

News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



FOR US

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 2

12 & 7 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, April 3

12 & 7 pm—Good Friday Service

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 5

7 am—Sunrise Service

Breakfast following sunrise service

10:30 am—Easter Service

Monday 6 pm—Easter Service

Easter Breakfast

Join us for Easter Breakfast on April 5th between the sunrise and second services. The Youth Group & Board of Youth are preparing and serving the meal and are excited to introduce a German style menu:

- Biscuits & Rolls
- Various Meats
- Various Cheeses
- Sliced Tomatoes & Cucumbers
- Eggs
- Yogurt Cups
- Fruit Cups
- Pastries & Sweets

Come and enjoy food and fellowship! Freewill donations will be accepted.

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Knowing Christ's Love
Seeking His Will
Spreading His Word

Devotional on Psalm 118: Comfort and Hope in God's Steadfast Love

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1, LSB)

Psalm 118 is a song of triumph and trust, a hymn of thanksgiving that resonates deeply with God's children, pointing us to the comfort and hope found in God's unchanging love and His saving work through Jesus Christ. As we meditate on this psalm, we are reminded that, no matter the trials we face, God's steadfast love is our refuge and our reason for hope.

Comfort in God's Enduring Love

The psalmist begins and ends with a call to give thanks for God's goodness and His *hesed*—His steadfast, covenantal love that never fails (vv. 1, 29). This love is most fully revealed in the cross of Christ. When the psalmist declares, *"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"* (v. 6), we hear echoes of the confidence we have through faith in Christ. Sin, death, and the devil have no ultimate power over us because Jesus has conquered them all. In our moments of fear, doubt, or sorrow, this truth brings profound comfort: God is for us, and His love will never abandon us.

Luther himself often turned to the Psalms for comfort, especially in times of trial. He understood that our salvation rests not on our own strength but on God's grace alone. Psalm 118:14 proclaims, *"The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation."* This is the heart of the Gospel: Christ, our salvation, is God's gift to us, received through faith. When we feel weak or overwhelmed, we can rest in the assurance that Jesus is our strength, carrying us through every storm.

Hope in God's Deliverance

The psalmist reflects on times of distress, saying, *"Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free"* (v. 5). This verse invites us to recall God's faithfulness in our own lives—how He has delivered us in the past and promises to do so again. This hope is anchored in the resurrection of Jesus, the *"stone that the builders rejected"* (v. 22), who has become the cornerstone of our faith. Christ's victory over death assures us that no suffering is final, and no darkness can overcome His light.

In our daily lives, we may face rejection, loss, or uncertainty, but Psalm 118 reminds us that God's plan is greater than human failure. The rejected stone—Jesus—has become the foundation of our hope. As Lutherans, we cling to the promise of the Gospel: through Baptism, we are united to Christ's death and resurrection, and through the Lord's Supper, we receive His body and blood for forgiveness and strength. These means of grace sustain us, giving us hope to face each day with courage.

Living in Thanksgiving

Psalm 118 calls us to live in gratitude: *"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"* (v. 24). Each day is a gift from God, an opportunity to trust in His mercy and share His love with others. We are called to respond to God's grace with lives of worship and service, knowing that our salvation is secure in Christ. Even in the midst of trials, we can say with the psalmist, *"I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord"* (v. 17). Our hope is not in our circumstances but in the God who has redeemed us.

Prayer

Merciful God, we give You thanks for Your steadfast love that endures forever. In times of distress, comfort us with the promise of Your presence and the victory of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with hope through Your Word and Sacraments, and help us to live each day in gratitude, proclaiming Your deeds to the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Brian K. Thieme

SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

Altar Guild: Help Wanted!

The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers! If interested or for more information, please reach out to Betty Buchheit at 573-823-2664 or dbuchheit305@aol.com.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers & Subs

Our Sunday school is growing we are in need of more teachers and substitutes to teach the word of God to His children. Would you prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents to help in this mission. You can email the Board of Christian Education at trinityboce@gmail.com or speak with one of the board members: Karen Provost, Hillari Roberts, or Connie Coil. Blessings.

Handbell Choir—Ringers Wanted!

Practices are on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The handbell choir is in need of additional ringers. No musical experience is required. If interested in joining, please contact Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.

Volunteer at the Food Bank with the Board of Social Ministry

- Saturday, April 11, 2026, 8:30-10:30 am
- Columbia Food Bank Volunteer Room: 2101 Vandiver Drive
- The Board of Social Ministry is looking for volunteers! Please join us for this opportunity to serve the community by donating time at the Columbia Food Bank.

