

Trinity Tidings

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What an opportunity! Crack out those NEW Trinity T-Shirts! On April 22 there will be a FREE Show Choir concert at the High School at 7:00 PM. Let's go and sit on the left side near the front if possible so we can get a group photo! We do have some T-Shirts yet for sale, contact the Office ([982-5833](tel:982-5833)) or a Support and Service committee member if interested.

Support and Service Committee
Sue Krejcarek
Tom Vigil
Becca Jagla

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Sunday, April 14

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Story Time 10 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 17

- Confirmation Class 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 18

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM
- Media Outreach 6 PM

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

Sunday, April 21

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Story Time 10 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Click [here](#) for the most current calendar.

Click [here](#) for worship.

Next community meal is Wednesday, April 24, from 5-6 pm.

Hot ham and cheese sandwiches will be served on 4/24.

Trinity Lutheran Church
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God's work. Our hands.



Donations needed for the March meal are:

- Healthy snacks (e.g. raisins, craisins, dried fruit, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- Desserts (packaged or homemade)
- PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION.

Place donations in the bin outside of church.

Wear your Trinity T-shirt to church day! Mark your calendar for April 28th. Wear our new T-shirt or maybe you still have one of our older Trinity T-Shirts to wear. A few new ones are still for sale in the church office.



Office Hours:
8 AM - 12 noon
Monday - Thursday
Other times by appointment

Prayers & Praises

Email or call with your request.

- Carol Grossman - friend of Bob Marcks, health concerns
- Tony Krajna - friend of Dan Wesenick, cancer
- Judy Gregory - cancer
- Jim Schmidt - friend of Dyreson's, recovering from surgery
- Shelley Langkau - cousin of Vigil's, cancer
- Bryan Price - friend of Vigil's, cancer
- Kristin - friend of Kelly Newton, health concerns
- Sue Luba - recovering from surgery
- Carla Fulcer - friend of Sue Luba, cancer
- Keith Krueger
- Genie Shaw - friend of Dixie Hill, cancer and other health concerns
- Mary Jo Driessen - friend of Wesenick's, cancer
- Paul Bock - recovering from surgery
- Betty Anderson - friend of Amy Kuehl
- Brian Miller - health issues
- Trista Jo Westphal - health concerns
- Ginny Halverson - friend of Lehl's, recovering from a stroke
- Peter H. - friend of Dyreson's, leukemia
- Julie Smith - daughter of Jean Smith, recovering from transplant surgery
- Leslie Larson - uncle of Marta Wesenick, cancer
- Mike Loppnow - cancer
- Beth Cochran - friend of Dan Wegner, health concerns
- Kaden Wegner - grandson of Michael Wegner, health concerns
- Pastor Dean Desilet - friend of Pastor Chuck, health concerns
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer

Welcome to our newest members who were received this past Sunday.
Stacy Stammer, Hazel Hoier, Emma Hoier, Nancy Millard, Susan Millard



Sunday School students and teachers are collecting items for the New London Community Cupboard.



Cody Immel Family Benefit

Saturday, April 20 at Crystal Falls

Raffles start at 4 PM; Band starts at 8 PM

On September 17th, 2023, Cody Immel was tragically taken away from his family and friends. On that night, the Immel family was forever changed. Cody was a great son, devoted father, loving husband, and friend to many. His unexpected passing has left behind a shattered family – a grieving wife, Elise, and two beautiful young daughters, Myla and Eva. Cody was the pillar of his family and a source of strength, love, and endless support. Cody was proud of his career at CR Meyer which gave his family financial stability. Our goal is to raise funds for his two daughters and help establish a secure financial foundation for their future and education opportunities. THANK YOU for your generosity and support during this challenging time.

Entertainment Provided by:
Ask Your Mother starting at 8:00pm

50/50 Raffles
Basket Raffles
Food and Drinks

Host and MC for the evening:
DJ Magic Mike

**The Joy of Giving for the month of April is the Synod Assembly service project.
This year's project is Crossways Camping Ministries.**

Let's Bless Camp! Synod Assembly Service Project Details

Following Christ's call to cultivate inclusive communities, equip servant leaders, and create formative faith experiences, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin is enriched and transformed through the mission of our vital mission partner, [Crossways Camping Ministries](#). Crossways Chair of Operations and Co-Director of Pine Lake Camp, Robyn Koehler shares,

What a joy to be able to share the impact and invitation of Crossways Camps with connections across the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The vibrant ministry in this synod from generous congregations, inspiring leaders, and engaged communities strengthens the gospel and Crossways is honored to be part of proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ with you.

This year at Synod Assembly, we are rallying support around Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost - and we can't do it without you. First, we invite you to include Crossways in your prayers as we approach the summer season. Please pray specifically for the full time staff, the summer staff, the board of directors, and each camper who will experience faith in community through the ministry of Crossways. Then, help spread the word to share generously!

Each conference will be inspired to give generously based on one of the key values and ministries of Crossways. The Appleton Conference will be focused on FAITH. You can access a detailed wish list of items based on this ministry by clicking here: [Faith](#)





Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?" ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold

through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."



Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;

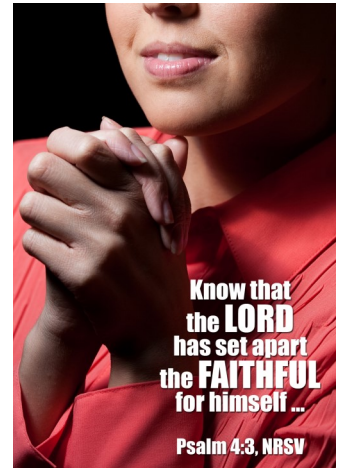
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.



Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

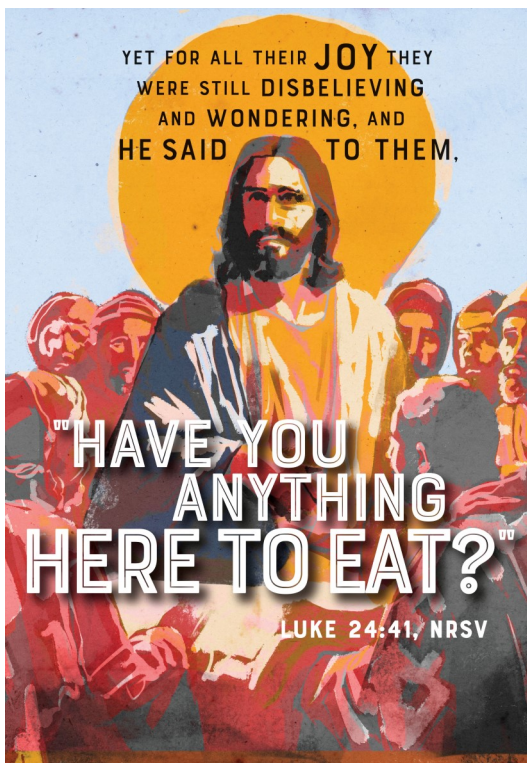
In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."



Jesus is Real!

The renowned artist Paul Gustave Dore (1821-1883) lost his passport while traveling in Europe. When he came to a border crossing, he explained his predicament to one of the guards.

Giving his name to the official, Dore hoped he would be recognized and allowed to pass. The guard, however, said that many people attempted to cross the border by claiming to be persons they were not.

Dore insisted that he was the man he claimed to be. "All right," said the official, "we'll give you a test, and if you pass it we'll allow you to go through." Handing him a pencil and a sheet of paper, he told the artist to sketch several peasants standing nearby. Dore did it so quickly and skillfully that the guard was convinced he was indeed who he claimed to be. His work confirmed his word!

II. Today we see in Luke's gospel that Jesus needed to provide proof to his disciples that he was really alive.

Last week in John we had doubting Thomas but in Luke all the disciples at first thought they were seeing a ghost.

They could not believe in him simply by seeing him or hearing his voice.

He has to show them his body of flesh and bone.

He even has to eat in front of them to prove his identity.

This confirmed his word.

Doesn't this make the story of Jesus resurrection more real?

Disciples were not expecting it, could not have made this up.

They did not conjure up a resurrection story to make themselves feel better.

It was not a matter that they were so inspired by his life and teachings that they used the language of resurrection to keep his memory alive.

They could not have had a group hallucination.

They saw him with their own eyes.

They were able to touch his wounds.

Jesus' resurrected body was a continuation of his old one.

It was still him.

But notice he still has to "open their minds to understand the scriptures."

They could not believe in him on their own.

They could not understand the scriptures on their own without his help.

Now they get it!

He GIVES them the faith they need.

His work confirmed his word.

The best evidence we have that the resurrection of Jesus is real is the changed lives of the disciples.

We still need help believing today.

We cannot understand the Scriptures on our own.

Jesus still has to open our minds.

He does this through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Serving at worship on Sunday

Ushers
Cindy Wolford, Steve Dyreson

Lector
Holly Bodway

Communion Assistant
Treston Kaepernick

Slides
Dawn Haag

Livestream
David Newton

Altar Guild
Sue Luba, Jayne Murphy

Luther emphasized this in his catechism: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith."

Jesus gave power and understanding to his followers that is still available to us today,

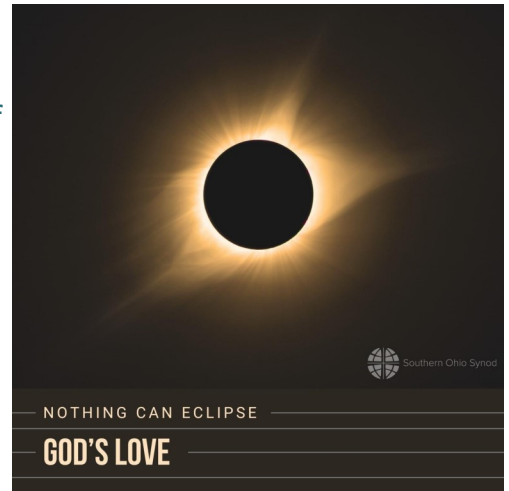
We need each other to have faith: we cannot believe and live as people of faith by ourselves.

We need community.

God does give us signs of his presence with us if we look for them.

What major event occurred this past week?

The eclipse of course. Heidi Osborne, executive director of Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Ohio, said the center's purpose in planning a retreat during the eclipse was merely to allow people to experience the majesty and awe of the eclipse as something



guided by God's hand and to give them time to reflect on it. Eclipses often signify beginnings or endings and are times to bring people together, reminding them of their interconnectedness with each other and with God.

My sister went to Texas to experience the eclipse with two of my cousins.

She posted on Facebook "How wondrous are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all! (Psalm 103:24)

God is real!

Jesus Christ is real!

Risen Christ works in and through us.

He sends us the Holy Spirit to give us understanding, and to empower us to live as people of hope, compassion, grace.

Christ comes to us in Word and Sacrament.

Clearest evidence of Risen Christ: our lives of love and grace.

We are his hands and feet today.

His death and resurrection confirm that he is true to his word.

We can trust him.

He is the real deal! Amen