The Trinity Tidings

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Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship  9:00 am
Fellowship/Education Hour  10:00 am

Trinity’s Mission Statement
We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome,
nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

Hosanna in the highest heaven!
MARK 11:10, NIV
Dear Friends in Christ,

Shorts for the Month
When I speak of “shorts for the month” I’m speaking of wearing shorts for the month but rather short bits of information that concern or may be of concern Trinity.

Transition Team
The Transition Team will be wrapping up there work shortly and presenting the Mission Site Profile to Bishop Jon and Synod Minister Linda for review. After the Mission Site Profile is in their hands a Call Committee will be formed and trained to interview and evaluate possible candidates for call to Trinity. I want to state again that this is a process that does not move very quickly. A congregation wants to be deliberate and prayerful in this process of call in order the right leader is chosen.

Review of the Congregation
Part of the Interim process, besides working with congregations to complete the Mission Site Profile, is to review all aspects of the congregation’s life and function. This review process is done so that when a new pastor is called their transition into the life of congregation is as smooth as possible. While Trinity is relatively organized, I have found some area that could be improved:

1) there should be a published list of people available to work as funeral ushers. It is a necessary ministry to help support families during times of grief and mourning.
2) along similar lines, there needs to be a longer list of people trained to operate the sound and video equipment. Recently we have had to scramble a bit to find people for this service during the week.
3) I have tried to make communicating home bound members a monthly priority. I have found however because of other pressing ministry tasks and weather events I have fallen short of my goal. I believe that this ministry isn’t just a pastoral task but one that needs to be shared by all. I was told that there were communion helpers which went out from one of the two monthly communion serves to serve those who were homebound. This is a good ministry and should be revived and expanded. Members may be able to watch a service on TV but it is impossible for them to receive communion through the TV. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. Training will be provided.
4) One of the task of the Lay Ministry Committee is to review the membership list. This is a daunting task because any given membership list is always in flux. Members move without forwarding their membership from one congregation to the next. Addresses change as well as telephone and cell phones change on a regular basis. In other words, it is difficult to keep up. If any of these things have changed for you, please let the church office know so that we are able to make corrections as necessary.

Thought for the Month
As we move through the month of March, we begin to close in on the celebration of Easter. In fact, a whole week is set aside to help us prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. I don’t know how it is here at Trinity but many people where I’ve been before haven’t taken the opportunity during Lent or Holy Week to slow down and consider their faith journey with Jesus. They just rush from one thing to another until everything become a blur and a jumbled mess. Actually, it may seem as if this special time of year is more of an irritation rather than an opportunity to grow their faith and understanding. If this is the case for you, and I don’t know if it is, consider taking this an invitation to slow down a bit, maybe to half light speed, and gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ worshiping, comming, and growing closer to God and one another.

Quote for the Month
“Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in Him unless he knew where His believers are?” Martin Luther

May God bless our work together,  

Pastor Grant
Empowering Christian Men in Our Midst


At our gathering, she will be speaking on her award-winning book, Outlaw Christian, and giving a dynamic talk, “3 Rules Christians Should Break.”

Books will be available at the gathering for $10.

Saturday, March 17
7:00 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study
7:30—9:00 Registration
8:00—9:00 Breakfast
8:30—9:00 Business Meeting
9:00—11:30 Dr. Jacqueline Bussie
   - 9:00–10:00 “3 Rules Christians Should Break”
   - 10:10–10:30 Q & A
   - 10:30–11:30 Interactive Workshop
11:30—12:30 p.m. Lunch & Informal Conversation
12:30—1:00 Group Sing-along
1:00—3:00 Bill Nelson, “Mobilizing for Congregational Vitality”
3:00—5:30 Closing Worship with Communion & Offering

Men’s Gathering
Saturday, March 17, 2018
First Lutheran Church, Litchfield, MN

The gathering cost will be $40 per person or $60 per congregation for as many men as you can invite from your community.

Register online at swmneica.org/events/ or fill out the registration form and mail with payment to:
SW MN Synod, ELCA
PO Box 499
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Mobilizing for Congregational Vitality
Rev. Dr. Bill Nelson, currently Interim President of Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, will be speaking from his parish experiences as a pastor in our synod, his work with ELCA colleges, and from his experiences as a seminary president in a different denominational setting. He will invite us into the work of developing a strategic vision with everyone involved, specifically including:
- Taking seriously God’s mission for your church (and why this matters in today’s world)
- Getting people involved early and often
- Reaching new people in new and old ways
- Using your synod and church to great advantage
- Finding joy in congregational renewal and outreach

The purpose of SWMN Lutheran Men in Mission is to assist every congregation in establishing an effective, life-changing men’s ministry in our synod.

