

# TRINITY'S LINK

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## **The Joy of the Resurrection**



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory.

Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

# Council Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2026

Members present: Ken Bishop, Sheila Thomas, Roger Jungmeyer, Jerome Rockelman, Jennifer Dampf, and Pastor Musselman. Travis Koestner and Becky Hayden joined the meeting via telephone.

The meeting began at 6:35 pm.

Larry Bishop, Call Committee Chair, gave a report on the procedure for the committee and he will continue to update.

Kathy Koestner gave a report on information she has gathered from Tithely

Pastor Musselman opened the council meeting with a prayer.

The Council reviewed the February meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the February minutes by Jerome; second by Ken; motion carried.

The Council reviewed the February financial reports. Jerome made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Ken; motion carried.

Budget and Finance- Jennifer Dampf

- Jennifer reported on the church's finances and said the palm branches have been purchased for Palm Sunday.
- The counter top replacement in the hall has been paid for from the building fund and will be reimbursed by the WELCA group.
- The remaining cost, after insurance, for the awning replacement on the west side of the church has been paid.

Parish Education Committee- Jennifer Dampf

- God's Kids will help the Easter Bunny stuff eggs with candy on Sunday, March 22, after church.
- The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be March 28.
- Ken Bishop made motion to donate \$150.00 to the Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Sheila; motion carried.
- Mollie Keck, Meghan Ortvals, Jessica Keeran, Kim Otto, and Jennifer Dampf will be the members of the Parish Education Committee.

Evangelism- Sheila Thomas

- Evangelism will host a pancake/sausage breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 29, immediately after church. There will be a free will offering for God's Kids and LYO.
- An April event is being planned for a fundraiser to benefit the Kaleb and Halie Payne Family.

Music and Worship- Ken Bishop

- The committee met to select music for the rest of April and May Sundays.
- Ken will talk with Ryan Ortvals of the Cemetery Board to plan a Memorial Day Service.

## **Celebrating Creation — Earth Day –April 22**

April offers a beautiful reminder of God's handiwork. Earth Day encourages us to care for creation with gratitude and stewardship. Consider small steps — reducing waste, planting something new or enjoying the beauty of God's world with fresh appreciation.

Property- Jerome Rockelman

- Work has been completed on the Parish Hall Kitchen countertops.
- The Pulpit has been secured to the doorjamb. The TV has been moved from the pulpit to a table on the right and the TV cables have been rerouted. Workers were: Dan Linhardt, Roger Jungmeyer, John Schmoeger, Jeff Gordon, Larry Bishop, Jerome Rockelman and Travis Koestner.
- Pastor Musselman's name and church website address have been added to the church sign.

Vitality Committee- Travis Koestner

- The group is working on organizing gatherings with small groups for Pastor Musselman to get to know members of Trinity.
- The group is working to coordinate Wednesday Discipleship Meetings in the Fall

Pastor's Report- Pastor Musselman spoke about:

- Developing task force to plan the meal/main entree for the Wednesday Discipleship meetings in the fall
- "Fresh Expressions" and ways to connect with people
- Adding information to the sign by the Parish Hall about his sermon series for each month.
- The pro's and con's of being a family sized church
- Updating our mission statement

Old Business:

- Anna Wise will let Jennifer know if she is interested in leading Team VBS this year.

New Business:

- Painting of the Parish Hall will begin when the hall is cleaned out and open for painting. Ken Bishop made a motion to not paint the stage at this time, seconded by Jennifer, motion carried.
- The bookshelf at the east door of the Parish Hall will be updated and cleaned with the addition of children's books.
- Roger, Ken, Jennifer and Pastor Musselman will meet with the church secretary and custodian to review job duties
- Council will review church committees and encourage people to be involved. Ken Bishop will reach out to Addie Cole about joining Music and Worship.
- There was discussion of Trinity's website and improving it. Kathy Koestner provided excellent information about the Tithely application and how it would work for Trinity. A motion was made by Jennifer to use Tithely for all communication needs, purchase a new domain for the church, and to create a new task force for working on the website which includes: Kathy Koestner, Bob Ortals, Ken Bishop, Jack Hayden and Pastor Musselman. Travis seconded the motion; motion passed.
- Council discussed the current copyright licenses that Trinity purchases and decided a better copyright should be purchased. A motion was made by Becky to purchase a Christian Copyright Solutions, second by Sheila; motion passed.
- All of the Lenten offerings will be donated to Central Missouri Food Bank.

