



# TLC Grapevine

May 2026

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A Publication of Trinity Lutheran Church, Bemidji, Minnesota (218) 444-4441

Worship Service  
9:00 am, Sunday  
6:30 pm, Wednesday  
(During Lent & Advent)

Sunday School (Sept - May)  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Weekly Bible Study  
Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

Confirmation  
Sunday 10:30 am  
Wednesday 4:15 pm



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## Our preaching is not in vain

*April 69, 2026 / Reporter / By James Banecks*

“Why is everyone in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) making such a big deal about forming and recruiting our boys and men to be pastors?”

The answer to this question lies in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Sin is a reality no one can escape. God’s Word confronts us with this awful truth: “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way” (Isaiah 53:6). The power and impact of our sin is eternal death and hell.

In His incomprehensible mercy and love, God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ to take our sin and death into His own flesh. He was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5). As our substitute, He died on the cross, bearing God’s judgment and wrath for us all.

And then, after three days’ sleep in death, Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead! In His death and resurrection, our sin is forgiven. Satan is crushed. Death and hell are conquered. With angels and archangels, with organ and trumpet, with every instrument of praise, with choirs and soaring descant, with the whole church of Christ, we sing the eternal hymn of our salvation, “Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!” (Lutheran Service Book 482).

Now, you may ask, what does this have to do with pastors? St. Paul writes, “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ... But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:14, 20). Our preaching is not in vain.

Our risen Lord established the Office of the Holy Ministry to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ into the ears of the hearer. The sermon in the Divine Service is a miraculous, God event. In those 15–20 minutes, the Holy Spirit is planting the crucified and risen Christ — with all of His salvation power — into the ear of the hearer, creating, nourishing and sustaining saving faith in all who believe.

St. Paul writes, “And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? ... So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:14–15, 17).

When our pastor speaks the Word of Christ into our ears, he is not just telling us about Jesus; he is literally proclaiming Christ into us, into our body and soul, faith and life. And this happens not just from the pulpit, but at the birth and Baptism of our children, when we lie sick in the hospital, and when our sinful conscience grieves us. The pastor speaks Christ into our broken lives when our marriage is struggling, when we are troubled over our children making ungodly decisions, and when the trauma of war and disaster torment us. Called by God, pastors speak the crucified and risen Christ into our ear at the marriage of our children, at the death of our loved ones and at our last hour.

Our preaching is not in vain because its content and power to comfort and save us is Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead for our salvation. This is why we make such a big deal about forming and recruiting our boys and men to be pastors.

We also make a big deal of forming and recruiting our girls and boys, men and women to commissioned offices the LCMS established in love to support the Office of the Holy Ministry. The Lutheran teacher teaches Christ to our children. The director of Christian education teaches God’s Word to youth and adults. The director of parish music teaches God’s Word through sacred texts.

# Group Meetings



- ❖ **Ladies Guild**  
Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Men of Trinity**  
Will meet on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> & May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Hannah Circle**  
Will meet on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Altar Circle**  
Will meet on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Eunice Circle**  
Eunice Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the church. All members and any ladies interested are invited to attend.
- ❖ **Christian Singles**  
The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Happy Quilters**  
The "Happy Quilters" meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00am at the church.



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A - C  
 D - H  
 I - M  
 N - R  
 S  
 T - Z

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## What God Says vs. How We Feel



So how do you receive God's Word, as He says or by how you feel?

A theologian named Schleiermacher erroneously taught we are free to accept or reject what God's says based on how we feel, especially when culture demands that we change how we once felt in the past.

Thus, those who champion his ideas, teach, albeit falsely that we are free to reinterpret God's Word endlessly even though God warns not to add or subtract from His unchanging Word.

Do you, then, follow those who want us to religiously change the meaning of God's Word based on how we feel even though St. Paul warns us about our fallen nature, "The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Rom. 8:7)

This of course answers why many 'feel' we have the right to deny what God's Word says, particularly when He condemns our sinful choices. But when we reject what God says about our sin, we undermine the Gospel's 'good news' that Jesus came to save us from it.

So, when men 'feel' free to pick and choose when God's Word has authority over them, they in essence are demanding that God accept what they feel is 'good' as long as we feel 'love'. In effect they believe our human feelings are the same as God's when they are not.

