

April 2026



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing the story of Jesus Christ so all may experience God's Love

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From Pastor Denise

What does the Resurrection of Our Lord mean to you?

We begin April by celebrating this miraculous event of God's power over death, as God raises his son, Jesus, from his death on a cross. We began 40 days ago by receiving a cross of ashes upon our foreheads and remembering that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Indeed, it is through death that God gives resurrection and new life.

Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism, writes that the significance of our own baptism with water and the word of God is that "the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person it is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." (ELW p. 1165)

The death and resurrection of our Lord is something we can experience each day in our own baptisms. Resurrection is not merely something we experience after our own physical death, but something we experience anew each day. Something we are called to live out in our lives right now. As Paul writes in Romans 6, we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection so that "we may walk in newness of life." That newness of life began the moment you were baptized and it begins each day as you 'drown' the sinfulness within you and rise up in the Spirit of God.

It is a daily 'trying again' to be the person God has called you to be - a person of love, gentleness, forgiveness, compassion, kindness, mercy, peace, patience and hope. We rise anew each day from the ashes of our sin - bitterness, regret, hatred, violence, anger, prejudice, harming of ourselves and others, selfishness and unkindness. Within each one of us is the ability to be 'saint and sinner' as Martin Luther put it. We aren't one or the other, but all mixed up together. So this daily drowning and rising in Jesus' death and resurrection through our baptism is crucial to who we are as God's people. This means turning away from all that draws us away from God and turning toward the life God offers in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

In our baptism we were also filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God that gives us a new life right here and right now. A new life that can transform the world by God's love as we "walk in newness of life."

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection together, remember this is the grace given for you - each day - to walk through the ashes of your own life and rise to walk in the newness of life we experience in Jesus Christ.

May God's peace and Spirit fill you this Easter Season,

Pastor Denise

From Our President

Grace and peace to you in this beautiful season of spring.

As the days grow longer and the earth awakens with new life, we are reminded of God's gift of renewal, rebirth, and hope. The blooming flowers, warming sun, and fresh beginnings of spring reflect the promise we celebrate in our faith—that through Christ, God is always bringing new life out of what once seemed dormant.

Just as spring brings rebirth to the world around us, our faith reminds us that God is continually renewing our hearts and strengthening our hope. This season also invites us, as a congregation, to come together in renewal and conversation—listening to one another, sharing ideas, and growing together in faith and mission. Through open discussion and fellowship, we build deeper understanding and unity as the body of Christ.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

May this season of spring, rebirth, and faith inspire us to grow in trust, compassion, and joyful service. As the earth blossoms with new life, may our hearts also be renewed in Christ.

“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

Jason



In Our Thoughts and Prayers and Recently Hospitalized

David Hahn, Paul Sevald, Greg Buck, Gail English, Bruce Peacock, Kathryn Swanson, Sandy House, Kerry Kirchoff

Altar Flowers for April

April 5	**,* **
April 12	Mark & Karen Sostarich; **
April 19	Scott & Lois Lukas; Cheryl Parkinson
April 26	**,* **

The bouquets are \$25 each. Please sign up on Signup Genius tinyurl.com/TrinityFlowers or contact the church office. You can also sign up on the board outside the church office. (**) means nobody has signed up. You may pick up your flowers or call to arrange delivery

40-in-40 Drive

Every child deserves a cake on their birthday. However, it is not always feasible for families. Thanks to your continued support of South Milwaukee Human Concerns, we collected 60 kits!

Easter Flowers

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Husband Mike Zingsheim by Lori Zingsheim

Sarah Koers & David Kendall by Barbara Kendall

Our parents by Scott & Lois Lukas

Janice Biermann by Fred & Sharon Schraith

**Parents, Bud & Darlene Kirchoff, husband, Don Felicki & Charlie Zimmerman
by Cindy Felicki**

Our grandparents and Erik's stepdad, Dave, and sister, Sarah, by the Brooks Family

Russell Bruneau by Phyllis Bruneau

Husband Don by Nancy Barbian

Our Parents by Matt & Darcy McDaniel

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF THE RESURRECTED LORD BY:

**Mark & Karen Sostarich, Nicole Lentz, Kathryn Swanson,
Marcy Wilhelm, Sue Zylka**

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In honor of Pastor Denise by Terry & Lidia Amonson

Thankful for the blessings received during the year by Leslie Hundt

**Given to the glory of God and in memory of Henry & Dorothy Reeves and Richard
Reeves by Shirley Komasa**

[2026 Craft & Vendor Fair](#)

Submitted by Patty Rosek-Johnson



Are you a crafter or vendor, or do you know someone who is? Registration is now open for Trinity's Fall Craft & Vendor Fair on Oct 24, 2026. Interested vendors must complete a preapproval form before a registration form will be emailed from Patty Rosek-Johnson. Note - in years past all tables have sold by mid-July, so act now to reserve your table!