If your congregation would like help in starting or revitalizing a men’s group, please contact Mark Swanson at 763-234-0127 or mark@swmneica.org.

Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God works. Our hands.

Men’s Gathering Registration:
To register online, go to swmneica.org/events/ and mail your registration fee to:
SW MN Synod
PO Box 499
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Name: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________
I am registering for:
_____ Myself / $40 per person  _____ My Congregation / $60 for as many men as you can invite from your community
Congregation Name: ___________________________
How many people do you expect to attend: ___________________________
**Week of March 4**
Su  John 2:13-22
M  1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tu  Hebrews 9:23-28
W  Mark 11:15-19
Th  Ephesians 1:3-6
F  Ephesians 1:7-14
Sa  John 3:14-21

**Week of March 11**
Su  John 3:14-21
M  Hebrews 3:1-6
Tu  1 Corinthians 10:6-13
W  John 8: 12-20
Th  Hebrews 4:1-13
F  Hebrews 4:14-5:4
Sa  John 12:1-11

**Week of March 18**
Su  John 12:20-33
M  2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Tu  Acts 2:14-24
W  John 12:34-50
Th  Philippians 2:1-11
F  Philippians 2:12-18
Sa  Mark 10: 32-34, 46-52

**Week of March 25**
Su  Mark 14:1-15-47
M  John 12:1-11
Tu  John 12:20-36
W  John 13:31-32
Th  John 13:1-17, 31b-35
F  John 18:1-19:42
Sa  John 20:1-18

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"Streams in the Desert"

Join the Women of Sleepy Eye for the World Day of Prayer at 1:00 P.M. on March 2nd
At St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Fellowship, Coffee and Bars following the Service.

Let the WELCA Women Of Trinity supply your Easter Pies! The women of Trinity are raising funds to continue our work for Trinity and the many organizations and people we help over the year. We will be offering restaurant size pies. Please stop at the table in the narthex and order for pick-up March 25th, just in time for your celebration or to enjoy at home. We are offering Lemon Meringue, Baked Pecan, Fruit of the Forest (yum), Dutch Apple and Coconut Cream and Chocolate Cream Pies. As always, thank you all for your support!
Duty and Delight

A Pentecostal pastor told me this story about giving.

“When I was 8 years old, I lived in a small town and one day my mother sent me to the florist to buy flowers for the family table. I remember being embarrassed as I walked home with the flowers, worried that my friends might see me and make fun of me for carrying flowers. But I did it, because I was an obedient son—it was my duty.

“Ten years later, I was in love with a young woman who lived in that town. I went to the same florist, bought her flowers and walked some of the same streets toward her house. But now I wasn’t thinking about what anyone might think if they saw me. I was only thinking of two things: how happy she would be to get flowers, and how fortunate I was to be the one bringing them to her.

“That is the difference between doing something out of duty—and doing it out of delight.”

I think about this story every time the offering plates come around in church. It’s my duty to give money to support my congregation—and sometimes I do that just because it’s the right thing to do. But other times, I’m eager to give my offering: how pleased God is to receive whatever we offer, and how fortunate we are to be people who know God and love God and who can give to God out of sheer delight.

Mark Alan Powell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

We are in the midst of the Lenten season with a midweek service on Wednesday evenings. Lenten offerings beyond Ash Wednesday, go to the general fund. The special giving opportunity during Lent is the quarter folders. One can do this a number of ways with the proceeds going to Joe Fry’s work with Global Horizon:

Pick up a quarter folder and envelope on the small table at the back of the church—be sure to put your name or envelope number on it so you receive credit on your giving statement
Choose either a film canister or M & M container and save your quarters in that—again be sure to add your name or envelope number
Use your regular envelope and just indicate Quarter Folder on it
Use one of the pew envelopes and again indicate Quarter Folder

March is also Food Shelf month but April will be the first five Sunday month this year when we have noisy offerings. The April one has been designated for the Food Shelf.