Take for example the man who recently claimed God never condemns LGBTQ love as sinful in His Word, but rather embraces it. He argues that since the Holy Spirit has enlightened man and speaks of making things new God wants us to continually find new expressions of love, even in such lifestyle choices as he quotes this verse, "whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

So let's examine his words. First, he said, God never condemns his lifestyle even though God plainly does in (Rom. 1:24-32). Second, he misconstrues the meaning of the new life we have in Christ as one of turning away from sin to be that Christ accepts any life choice as long as it is lived in 'love'. In this he denies the Gospel that God's love toward man was to send His Son Jesus to die on His cross to redeem us from our sin, and not on account of our love.

As new creations in Christ, therefore, true love toward God and man is to keep God's Word regardless of the culture and how we feel by refraining from all sinful behaviors that His Word condemns. In his feelings of love, however, he rejects God's grace that promises that when we fall into a sin like homosexuality or for that matter any sin, we are to turn in repentance to receive the forgiveness Jesus purchased on His cross. And finally, to be loving and feel' culturally in tune, he redefines God's revealed masculine nature as expressed in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be feminine using the pronoun 'her'.

So ask, is it wise to place our feelings above God's Word for the purpose of justifying our sinful behaviors under the guise of love or to redefine God? Should we let our ever changing feelings and culture redefine Jesus' Gospel of grace?

The Apostle Paul wrote to warn us of this danger, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but, after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itchy ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

For this reason, I am concerned about anyone falling into the trap that says God's Word has no authority over us as long as our actions are predicated upon feelings of love. Why, because "if all we need is love," human love as the Beatles meant, what need of we of Jesus' love from His Cross that redeemed us from our sin.

So my encouragement is, humbly receive God's Word with all of its authority, both His Law that condemns all our sinful behaviors and His Gospel that teaches us to repent of our sins that we might receive Christ's true love. His love from the cross that makes sinners like us acceptable in God's eyes through the forgiveness of our sins and not on account of how we feel about them.

God's blessings!

Rev. Les Uhrinak

# Thank *you,* moms

**“For Mom” by Tim Pauls**

*Reprinted from The Lutheran Witness, May 10, 2018*

This is for you, Mom, because motherhood isn't easy.

Motherhood is a holy office. It has God's blessing, plus a lot of sacrificial labor.

After all, you're the one who takes care of the kids as only the mother can. You gave birth to them in the first place, and you've been feeding them from the start. You've had the constant task of cleaning them up, whether they've wandered off in their Sunday best and rolled in the nearest muck, or projected something foul from the inside to the outside. You've taught them how to walk, how to talk and how not to use bad words. You've been all about training and discipline, about making sure they make good use of their waking hours and that they rest well. Whenever you can, you serve them the best food possible.

It's a calling that doesn't end. Even when the kids are all grown up, you still pray for them boldly and faithfully.

And with all that, you go under-appreciated a lot. If you kids are like most, they probably take all you do for granted — except maybe for a springtime Sunday and a birthday celebration (if they remember). And in the meantime, while you're doing your best to raise them, you never seem to run out of people trying to tell you how to do it better.

I'm fairly certain that someone will take offense at what I've said above. Some will convince themselves that I believe that raising children (toxic diapers and all) is solely the mother's job, to be done while the father is busy playing golf. Others may read this and think that I believe that all fathers are irresponsible jerks who won't lift a finger to raise their children because they're too busy playing golf.

Neither is true. I've written what I've written for two reasons. The first is that this week, we're celebrating Mother's Day, not Father's Day.

The second is that — (surprise!) — perhaps I'm not only talking about motherhood in the earthly sense of the word. Maybe, just maybe, I've also been writing about the Church, the Bride of Christ, “the mother of us all” (Gal. 4:26; 2 John 1).

There's a reason why the work of moms and the work of the church have so many parallels — and why Martin Luther, in his Large Catechism, calls the church “the mother that conceives and bears every Christian through God's Word” (LC 2:42). See, since the office of “wife” is given by God to illustrate the Church in Her relationship to Christ (Ephesians 5:22-24, 31-32); and since, most properly, it is wives who bear children and are mothers; then the office of “mother” is given to illustrate the church as well. A mom's sacrificial love for her child thus reminds us of the Church's care for sinners, and the Church's care for sinners displays a maternal love that is both tender and firm.