Complete the form by visiting
<https://tinyurl.com/TLCCraftVendorFairForm>

[Lawn Care Volunteers Needed](#)

The Property Team is seeking volunteers to help cut the grass at church this spring and summer. A lawn tractor and self-propelled mower are available for use.

If you're willing to help, please contact Stan Druckrey at 414-369-7216.

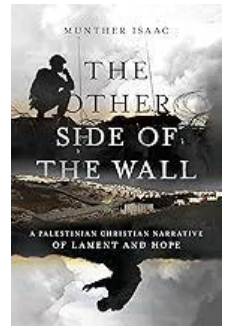
[Spring 2026 Book Read](#)

Join us for our Spring Book Read on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Castillo's (5656 S. Packard Ave. Cudahy). We are reading "[The Other Side of the Wall](#)" by Rev. Munther Isaac, a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The Other Side of the Wall: A Palestinian Pastor's Invitation to Lament and Hope

Christians have lived in Palestine since the earliest days of the Jesus movement. The Palestinian church predates Islam. Yet Palestinian Christians find themselves marginalized and ostracized. In the heated tensions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the voices of Palestinian Christians are often unheard and ignored.

This book provides an opportunity to hear the realities of life on the ground from a leading Palestinian pastor and theologian. In *The Other Side of the Wall* Munther Isaac:



- Gives the perspective of Palestinian Christians on the other side of the separation wall surrounding most Palestinian West Bank cities today
- Laments the injustices suffered by the Palestinian people yet holds out hope for a just peace and ways to befriend and love his Jewish and Muslim neighbors, and
- Offers a theology of the land and a vision for a shared land that belongs to God, where there are no second-class citizens of any kind, in stark contrast to the dominant religious and nationalistic ideologies and agendas for the region.

"This book is my invitation to you," Isaac writes, "to step into the other side of the wall and listen to our stories and perspective. It is my humble request to you to allow me to share how Palestinians experience God, read the Bible, and have been touched and liberated by Jesus—a fellow Bethlehemite who has challenged us to see others as neighbors and love them as ourselves. . . . This book paints a picture of our story of faith, lament, and hope. And I invite you to join and listen, on our side of the wall." (from amazon.com)

Readings for April 2026

April 2, 2026 – Maundy Thursday – Choir – No Saturday services Holy Week

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 3, 2026 – Good Friday – Lisa sing at 1 p.m. and Choir @ 7 p.m. – No Saturday services during Holy Week

Scripture: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Mark 14:1-15:47

April 5, 2026 – The Resurrection of Our Lord 9:30 service– Choir and Bells – adapted Family Service for Easter

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

April 11/12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter – Saturday services resume - Guest preacher Rev. Becky Erb Strang, Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission – Pastor will be here to lead liturgy

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 18/19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April 25/26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Soul Purpose

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10



OPEN CONVERSATIONS *with Pastor Denise*

4th Wednesday of the Month

Wednesday, April 22

from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at

Hillside Coffee House

237 E Ryan Rd

Oak Creek



Youth and Family News

Submitted by Ray Bergwin and Alyssa Olson

Trinity Scholarships

Please consider donating to Trinity Lutheran Church's Scholarship Fund. Every year, your contributions help deserving Trinity scholars pursue their educational goals. Indicate your intention by marking "scholarship fund" on your designated giving envelope, or selecting "scholarship" from the drop-down menu in the Tithe.ly electronic giving app.

Our scholarship application is available both online (<https://tlcsm.org/collections/member-resources>) and in the forms rack outside the church office. Completed applications can be submitted to the church office or directly to Alyssa by **May 9**. We encourage students to apply and are happy to attend school scholarship presentation ceremonies as requested. Scholarships will be awarded on **May 17** during worship as we celebrate educational milestones.

