptable:** Produce, damaged cans or boxes, dairy.

Special thanks to the monthly coordinators who have helped to stock the box: January: Pomfret; February: Eichmiller, March: Schoffstall, April: Taylor.



DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP!!

Sign-up for 2023 in the narthex.

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	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
2023 Total:	164.06



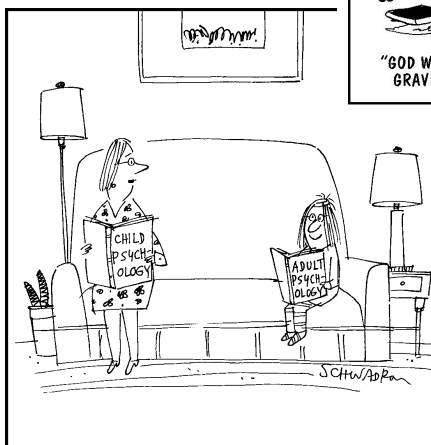
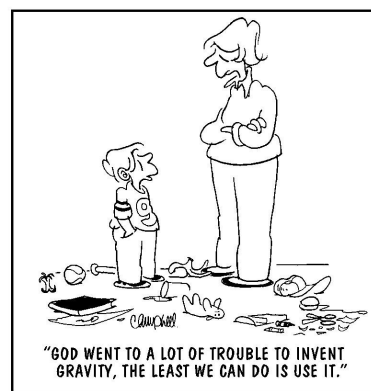
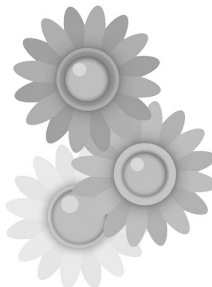
Equals 16,406 cups of milk for needy children!!

Mowing sponsors for 2023!

Help the church pay for lawn mowing. Volunteer to sponsor mowing for one or more weeks during the 2023 season.



Sign-up in the narthex.





NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 5-4-23



2023 Lenten Challenge

Many thanks to all who contributed to our annual Lenten Challenge. Thanks to your generous gifts we are able to provide immunizations to 28 children totally \$840 through ELCA Good Gifts. We look forward to finding a need next year.



2023 GRADUATES

If you will be graduating from high school or college this spring or summer, please contact the office with the following information:

- * Name
- * School
- * Degree
- * Major
- * Life plans

Provide your information to the office via email or phone by 9:30am May 22nd.

Office email: trinity2620@live.com.

Office phone: 812-232-7628.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Operating Budget Summary at April 30, 2023

	2023			2022		
	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	% of Budget	Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$49,633.20	34.7%	\$ 142,869.00	\$51,262.17	37.0%	\$ 138,622.11
Expenses for budgeted items	\$54,977.88	34.0%	\$ 161,824.00	\$45,905.67	32.6%	\$ 140,952.90
Revenues over/(under) expenses	(\$5,344.68)		\$ (18,955.00)	\$5,356.50		(\$2,330.79)

At April 30, 2023, unified giving and other revenues were \$1,628.97 lower than the previous year, and were \$2,010.20 higher than budget for the year. Expenses were \$1,036.55 higher than budget for the year, and year to date expenses exceed revenues by \$5,344.68. Please note that there is a budgeted deficit of \$18,955.

May 2023



The Lamplighter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11:30a Zoom Bible study <i>Elizabeth Eichmiller</i>	3 6:15p Choir <i>Jean Lapp</i>	4 ★NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER	5 6:00p 1st Friday cards	6
7 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship <i>Amy Essig</i>	8 <i>Bill Strecker</i>	9 8:30a Men's breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible study	10 6:15p Choir	11 Council Items Due	12	13 9:00a Quilting
14 <i>Mother's DAY</i> 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship <i>Sara Johnson</i>	15 7:00p Council meeting	16 11:30a Zoom Bible study	17 10:00a Ruth Circle 6:15p Choir <i>Sam Gumm</i>	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship	22 Newsletter Items Due	23 8:30a Men's breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible study 7:00p Call Committee	24 5:00p Handbells 6:15p Choir	25 <i>Lori Essig</i>	26	27 <i>Robbie Baber</i>
28 Penny Power 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship	29 Office Closed	30 11:30a Zoom Bible study 5:30p Mutual Ministry virtual meeting	31 5:00p Handbells 6:15p Choir <i>Avery Mathis</i>		Counters: Bloomer Office: 812-232-7628 trinity2620@live.com Hours: M-F 9:30a-1:30p	 REMEMBERING THEIR SACRIFICE



MISSION STATEMENT:

Believing in Christ, we
GATHER, GROW and GO
with the good news of
His love, compassion and forgiveness.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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

Office Hours:

Mon-Thur: 9:00a-12:00p

Contact Hours for the church office: 10:00a-12:00p

Sunday Services

10a IN-PERSON &
ONLINE SERVICE



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCu1siDnnzqBNsnQM1xAH-Sw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu1siDnnzqBNsnQM1xAH-Sw)

TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming family of believers in the triune God; we believe we are called to live out our faith by serving others and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Accompanying Guiding Principles

- We are committed to a triune God who governs our lives: God the Father, Jesus Christ—his Son our Lord, and the Holy Spirit.
- We acknowledge our spiritual weaknesses and accept our forgiveness as sinners redeemed by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; it is by God's grace that we are saved.
- We praise God, pray for his help in our lives and seek a strong sustaining relationship with Him.
- We pursue the expression of Jesus Christ's teaching in our lives, supporting each other, and inviting all to join with us.
- We strive to be a community of believers, helping and supporting, within the congregation and in the broader community; we believe that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

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