Thank you to the generous stewards of the congregation. Packets of envelopes have either been picked up or mailed out. The envelopes can be mailed in by just adding a stamp to the side with the address on it. If you forget your envelope, there are envelopes in the pews for your use.

Board of Stewardship
We are thrilled that 14 kids have signed up to attend Green Lake Bible Camp or Shores of St. Andrew from June 10-15 this summer! If your child did not sign up, but still wants to go, please contact me or get more information in the church office. We will also be sending home information about Vacation Bible School mid-March as summer is right around the corner!

-Julia Coulson (507-227-1593), Education Coordinator

Important Dates to Remember:
March 14- 3rd graders paint chalices at Mark Thomas Co. anytime between 3:30-5pm
March 18- 3rd graders and parents attend a First Communion preparation class from 5-7pm in the Church Library
March 25- Palm Sunday; Sunday School Choir waves branches and sings during 9am Worship (arrive by 8:45)
March 29- Maundy Thursday; 3rd graders receive First Communion and Bibles at 7pm Worship
April 1- Easter Sunday; NO Sunday School class

Reminder: Sunday School is offered for 3 year olds through 9th grade following Worship at 10:00 every Sunday. An adult forum for 10th graders through adults of any age is offered at the same time in the Friendship Room. We offer faith-based classes that will allow you and your child to form a relationship with God...come check us out! And spread the word...ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!
Feel free to contact me with questions.
Julia Coulson (507-227-1593), Education Coordinator
The Gathering has recognized the need to lift up literacy in Houston. Building a foundation of literacy starts before entering Kindergarten. Students who read at home become strong writers, critical thinkers, and more successful students than those who do not. Houston Independent School District estimates that 74% of the students in the district come from families who struggle to provide books for their children. This means the students begin each school year at a disadvantage.

In joining the Gathering's Blast Off for Books campaign, you will help ensure bright futures for Houston's students. The books you donate will be distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city as part of the Gathering's Service Learning experience. By putting books in the hands of Houston's economically disadvantaged students, you can help change lives.

Please only bring the books that are listed above. All books must be new or gently used.

National Youth Gathering 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church will be included among the 30,000 youth and their advisors who are making plans to attend next summer's gathering in Houston, TX.

Lee Johnson and Julie Bode have graciously volunteered to be adult chaperones, and those planning to attend include Camden Bode, Matthew Sellner, Isaac Johnson, Jaclyn Nessett, Courtney and Brittney Dittbenner. Judy Johnson will be our local information liaison who will submit registration. Those students and chaperones who plan to attend will make further decisions about cost and time-effective transportation, fund-raising, and meet regularly to do preparation activities for the event.

Please Support Their Fundraising Efforts! “That’s My Pan” are still for sale! Brochures are in the office. Thanks!
Sleepy Eye Lions Club

Dad’s Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 18th, 2018
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Snow date: April 15th

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
Waffles, Sausages, Flavored Syrups, Sugar-free syrup Available and Whipped Toppings, Coffee, Milk & Water

~ Adults (at the door) $8.50
  (In Advance) $8.00
~ Children 6-11 (at the door) $5.00
  (In Advance) $4.50
~ Under 6 FREE
~ Take-outs available

Tickets available at the Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch, First Security Agency or from any Lions member.
Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria
Use Elementary Wing Doors

Sponsored by Sleepy Eye Lions Club
Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects

Community Health Day

Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:30-9:30 a.m., Sleepy Eye Public School

Available Screenings

Blood Analysis - $40.00
Includes cholesterol, HbA1C, Calcium, glucose, etc.
Requires 12 hour fast. Should take heart or blood pressure medications. Can drink water.

Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) Screening - $30.00

Appointments are requested for blood tests. Call Brown County REA during regular business hours at 1-800-658-2368 or 507-794-3331 to make an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted after 7:30 a.m. Free blood pressure checks will also be available.

Displays
Area agencies and individuals will offer health-related information at Community Health Day. To reserve table space, please call Sleepy Eye Community Education at 507-794-7873.

Co-sponsored By:

The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service.

We are raising funds to support various Church needs with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

Meals are served from 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm each Wednesday
Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering to benefit special needs

March 7th: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Pickle, Beverage and Dessert Lay Ministry
March 14th: Build a Taco or Burrito, Chips, Beverage and Dessert Property
March 21st: Tater Tot Hotdish, Salad, Beverage and Dessert WELCA

Easter Breakfast from 7:30-8:30 on April 1st will be a fundraiser for our kids going to the Youth Gathering in Houston!