Our board will confirm volunteer participation by April 3rd. If you are interested, please email our board at TrinityBOSM@gmail.com or text Emily Derendinger at 573-808-5214.

Lutheran Ladies (and Friends) Having Fun Night

- Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm
- Thieme House
- RSVP to Sarah Thieme at 573-999-7746

Women's Fellowship Time—Spring Brunch

- Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 am
- Fellowship Hall
- RSVP to Amanda Hakes 573-864-6757

The body of Christ is designed to serve and encourage one another as we toil here on earth awaiting the second coming of Christ.

We want to connect the young and the experienced women of Trinity for a time of fellowship. We are seeking to share and receive encouragement and wisdom from fellow Lutheran women. We so hope you will attend.

We will also be collecting baby hygiene items to donate to My Life Clinic. Items needed at this time include baby soaps, baby lotions, and diaper creams.

LIFE TEAM

Save the Date: Lunch & Learn

- Topic: November vote on Amendment 3
- Speaker: Susan Klein from Missouri Right to Life
- Sunday, April 12, 2026 after the 10:30 service
- Fellowship Hall
- Lunch will be provided by the Life Team.

The Life Team would like to help us all learn, ask questions, and grow in understanding together as a church family. All are welcome!

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." —Jeremiah 1:5

LWML NEWS

LWML Columbia Zone Spring Rally
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Centralia, MO

Sunday - April 19, 2026
Registration begins at 1:15 pm
Rally begins at 2:00 pm

Registration fee \$3.00
Refreshments to follow



Topic Speaker – Rev. Dave Spotts, Chaplain
Mid-Missouri Lutheran Hospital Ministry

Ingathering –free will donation of cash/check to support the hospital ministry.

I was sick and you visited me....Matthew 25:36b

Mary Martha Guild

- Wednesday, April 8 @ 9:30 am
- Meet at the LFCS office: 916 Bernadette Dr.

Vesper Guild

- Tuesday, April 14 @ 5:30 pm
- Church Library

2026 Missouri District LWML Convention

- Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- June 12-14, 2026

Travel southeast in Missouri to Cape Girardeau, once known as The City of Roses. This summer you can view the 24 historic murals that grace the floodwall along the historic Mississippi River. Plan to join other Lutheran Women in Mission at the biennial Missouri District convention, June 12-14, 2026, at the Druery Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cape Girardeau for the 29th biennial convention.

Following Friday night's opening worship service, which is open to family and friends too, the business of the LWML continues Saturday morning with our traditional banner procession. During the extended lunch break, when delegates cast their votes, visit the LWML Shop, Mission Fair, Silent Auction and Exhibits. Throughout the day, join your voice with song leader and entertainer Wendysue Fluegge as she inspires us to pray and sing to the Lord. Registration is online only. Early registration (by April 30) is \$200 and includes Saturday boxed lunch and Saturday banquet buffet.

Register online at <https://www.missourilwml.org/conventions/2026-missouri-district-convention>. After the online registration is completed, you will receive an email confirmation. That email will contain links to three hotels. Booking one of the hotels through that link will provide you with a discount room rate. The last date to book rooms at a discount rate is May 10, 2026. After this date, the hotels will release the unreserved rooms to the public.

Come celebrate at a convention full of tradition—rooted and established in the faith of Christ Jesus!



Scholarship Opportunity

Eligibility

- a. Scholarships may be awarded to students studying for an LCMS church vocation (pastor, teacher, DCE, deaconess, etc.).
- b. Recipients must be attending an LCMS college, university, or seminary.
- c. Recipients must be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Application and Approval

- a. Potential recipients must submit a written letter of application to the Board of Directors between March 15 and April 15.
- b. Scholarships may be renewed annually if the recipient requests continued support by submitting a written letter of application to the Board of Directors.
- c. Applications for summer school scholarships will be considered.
- d. Scholarships and their specific amounts must be approved by the Assembly of Voters.

Administration

- a. Scholarship checks will be written to the institution (or its appropriate subunit) on behalf of the recipient. Checks will not be written directly to the recipient.
- b. Scholarship checks will be disbursed to the institution within thirty (30) days of the beginning of the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.
- c. Scholarship funds will first be drawn from the budgeted line account item (account 617). If the budgeted account is depleted, funds may also be drawn from the dedicated LCEF scholarship fund (account 195).
- d. If the budgeted line account has a balance at the end of the fiscal year, the balance will be moved into the dedicated LCEF scholarship fund.
- e. Scholarship amounts awarded will depend on the number of applications received.