Milestones and More in May

For the first time, we're combining several annual traditions into one amazing day on **May 17**. First, during Sunday school, we'll celebrate our education volunteers and students in our final class of the school year. Then, join us in a very special worship that combines Youth-Led Worship, Music Sunday, and Affirmation of Baptism! River of Life Milestones will begin with the recognition of our graduating class, the presentation of scholarships, and the sharing of educational milestones at every age and stage. After worship, our final GIANT cinnamon roll sale of the school year will fill the narthex.

If you are interested in helping bake or sell rolls or have any questions about this big day, reach out to Alyssa at youthtlcsm@gmail.com.



Summer Fun at Lutherdale

Looking for something fun to do this summer?

From kid and family camps to bus trips and quilt auction, our local Lutheran outdoor ministry center has it all! Check out Lutherdale.org to find out more.

"Camperships" are available if the cost of camp is inaccessible. Please reach out to Alyssa at youthtlcsm@gmail.com with questions.

Save the dates for the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering! June 28-July 2, 2027



The Youth Gathering is a unique faith formation experience. Every three years, thousands of ELCA teens from across the country converge on one city for a week of worship, service, and fellowship unlike any other.

Teens must be in 8th-12th grade in fall 2026 to attend the Youth Gathering.

For those aged 18-35, the national Young Adult Gathering will take place simultaneously. There are also pre-events for youth with disabilities and youth of color to gather in the community before the large event. Our tentative plan is to take the train, with potential for a fun extra stop along the way!

Learn more at <https://www.elca.org/gathering-2027/about-what-is-the-gathering> and stay tuned for informational meetings and registration this fall.

We'll need adults to help lead, plan, and fundraise. In the coming months, please prayerfully consider if you might be feeling called to be part of this once in a lifetime faith experience.



Simple Supper, 40 - in - 40 Collection, Confirmation



Highlights from the March 2026 Council Meeting

- The council devotion was the Outreach for Hope Lent devotion about Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit.
- Minutes, team reports, Pastor's report, and Treasurer's report were approved.
- There was discussion around the feedback from the March 8 Pray Ground listening session, along with responses to the digital feedback form. A tentative date of the first Sunday in June was set for a congregational vote on implementing a prayer ground.
- There was discussion around the property team's proposal to remove the communion rail from the chancel area to allow for more room for music groups up front. The council tabled the discussion for next month and will request more information regarding the plan and costs associated with this proposal.
- Teri Junge was ratified as a new member of the Mutual Ministry Team.
- Pastor reported that a fill-in pastor has been identified for her sabbatical time this summer. The executive team will meet after Easter to draw up a contract.
- Pastor reported that a part of her sabbatical will be attending the Conference on Worship, Theology, and the Arts at St. Olaf College in July.

Financial Update for February

Submitted by David Hahn

We begin our financial roller coaster ride this year. January was a good month but February had us going in the opposite direction.

1. Net income -\$10,087; Year-to-date -\$7,927.
2. Raise Right income of \$419 from the last three months of 2025.
3. Compared to last year, operating income is down \$2,700, and expense is about the same.

Even with having a tough month, we do want to acknowledge the many congregants who faithfully provide Trinity with the funds necessary to sustain our ministries/staff. We do realize that there are now numerous members who choose to donate once/twice a year or quarterly, including seniors using tax free QCD, which does make our month to month income more unpredictable but manageable.

Project Uplift: Balance of \$28,356; Income of \$302

Impact Report:

Endowment Fund Grants:

- \$307 Music purchase
- \$9 Godly Play

Thrivent Action Team Grants:

- 40 in 40 Lent Drive
- Holy Week Fest



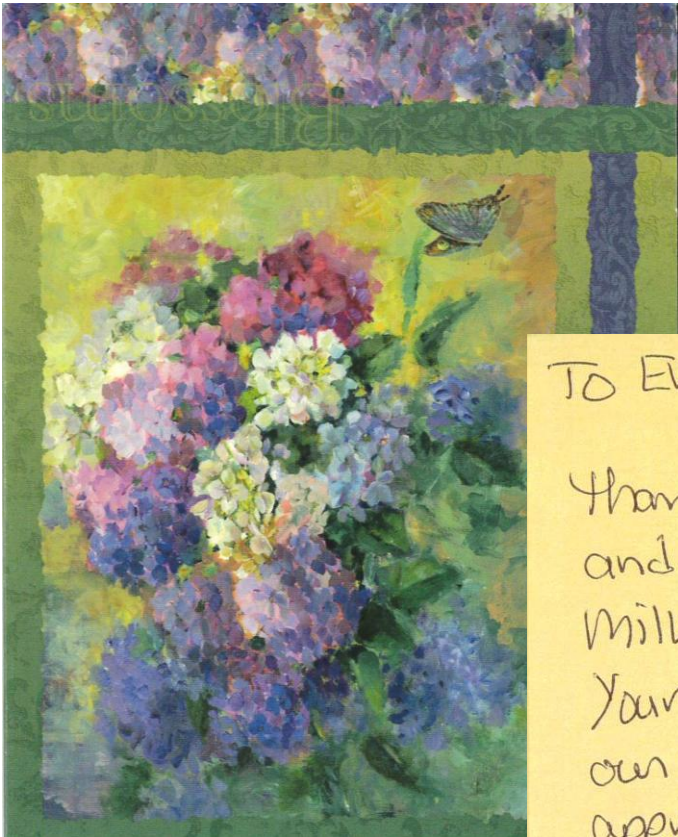


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Palm/Passion Sunday 8:45 Cross+Generational Holy Week Festival 9:30Worship in person and online 10:30 Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser	30 8:30–1:30 Office Open No Confirmation	31 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting 6:30 Mutual Ministry Team Meeting in person	April 1 Pastor Off	2 Maudy Thursday 8:30–1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study No Bell Ensemble Rehearsal No Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Simple Supper 7:00 Worship in person and online	3 Good Friday 1:00 Worship in person and online 7:00 Worship in person and online	4 Human Concerns Weekend
5 Easter Sunday Human Concerns Weekend 6:15 Sunrise Worship at Lake Vista Park in Oak Creek No Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Family First Worship in person and online	6 Office Closed 6:30 Confirmation	7 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting 10:30 Property Ministry Team Meeting in person 7:00 Executive Committee Meeting on Zoom	8	9 Office Closed 10:30 Adult Bible Study No Bell Ensemble Rehearsal No Choir Rehearsal	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 5:00 Worship in person with guest preacher Rev. Becky Erb Strang
12 Tidings Articles Due 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Worship in person and online with guest preacher Rev. Becky Erb Strang 10:30 Education & Youth Ministry Team Meeting in person	13 8:30– 1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Finance Ministry Team Meeting on Zoom	14 7:00 Council Meeting on Zoom	15 7:00 Thrivent Member Group Meeting on Zoom	16 8:30– 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Community Meal at United Church of Christ South Milwaukee 6:30 Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 Endowment Fund Committee Meeting on Zoom 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	17 Pastor's Day Off 4:00 Restaurant Meet Up at Joe's "K" Ranch in Cudahy	18 9:30 Spring Book Read at Castillo's in Cudahy 1:00 Saturday Stitchers 5:00 Worship in person
19 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Worship in person and online	20 8:30– 1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation	21 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting	22 9:30–11:30 Open Conversations with Pastor Denise at Hillside Coffee House in Oak Creek	23 8:30– 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 5:45 Trinity to provide Guest House Breakfast 5:00 Worship in person
26 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Worship in person and online with Soul Purpose 10:30 Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting in person 10:30Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting in person	27 8:30– 1:30 Office Open 2:00–6:30 3rd Year Confirmation Retreat 6:30 Confirmation	28	29 10:30 Staff Meeting in person	30 8:30– 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	May 1 Pastor's Day Off	2 Human Concerns Weekend 5:00 Worship in person










Letters of Appreciation




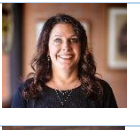


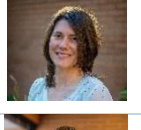
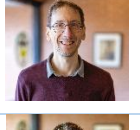


To Everyone at Trinity Lutheran Church,
Thank You so much for your says
and monetary donation to South
Milwaukee, Human Concerns.
Your support of our mission and
our community is so greatly
appreciated.

Best Regards
Deb DeBoer
SM Human Concerns

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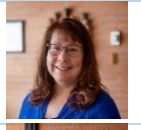
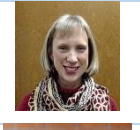


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April 2026 TIDINGS

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In person worship at 5:00 p.m. Saturday

In person and livestream worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School 3-year-olds – 8th grade at 8:45 a.m.

(Labor Day – Memorial Day)

Church office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



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