

# Trinity Tidings

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## Quarterly Giving Statements

Available for pick up in the narthex on Sunday or in the office during office hours.

April 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

Hot ham & cheese sandwiches will be served.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this meal, please direct them to Trinity's parking lot on Wednesday, April 24. If the person does not have transportation to pick up the meal, please consider waiting in line and delivering the meal to them.



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.

Sunday, April 21

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

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23

- Community Meals Planning 5 PM

Wednesday, April 24

- Community Meals Distribution 5 PM
- Confirmation Class 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28 *T-shirt Day*

- 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.

Sunday, May 19

Capital Funds Campaign  
Celebration Potluck

Stay tuned for more information!



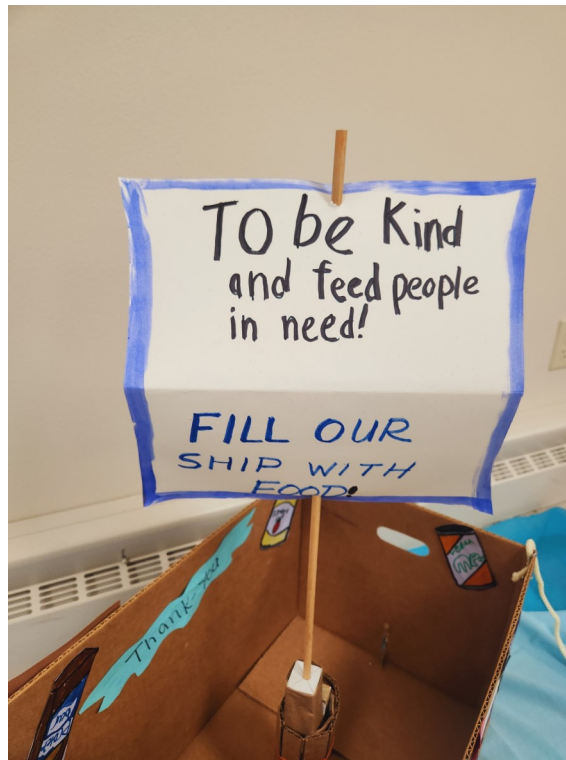
Office Hours:  
8 AM - 12 noon  
Monday - Thursday  
Other times by appointment



- Ernie Pulvermacher - friend of Kirk & Amy Van Dreel, upcoming procedure
- 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
- 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 Lopnow - 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 the Lord's table!

### Lucy Olson, Easton Simonis, Hayden Laatsch, Forrest Myers



Sunday School is collecting through April 28th for the Food Pantry.



## 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



Thank you for your continued support of the  
New London Community Cupboard!  
There is an ongoing need for donations.  
Please drop off your donations in the bin  
outside of the church doors.

## The Joy of Giving for the month of April is the Synod Assembly service project.

This year's project is Crossways Camping Ministries.

This year at Synod Assembly, we are rallying support around Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost. First, we invite you to include Crossways in your prayers as we approach the summer season. Please pray 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](#)



When we gather for synod assembly, you will be invited to actively support camp through various hands on projects. More on those projects to come! Questions may be directed to [ecsw@ecsw.org](mailto:ecsw@ecsw.org).



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God

raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

"SALVATION

is found in no one else."

ACTS 4:12, NIV

### Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will

reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has



Love ...  
in truth  
and action.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commands abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE  
FOR THE SHEEP.**

**JOHN 10:11**



### **Good Shepherd**

Did you hear about the guy who prayed, ‘Lord, so far today I’ve done all right. I haven’t gossiped or lost my temper, and I haven’t been nasty or greedy or grumpy. But in a few minutes I am going to have to get out of bed, and then I am going to need all the help I can get!’

What goes through your minds when you first get out of bed?

It may depend on the day.

Some days you may have something happening you are really looking forward to and other days you dread.

For me my mind is often racing about what I have to get done that day, especially on Sunday mornings.

My first prayer before I get up is “Lord I need your help today!”

That calms me down.

Then I read Scripture before anything else.

This helps me focus my mind on God before I read the news about all the problems with the world.

When I would start the day reading all of the bad news it would just make me anxious.

Prayer and reading Scripture sets a positive tone for the day.

We have just heard some very encouraging words from the Gospel of John.

Good words to remember when we get up in the morning or any time of day.

Jesus says “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.”

This is one of several “I am” sayings of John.

Jesus is saying that he is in charge.

This is a divine claim.

To the Jewish People God was the Shepherd.



Psalm 23 is an example of this.

He is the shepherd who takes care of his sheep, and protects them to the point of giving his life for them.

In John's gospel Jesus is always in control, even of his death.

He says, "I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again."

Jesus is never the helpless victim.

He gives his life willingly; no one takes it from him.

What does it mean to be a sheep of Jesus' flock? It means that we enter through his gate. Jesus is the way to salvation. Jesus is the way to peace. We know his voice and follow him. He cares for us, keeping us safe. And when we wander away, which we know we do all too often, he comes searching for us.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd has a relationship with us.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd makes clear that he is not a hired hand who will abandon us at the first sign of trouble.

He says:

"the hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."

Have you ever been let down by someone when you really needed help?

I have had that experience.

A supervisor once told me when I was in a difficult

situation, "I'm glad it's you and not me." Thanks a lot. (sarcasm).

When we need help Jesus does not say to us "You're on your own. You made your bed so lie in it."

Jesus tells us to turn to him.

He will not let us down.

Jesus proved that we can trust him because he laid down his life for us.

He keeps his word.

Each and every day we can wake up submitting ourselves to the Good Shepherd.

We can trust him.

We can pray for him to use us as he wills.

I would like to share with you a prayer that I learned years ago on my sabbatical that I use occasionally:

"O Lord Jesus Christ, in obedience to your holy claim upon me, I give myself anew to you this day. All that I am, all that I have to be totally used for your using. Take me away from myself and use me up, as you will, when you will where you will and with whom you will." Amen.

A decorative graphic with a church steeple, a cross, and a sun, containing text for Sunday worship services. The background is a soft-focus image of a church steeple and a cross. The text is centered and reads:

**Serving at worship on Sunday**

**Ushers**  
Ron & Joy Flohr

**Lector**  
Ron Flohr

**Communion Assistant**  
Bill Krejcarek

**Slides**  
Mark Moser

**Livestream**  
Tom Vigil

**Altar Guild**  
Sue Luba, Jayne Murphy