February 22, 2026 Assembly of Voters (draft meeting minutes)

The regular meeting of the Assembly of Voters was held in the Fellowship Hall on February 22, 2026, beginning at 12:30p.m. Seventy-four people signed the attendance sheet. President Larry McCoig and Secretary Debbie Antel were in attendance.

Pastor Thieme gave an opening devotion based on Matthew 22.

President McCoig welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, and confirmed a quorum. Jon and Karly Berendzen were welcomed as first-time attendees.

Robert Hall made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; seconded and approved.

Phil Glenn made a motion to suspend the orders of the day by moving Agenda Item XIII C from New Business to Item XII B Old Business and Item XII B to XII C under Old Business and explained his reasoning for the motion to require a two-thirds majority to assume debt. The motion was seconded.

President McCoig addressed the parliamentary question, noting that he consulted several professional parliamentarians for guidance. He emphasized that he is not a parliamentarian himself, but he will make decisions and pray that God's will is done, acknowledging that he may not get everything perfectly right today. The motion on the floor is not debatable and requires a two-thirds vote approval, per Robert's Rules and research by President McCoig.

President McCoig repeated the motion to move XIII C to XII B to require a two-thirds majority vote to approve any loan or mortgage for the church expansion project. He called for a show-of-hands vote. David Attebery and John Frerking counted. The motion failed, 42 in favor and 30 opposed.

Daniel Hakes made a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings: the November 16, 2025 regular meeting; the December 14, 2025 regular meeting; and the January 18, 2026 special meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor Thieme's report is included in the agenda packet; there was no discussion or action.

Membership changes reported since the December 2025 regular AOV meeting are included in the agenda packet, for information purposes. There was no discussion or action taken.

Keith Davis, Financial Secretary, presented the December 2025 year-end Financial Secretary's Report and asked for any questions; there were none. The motion to receive was seconded and approved.

Warren Harms, Treasurer, presented the December 2025 year-end Treasurer's Reports and asked for any questions; there were none. He noted the reports have been approved by the Board of Directors, and he noted a year-end surplus on page 15 of \$208,999. The motion to receive was seconded and approved.

Board, Committee, and Auxiliary Organization Reports included in the agenda packet: Elders – February report and 2025 Annual Summary, Christian Education – February report and 2025 Annual Summary, Evangelism – February report and 2025 Annual Summary, Social Ministry - 2025 Annual Summary, Stewardship and Finance – February report, Youth – February report, 100th Anniversary Planning Committee and Worship Upgrades Committee, Church Property Security and Church Community Security Committee, Kitchen Committee, Life Team - 2025 Annual Summary, Mary Martha Guild - 2025 Annual Summary, Stephen Ministry - 2025 Annual Summary.

President McCoig invited each board, committee, or organization to speak to its report or offer additions or updates. Doug McDowell updated the Church Property Security report to include an anticipated April installation date. The Board of Youth and the Youth Group members received thanks and applause for providing today's lunch. Appreciation was also extended to the 100th Anniversary Committee for its outstanding work throughout last year's celebration.

Old Business

2023 Financial Review Committee Report response: The report initially presented for approval in September 2025 is included in the agenda packet. Gary Kespohl made a motion to receive the report; the motion was seconded and approved.

Motion that a construction loan be considered for approval: The motion initially presented at the January 18, 2026 Special Assembly of Voters meeting, and voting postponed per Bylaw 3.1.6, was read by President McCoig:

Motion that a construction loan, not to exceed one million dollars, be considered for approval for the Trinity expansion project to cover any difference that may exist between cash currently on hand and donations promised by members as of February 22, 2026.

The motion was seconded. President McCoig noted this motion requires a majority vote.

Daniel Hakes distributed payment estimates for the expansion project based on a 20-year loan at 6.25% and spoke in support of the motion and expressed appreciation for the contributions and support. He outlined potential cost implications of delaying the project, noting that construction inflation could exceed the cost of taking the loan. Several people spoke and discussion included: pros and cons of

securing a loan, potential costs and terms of a loan, line of credit, fundraising considerations, the role of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and the timeliness of receiving the promises that have been made.

James Roberts moved to amend the motion by requiring a two-thirds majority vote to pass, a motion to amend the required simple majority. The motion was seconded. James added clarity to his motion, that his amendment would take effect only if two-thirds of the voters present vote in favor.

President McCoig requested a headcount; 69 people remained in attendance.