The work mothers do in raising children is indispensable. On Mother's Day especially, we acknowledge the truth of it. In addition, however, we as Christians also recognize that moms by their very labors are given the privilege of illustrating the love that Christ shows us through his bride, the Church. This reality adds even greater honor to the vocation of motherhood.

Thanks for all your service, moms. Thanks for your love for your kids and your gentle reminder of the Church. God grant you every good gift in your blessed, demanding calling.

*And Happy Mother's Day.*

***Tim Pauls serves as the pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boise, Idaho***

# GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

## What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



## What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

# Activity Page



## A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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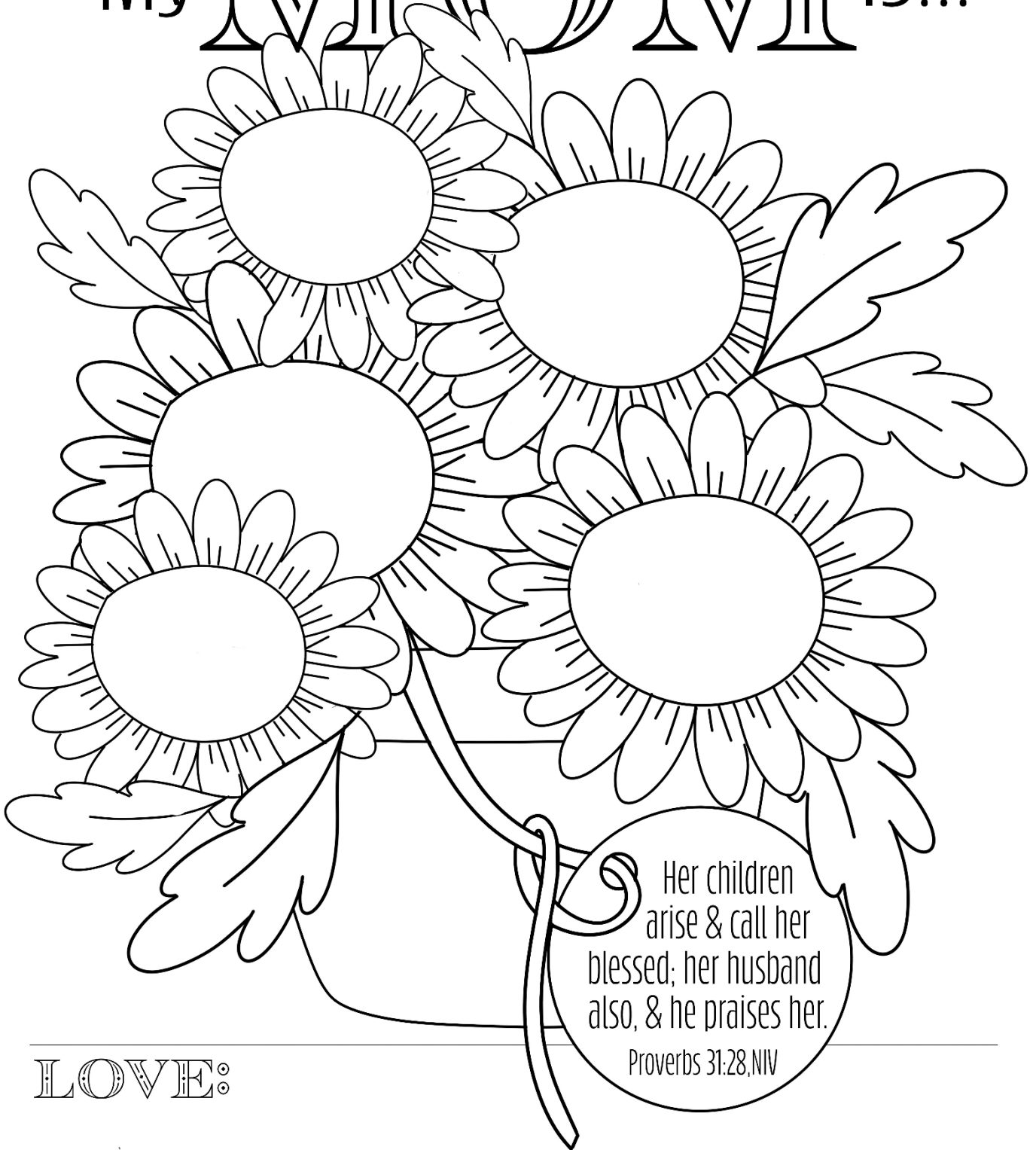
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2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

My MOM is...