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of Tidings will be in mailboxes March 1st. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by 1 p.m. March 19th.

Thank you.

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!
Worship Services Week of...

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The family of Doug Beilke would like to say a sincere thank you for the cards that were sent and the words of sympathy.

Dear WELCA friends at Trinity Lutheran,
Thank you for your kind contribution of blankets to Camp Noah! Our work with disaster-impacted children and communities would not be possible without the generous support of groups like you. Please know that your gifts will help us build resiliency, restore hope, and change lives through Camp Noah.

The Camp Noah Staff

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO GRIEVE THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES...

For Faye Dietz and her family as they mourn the loss of her husband, Patrick Dietz...

Chris (Ana) Turbes, Shawna (Jeff) Sellner and their families in the loss of their father and grandfather, Stan Turbes...

Zeke Gehrke and his family as they mourn the loss of his brother, Paul Gehrke...

May God’s Spirit comfort and assure these families, and all who grieve. We believe in the promise of our Lord to bring us and those we love together in a new heaven and a new earth where crying, pain and death are no more.

Send an email to the church office at trinity@sleepeyeye.net and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

WATCH OUR SERVICES ON TRINITY’S WEBPAGE ANYTIME
www.trinitysleepeyeye.org

THE TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ALSO POSTED ON
WWW.SLEEPYEYEONLINE.COM
WATCH THIS SITE FOR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS.

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK — CHECK IT OUT!!
(Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN)
Worship Assistants

March 2018

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes
3/4 Carmen Lendt
3/11 Trenton Nachtienner
3/18 Jon Baures
3/25 Jade Sellner

Readers
3/4 Rose Wall
3/11 Sue Pedersen
3/18 Jim Hutchins
3/25 Lee Johnson

Sound Techs
3/4 Sue Pedersen
3/11 Bryan Sellner
3/18 John Hirschboeck
3/25 Russ Sorensen

Communion Assistants
3/4 Harold and Bonnie Pettis
3/18 Sue Pedersen, Lee Johnson

March Usher
Lee & Isaac Johnson, Shirley Cannon

March Greeter
Don & Rose Wall

Wednesday Lenten Services 7:00 pm.

Acolytes/Prayer
3/7 Emma Schieffert
3/14 Jack Schroepfer
3/21 Jacob Schultz
3/29 Lee Wahlborg Maundy Thursday
3/30 A.J. Arneson Good Friday

Sound Techs
3/29 Russ Sorensen Maundy Thursday
3/30 Russ Sorensen Good Friday

Communion Assistants
3/29 Mark Belto, Donna Augustin

March Usher & Greeter Jon Hansen

March: Lori Hirschboeck, Mary Hillmer, & Beth Klein
April: Cindy Anderson, Donna Augustin

Group Two will be the next servers.
Group Two Co-chairs are Doug Domeier & Mary Renberg

April 2018

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes
4/1 Trisha Ludewig (6:30 am)
Mason Sellner (9:00 am)
4/8 Jacob Price
4/15 Lee Wahlborg
4/22 Jack Schroepfer
4/29 Trisha Ludewig

Readers
4/1 Pat Stevermer (6:30 am)
Dave Vosbeck (9:00 am)
4/8 Phyllis Kleven
4/15 Mark Miller
4/22 Michael Petersen
4/29 Eric Wahlborg

Sound Techs
4/1 Russ Sorensen (6:30 & 9:00am)
4/8 Sue Pedersen
4/15 Bryan Sellner
4/22 Russ Sorensen
4/29 John Hirschboeck

Communion Assistants
4/1 Sue Pedersen (6:30 am)
Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt (9:00)
4/15 Donna Augustin, Rex Beech

April Usher
Eric Wahlborg, Dennis Mangen, Clete Ludewig, Dave Vosbeck

April Greeter
Neil Neidt
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Worship Schedule

February~March

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM
WEDNESDAY LENTEN NOON & 7:00 PM
LENTEN SUPPERS WEDNESDAYS at 5:45 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY NOON AND 7:00 PM
APRIL 1, EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 & 9:00 AM
EASTER BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30 AM