Pastor Thieme and President McCoig conferred privately and thereafter President McCoig ruled James' motion out of order because a main motion cannot be amended to two-thirds. James asked people to vote their conscience.

Additional discussion included: lack of fundraising and community outreach, Trinity's history of borrowing money and confidence in the ability to do so again, potential source of funds for the loan repayment, preference for a consensus vote, contributions may increase once construction begins, theological disagreements may warrant division but a financial decision such as a loan should not, going forward one way or another.

Charlie Cott called for a vote. President McCoig again read the motion on page 41 of the agenda packet. Paper ballots were distributed, tabulated, and announced later in the meeting. The motion on the construction loan was approved 44 to 28.

New Business

Motion to proceed with the process of calling a second pastor: President McCoig reviewed the Constitution and Bylaws regarding the process of calling a pastor. He noted that the AOV, as the governing body, determines whether a second pastor will be called. If the AOV chooses to proceed, then the formal call process shall begin; involving the Board of Elders as the screening committee, the circuit visitor, the district president, timelines for submitting names, and other required steps.

David Attebery made the motion to proceed with the process of calling a second pastor. The motion was seconded. David noted that the Board of Elders believes a second pastor is needed and that, if the AOV directs them to proceed, the elders will begin the necessary work.

Following brief discussion, the motion was read again, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

(Note: Rev. Joseph McCalley was ordained and installed at Trinity-Columbia on July 12, 2020. On De-

ember 14, 2025, he announced his decision to accept the Divine Call from Trinity-Cedar City, Utah where he was installed on February 11, 2026.)

Motion to modify position description regarding pastor's day off: *(Pastor Thieme left the meeting during this agenda item.)* The complete motion was read by President McCoig:

Modification of Position Description Regarding Pastor's Day Off. Current allowance states, "One day off per week." Modify to: "Two days (16 hours) per week to be taken on a flexible schedule at pastor's discretion."

David Attebery made the motion, which was seconded. David noted that the Board of Elders believes establishing another day off in pastor's call document will help with church worker burnout. Discussion included: how the elders participate to care for the congregation, the need to involve everyone to help carry the load, immediate effect, importance of detailing the responsibilities and expectations and addressing issues raised in Pastor McCalley's letter, compensation.

After the motion was read again, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Motion to require a two-thirds majority vote to approve any loan or mortgage for the church expansion project: President McCoig noted this has already been taken care of. *(See motion to suspend the orders of the day above.)*

Motion to deposit \$20,000 from excess funds to Account #251 – Altar Items: President McCoig read the complete motion:

Motion to deposit twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) from excess 2025 funds to account 251 for use by The Worship Upgrades Committee to complete chancel upgrades. Any remaining funds in the account at the end of the project will be used for future upgrades for the chancel area to include furnishings.

The motion was seconded. Phil Glenn spoke to the motion, noting the projected need for additional funds beyond current contributions. Appreciation was expressed to the committee for its exemplary work and selections. Clarification was requested regarding whether the project extends into the narthex, chancel, or a piscina; and Phil confirmed that none of those items are included. During discussion regarding the logistics of transferring funds, Gary Kespohl moved to amend the motion to designate 190-Capital Outlay as the source; the amendment did not pass. The original motion to deposit \$20,000 into the account was then approved.

Motion to approve Board of Elders positions as representatives to:

Board of Evangelism: Benjamin Asbeck

Board of Stewardship and Finance: John Frerking

Nominating Committee: Ron Dickes, Chairman

Charlie Cott made a motion to approve the positions; seconded and approved.

Financial Review Committee 2024 and 2025 appointments: President McCoig noted the committee has not yet been appointed.

Proposed 2026 Meeting Dates: Proposed meeting dates for March through December 2026 are included in the agenda packet. President McCoig noted that the December BOD and AOV meetings will be combined and held on December 13. Warren Harms made a motion to approve the proposed meeting dates; seconded and approved.

Announcements

Lenten Light Suppers, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall; Dates and Hosts:

February 18: Board of Elders

February 25: Board of Social Ministry

March 4: Board of Stewardship and Finance

March 11: Board of Evangelism

March 18: Board of Christian Education

March 25: Mary Martha Guild

E² Conference – February 28, 2026, in Jefferson City.