Her children  
arise & call her  
blessed; her husband  
also, & he praises her.

Proverbs 31:28, NIV

LOVE:

# I . C . Y . M . I .

( IN . CASE . YOU . MISSED . IT . )

## Palm Sunday Easter Egg at Trinity



*The youngest are ready to enter the playground and look for eggs!*



*Evelyn seems to have no problem knowing how this works.*



*Marianna found an egg that matches her coat.*



*Charles needed a little lift from Mom to retrieve an egg.*



*Charles is very pleased with his find.*



*Elias running to show Mom.*



*All children came inside, opened their eggs and listened to Mrs. Lohse tell the Easter Story!*



*Four Sunday School girls walking back from the egg hunt.*



*The older Sunday School children and parents watching the hunt.*

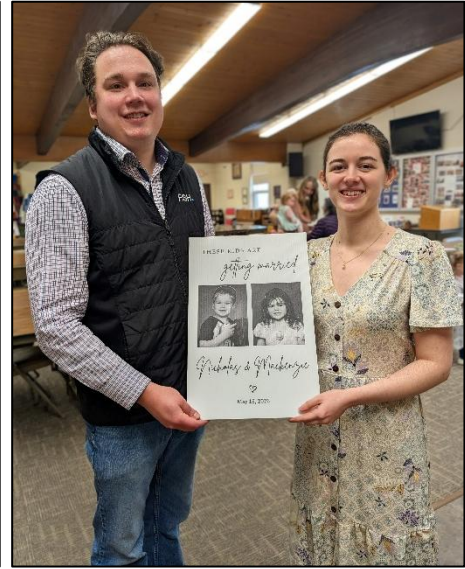


*Marianna and Elias set aside their bags of eggs and decide to go sliding.*



# PALM SUNDAY

# Congratulations Nick & Mackenzie!



*"Thank you to all who helped bless Nick and Mackenzie as we celebrated their engagement!  
We look forward to seeing how God's plan unfolds in their lives!"*



  
*Congratulations*



# DISTRICT NEWS

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Grace Place Podcast  
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## Experience the HOLY LAND

Hosted by Pastor Jacob & Michelle Gillard



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Departures **\$5,499 FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

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## Beyond Generosity

A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF GRACE

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### Minnesota State Pastors Conference

May 11-13, 2026

Madden's on Gull Lake, Brainerd, MN

Featured Presenter: Rev. Philip Krupski, LCMS Foundation

Your LCEF District Vice President (DVP) is

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I am here to help start, sustain and strengthen LCMS ministries through financial and strategic partnerships.



**LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND**

## CHRIST IS RISEN

INDEED



**2026 LCMS Synod Convention**  
July 18-23, 2026 | Phoenix, AZ

Things to remember for synod convention preparations:

- Circuit forums to elect convention delegates will take place during September and October. Congregations and multi-point parishes should each send one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate to the forum.
- Congregational assessments will be sent directly from the district office in early 2026. The assessments are based on 2024 statistical reports submitted last spring and calculated after estimated costs are received from the convention planners.

## LCMS Young Adults Club (Ages 20-29)

- Do you feel like you're the only Lutheran your age who still goes to church?
- Do you know a young adult who would like to meet more Lutherans?
- Or, would you just like to spend time with fellow Lutherans?

**Join us for food and games!**

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
300 Lake St, Alexandria MN

Fireside Room - Main entrance, up stairs to right.

Please preregister with the QR code:

No registration fee!

Questions? Email us! [LCMS.YAClub@gmail.com](mailto:LCMS.YAClub@gmail.com)



# News & Announcements



## Congratulations to our Graduate!

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, our 2026 Graduate Ethan Larson will receive his Graduation Quilt from the quilting ladies! Ethan's quilt was made by Linda Wold. The ACF will serve Cake/Coffee after the Service in the Fellowship Hall.