BOD Meeting – March 10, 2026; 6:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled AOV meeting is May 31, 2026; Potluck at 11:45 a.m.; meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Several people moved to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Thieme led the attendees in singing the Doxology. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Debbie Antel, Secretary

March 10, 2026 Board of Directors (draft meeting minutes)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order in the Fellowship Hall on March 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees included Larry McCoig (President), Pastor Thieme, Annette Kiehne, Warren Harms, David Attebery, Connie Coil, Dan Watts, Kassen Lock, Travis Vellema, Jacque Eckhoff, Chuck Murphy and Hunter Kevil. Jacque Eckhoff served as Secretary Pro Tem.

Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion.

Larry added a New Business item of "Hunter Kevil". Dan Watts moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as adjusted; seconded and approved.

President McCoig presented the Financial Secretary's

report of operating income through February 28. Regular envelopes year-to-date actual collections are \$96,377.20. Loose plate year-to-date collections are \$1,326.00. Building Fund year-to-date collections are \$63,265.00. Other year-to-date collections are \$6,574.40. The motion to receive the Financial Secretary's report was seconded and approved.

Warren Harms, Treasurer, presented the financial reports ending February 28. The three reports include a summary of the Operating Budget for the Church and the Child Learning Center and the balances on Net Operating Cash and Reserve Accounts; five pages of detailed income and expenses; and four pages detailing designated gifts. Warren noted the "new look" of the Treasurer's Report due to new software. The motion to receive the Treasurer's reports was seconded and approved.

The Consent Agenda includes the minutes from the February 5, 2026 regular meeting, Pastor Thieme's report, and board reports from the Elders, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Stewardship and Finance, Youth, and Endowment Fund. The Elders report includes the following membership changes:

Transfers In:

Thomas Joseph Marler III – 2/15/2026, Adult Confirmation

Jessica Evans – 2/15/2026, Profession of Faith

Transfers Out:

Candace Michelle Randall Johnson – 2/05/2026, Transfer LCMS

Joseph Matthew McCalley – 2/16/2026, Transfer LCMS

Deaths:

Larry Gene Samuel – 2/15/2026

Marvin Paul Koop – 2/23/2026

David Attebery moved to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded and approved.

Old Business - None

New Business

Hunter Kevil Hunter, Board of Endowment member, had questions regarding his Board. Questions included...What should the Board consider their business? And, Which accounts are interest bearing? It was stated that the function of the Board is outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws, and Warren clarified that all accounts are interest bearing.

Announcements BOD Meeting – April 14, 2026; 6:30 p.m. Written reports from all boards (see Bylaws 7.1.7) are due to Debbie Antel, Congregation Secretary, and Heather Asbeck, Church Administrator, by 4:00 p.m. April 8, 2026. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; seconded and approved. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff Secretary Pro Tem

LIFE NEWS—MARCH 2026



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Life Newsbytes

Canada is about to kill its 100,000th citizen through Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) this spring. Not in a war. Not on a battlefield. Not in a medical accident. Killed by policy, by a government that wants them dead. Let's say this by name, call it the truth. A systemic failure dressed up as compassion. MAiD was sold as a narrow option for the terminally ill, a rare mercy. That fiction collapsed long ago. Today, assisted death is a routine outcome for people struggling with disability, isolation, poverty, and mental health challenges, and when the world looked at what we're doing, it didn't nod approvingly. It recoiled. The United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities didn't mince words: Canada must repeal "Track 2" MAiD, the legal pathway that allows people whose deaths are not reasonably foreseeable to receive assisted dying. It called Track 2 "extremely concerning." It said the law rests on "negative, ableist perceptions of the quality and value of the life of persons with disabilities," suggesting it assumes suffering is inherent to disability rather than a product of social inequality and discrimination. This is not fluff from ivory-tower bureaucrats. This is the authoritative UN body charged with monitoring Canada's compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a treaty Canada ratified in 2010. (Read more: Kelsi Sheren – <https://tinyurl.com/3r7wr78j>)

Speaking up For Life

"Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota*

"Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty Creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother." *Thomas P. Nass, CELC President*

"Our Lord dwelt among us for quite some time without anyone seeing or meeting Him. Yet in this span, He consecrated and sanctified every human life from its very beginning at the moment of fertilization. And He demonstrated that neither age nor appearance nor ability—nor any lack thereof—improves or impairs anyone's worth. God creates, redeems, and calls each one as His own to start with." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

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THE SEASON OF LENT

BY REV. DR. ARIC FENSKE



It seems like Christmas was just a week or two ago, and yet here we are again at the beginning of the season of Lent! And while it seems like we have just jumped from one special season of the Church year to another, this is good for us. The Christian Church has historically observed the season of Lent as a season of repentance. We are encouraged to engage in careful self-reflection and increased devotion upon the Word of God. The two go hand in hand. As we spend more time in God's Word and reflect on our lives in light of that Word, we should (if we are honest with ourselves) come to a deeper understanding of our sins and our desperate need for Jesus' forgiveness and salvation.