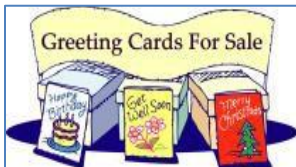
## Updates to the Prayer Chain

The **NEW EMAIL** for the Prayer Chain is: TLCPrayerChain@yahoo.com  
To contact the Prayer Chain by phone, you can call Heather Ellis at 218-766-3079.

**The Portals of Prayer for April – June 2026**  
Are available in the Basket  
In the back of the Sanctuary.



## Greeting Cards for Sale!



The Ladies Guild has a selection of Greeting cards for sale in the Narthex. Please come and take a look. Single cards and boxes are priced as marked. Check or Cash. You can leave the payment in the container provided. Make checks payable to Trinity Ladies Guild.



The Council requests that everyone help in God's House by: Cleaning up after yourselves; Turning off ALL lights (except the office hallway), Locking ALL

the doors before leaving the church on Sundays and anytime that you have used the building. Thank you!



**Church Offices will be CLOSED**  
**On Monday May 25th in Observance of Memorial Day.**



The Final Day of Sunday School will be May 17<sup>th</sup>! And we will celebrate with a Spring Picnic after Sunday School. Check future bulletins for more info!

## Lutheran Island Camp Upcoming Events



### May 2, 2026 Spring Clean Up

Island Spring Clean-Up is just around the corner, and we'd love your help getting everything ready for another incredible summer of ministry and memory-making! From prepping the rec fields and clearing brush to hauling equipment out of storage and setting up the lakefront, there's something for everyone to jump into. It's amazing what we can accomplish together in just a day—fresh spaces, ready cabins, and a shoreline prepared to welcome campers back to the Island. Come lend a hand, enjoy some fellowship, and help us get the Island summer-ready!

**Registration is not required but please give us a call or drop us an email to let us know you are coming so we can prepare enough food for the included lunch**

### August 7-9, 2026

#### LWML Retreat

**Friday-Sunday: \$180**

**Saturday-Sunday: \$130**

**Saturday Only: \$110**

Island Our retreat speaker will be Christina Walther, from Northern Minnesota. She is deeply passionate about guiding individuals to connect with Christ at every stage and walk of life. Her goal is that her faith and resilience inspire those around her as she embraces life's journey with hope and gratitude. She utilizes a blend of speaking and sharing of her original music—inspired by scripture, and resonates with the message she shares. The heart of her story revolves around her journey and her endurance through grief. She refers to her journey as "Turning my Why into Wonder". She quickly has moved beyond asking "why" and instead embraced a sense of wonder about what God had in store for us. His ways are truly amazing.

# MAY STEWARDSHIP

## Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.



### Monthly Receipts/Expenses

### March 2026

General Fund Deposits	\$33,044.17
Interest Receipts	\$241.00
Adjustments	

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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$33,285.17</b>
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<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$26,495.42</b>
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<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE</b>	<b>Monthly +/-</b>
	<b>+ \$6,790.35</b>

# May Birthdays and Anniversaries at Trinity Lutheran Church

<b>2</b>	Deon Wentzel	<b>16</b>	Cole Koebke
<b>3</b>	Heather Ellis	<b>20</b>	Jolene Lundin <i>Taylor &amp; Christina Severson (3)</i>
<b>5</b>	<i>Brian &amp; Tania Kührke (25)</i>	<b>21</b>	Tailor Lang, Bonnie Wentzel
<b>7</b>	<i>David &amp; Audrey Arndt (61)</i>	<b>26</b>	Nash Kubitz, Amber Korbel
<b>8</b>	Deja Quint, Rebecca Theis <i>Dennis &amp; Sharen Bowman (55)</i>	<b>27</b>	Roger Smith
<b>9</b>	Paul Maatz	<b>28</b>	<i>Jeremiah &amp; Andrea Freye (21)</i>
<b>10</b>	Clarine Speck	<b>29</b>	Shelby Kubitz, Jerry Larson, Darla Yarbrough
<b>11</b>	Sara Porter	<b>30</b>	Tobi Quint
<b>13</b>	Lois Reiersen, Brian Kührke	<b>31</b>	<i>Jim &amp; Linda Erickson (51)</i>
<b>14</b>	Beverly Garton		



**A DOSE of HUMOR**

"Mom talks to God about us so we'll be prayer conditioned."

### Altar Flower Volunteers Needed!!

Sign up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for a Sunday, Cost is \$30. If you are interested, contact the Church Office.

### Address/Phone

If your address and/or phone number changes, please let the church office know so your information will be correct in the church database.  
*Thank you*



LARGE PRINT bulletins are available for those that have difficulty with the regular bulletin. If you would benefit from having one of these bulletins, please ask an usher for a copy.

If you are interested in being a Greeter or an Usher, please speak with one of the Elders.



**WHEN YOU LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE**, please turn out ALL the lights (except in the office hallway) and please check that ALL the entrance doors are LOCKED, even if you didn't unlock them.

**Portals of Prayer are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.**



Check out our website:  
**TrinityBemidji.org**



**ALTAR GUILD**

Easter Sunday is followed by six more Sundays of the Easter season, according to our church calendar, and the paraments remain white.

Ascension Day is the 40th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates the day when the risen Lord ascends into heaven. Pentecost concludes the Easter season.



A "Gluten Free" option is available for communion. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please speak with Pastor or Elders.

**BEMIDJI AREA FOOD SHELF**

Trinity, along with United Methodist Church volunteers the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Food Shelf. Nine people are needed from 12:00pm – 3:30pm. The Food Shelf would not function without all of the volunteers that give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help make the Food Shelf run smoothly. ~ June Roxstrom



Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Entrance Hall for Letters, Events, Concerts, Meals, Fundraisers, Local Activities and News. Calendars and community resources are on the bulletin boards in the hallway.

**Read Through The Bible In A Year - May**

1	1 Samuel 2:1-10 Titus, Philemon	9	Psalm 128 1 Peter 3-5	17	Psalm 136 John 7-8	25	Psalm 144 Acts 1-2
2	Psalm 121 Hebrews 1-4	10	Psalm 129 2 Peter	18	Psalm 137 John 9-10	26	Psalm 145 Acts 3-4
3	Psalm 122 Hebrews 5-7	11	Psalm 130 1 John 1-3	19	Psalm 138 John 11-12	27	Psalm 146 Acts 5-6
4	Psalm 123 Hebrews 8-10	12	Psalm 131 1 John 4-5	20	Psalm 139 John 13-14	28	Psalm 147 Acts 7-8
5	Psalm 124 Hebrews 11-13	13	Psalm 132 2 John, 3 John, Jude	21	Psalm 140 John 15-16	29	Psalm 148 Acts 9-10
6	Psalm 125 James 1-3	14	Psalm 133 John 1-2	22	Psalm 141 John 17-18	30	Psalm 149 Acts 11-12
7	Psalm 126 James 4-5	15	Psalm 134 John 3-4	23	Psalm 142 John 19	31	1 Samuel 2:1-10 Acts 13-14
8	Psalm 127 1 Peter 1-2	16	Psalm 135 John 5-6	24	Psalm 143 John 20-21		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; Proverbs 31:25-28a</p>					1	2
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p><i>ACF Serves</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 PM Men of Trinity</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>4:15 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 PM Ladies Guild</p> <p>5:30 PM Board of Elders</p> 	8	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 PM Aschnewitz/Herman Wedding</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p>  <p><i>Youth Groups Serve</i></p>	11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 PM Hannah Circle</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>4:00 PM Ellis/Lee Wedding</p>
<p>Pastor Out of Town</p>						
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:30 AM Christian Singles</p> <p><i>ACF Serves</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 PM Altar Circle</p> <p>5:30 PM Men of Trinity</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Eunice Circle</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"</p> <p>6:00 PM Church Boards</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p><i>Ladies Guild Serves</i></p>	<p>25</p> 	26	<p>27</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM "Happy Quilters"</p>	29	30
<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship w/Communion</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p><i>Altar Circle</i></p>	<p><b>WELCOME SPRING!</b></p> 					