That realization, in turn, increases our desire for Jesus and helps us to grow in our appreciation for all that He has done and continues to do for us, as He leads us through this life of sin and toward our eternal home with Him. It also motivates us to celebrate Jesus' death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter morning with renewed zeal and excitement.

But in addition to increasing our faith in Christ, there is another by-product from this time of increased devotion and self-reflection: our love for one another increases.

As we contemplate our sinful condition, we are, by default, recognizing all the ways that we've failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. And the Holy Spirit, working true repentance in us through the Word of God, motivates us to want to do better.

Which, of course, is a great thing as we continue to work toward defending the sanctity of every person's life. It's easy (and tempting) to always direct our attention to what others are doing or not doing regarding life issues. But it is good for us to take some time now and again to reflect on how we have failed or what we could be doing better to love and serve those who need our help.

It is my prayer for you that this Lenten season provides you with just such an opportunity to reflect and grow, for the sake of your own spiritual growth and for the sake of your neighbors, both inside and outside of the womb.

Please know that I am thankful for you and that Christ has washed you in His blood and called you into His service. May you be abundantly blessed this Lent as we move toward the yearly commemoration of our Lord's suffering and dying for the life of the world.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

<p>1 Arla Benskin</p> <p>2 Gideon Anderson</p> <p>3 Rylee Eckhoff</p> <p>5 Andrew Lawler</p> <p>6 Jason Kiehne</p> <p>8 Stephanie Baehman Tim Kling</p> <p>9 James Bier</p> <p>10 Tori Thompson</p> <p>11 Preston Baehman Kara Mahieu</p> <p>13 Aaron Bedsworth Stephen Harris</p> <p>15 Abbey Vandermillion</p> <p>16 Kim Crouch</p> <p>17 Emma Crouch Tom Marler</p> <p>18 Reese Eckhoff Jameson Fitzgerald James Roberts</p>	<p>19 Isabella Harlan-Raisch Trinity Reiss Nicole Thompson</p> <p>20 Sarah Klingbeil Tom Myers</p> <p>21 Mary Earnhart</p> <p>22 Benjamin Sikich Eddie Sterling</p> <p>24 Josie Grotzinger William Roberts Nick Weber</p> <p>25 Fred Luetkemeier</p> <p>26 Gary Frisch Austin Tipton Rachel Weber</p> <p>27 Michael Laupp</p> <p>28 Loralee Adam</p> <p>29 Natalie Schneider</p>	<p>Ray & Terri Shank April 1, 1978</p> <p>Larry & Judy Lammers April 3, 1960</p> <p>Fred & Dana Luetkemeier April 17, 1993</p> <p>Tom & Sarah Stone April 18, 1998</p> <p>James & Bonnie Lawler April 20, 1985</p> <p>Don & Jan Lang April 24, 1976</p> <p>Buck & Norma Katt April 25, 1953</p> <p>Jeffery & Nanette Schneider April 25, 1981</p> <p>Dan & Donna Watts April 28, 1978</p>
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Dear Church Family,

Please contact the Church Office when:

- a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so visits can be made
- someone you know is very ill or has passed away
- you would like to be assigned a Stephen Caregiver to help you through a difficult time
- your class, board, or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar
- your contact information or address changes
- a new baby arrives in your family
- a member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married
- you would like to have a member call you to visit or assist you in some way
- you have a prayer request
- you would like to share your time and talents
- you feel the church can assist you in any way

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Palm Sunday 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv 6p JCC	30 9a Bible Study 6p Divine Service	31 545p Pickleball	1 9a LC Chapel	2 Maundy Thurs 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 12p Maundy Thurs Service 7p Maundy Thurs Service	3 Good Friday 12p Good Friday Service 7p Good Friday Service	4 Youth Easter Breakfast Prep (Kitchen, Gym, FH)
5 Easter 7a Divine Service 830a Easter Breakfast 1030a Divine Serv	6 6p Divine Service	7 5p BoECE 545p Pickleball 6p Stephen Min.	8 9a LC Chapel 930a MM Guild 6p BOCE	9 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 545p Pickleball 630p Handbells	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 8:30a BOSM Food Bank
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