The next Council Meeting will be April 14, 2026. A motion was made by Ken to adjourn the meeting; second by Jerome; motion carried.

Pastor Musselman closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Respectively submitted:

Becky Hayden

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank You!

The Women would like to thank Mary Gordon for being the chairman of the annual rummage sale, Dana Frisby for organizing the food and the rummage sale work group that put in lots of time and labor to get things ready for the sale. Also thank you to everyone who helped with the event, donated items, provided food and attended the event. Thanks to Beth Rockelman for packing and delivering the remaining clothes to Community in Christ, Sunrise Beach and Oaks. We could not do this event without everyone's support. The following is a breakdown of the event:

Rummage	\$2,412.94
Food	<u>1,505.90</u>
<b>Net Total Income:</b>	<b>\$3,918.84</b>

Donations from rummage items were provided to church projects, OAKS Indian Mission (Oklahoma) and given to the following charities:

- Birthright, Infant-size 5T. Given to Gladys Moll for distribution
- Several local Schools
- Russellville-Lohman Fire Department, stuffed animals
- St Michael's Church, shoes to be sent to 3rd world countries
- Santa Give-A-Way, Trinity event. New and nearly new clothing, toys, items for youth and parent gifts
- Central Missouri Food Pantry, Free Store.
- Lutheran World Relief, Quilts Project, fabric and lining supplies
- Community in Christ, Sunrise Beach
- OAKS Indian Mission
- Goodwill, Jefferson City
- River City Habitat for Humanity

## Scholarship Applications

Central States Synod Women of the ELCA scholarship applications are available to female members of an ELCA congregation seeking post-high school education. The deadline for submission is April 30th. If interested, please see the church bulletin board for details and an application.

## Good Friday: A Cross-Shaped Love

Good Friday invites us to pause and remember the weight of Christ's sacrifice. As we reflect, may we hold close the truth that his love reaches us in every season — steady, unwavering and full of mercy.

# April 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <b>C-6:30 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Worship	3 <b>C-6:30 PM</b> Good Friday Worship	4
5 <b>C-9:00 AM-</b> Easter Sunday Worship	6	7 <b>P/H-5 PM –</b> Yoga	8	9 <b>P/H-5:45 PM-</b> Young Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 <b>C-9:00 AM-</b> Worship	13	14 <b>P/L-1-3 PM</b> Food Bank <b>P/H-5 PM –Yoga</b> <b>P/O-5:30 PM-</b> Music & Worship <b>P/H-6 PM-</b> Church Council	15 <b>P/H-</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Retreads	16	17	18 Halie & Kaleb Payne Fundraiser @ Wasserlauf Valley—Doors Open- @ 6 PM-Event @ 6:30 PM
19 <b>C-9:00 AM-</b> Worship WELCA Quarterly Meeting	20	21 <b>P/H-5 PM –</b> Yoga  <b>Newsletter Article Deadline</b>	22  <b>Earth Day</b>	23 <b>P/H-5:45 PM-</b> Young Women's Bible Study  Children's Church	24	25 <b>P-H—WELCA</b> Spring Cluster Meeting  Church Workday
26 <b>C-9:00 AM-</b> Worship	27	28 <b>P/H-5 PM –</b> Yoga	29	30	<b>C=Church, P/H=Parish Hall, P=Pavilion, P/O=Parish Office, P/L=Parking Lot</b>	

## Attention Trinity Women:

We are excited to announce a new women's Bible study group at our church! Our young women's Bible

study is going strong and now we want to start an "older" women's Bible study group! We plan to begin the group after the Easter season. We will have a short meeting immediately after church on Sunday, April 12 to decide when/how often we would like to meet, a name for our group, and vote on our first topic/book for the study group. All women are welcome to join as we continue to foster our spiritual growth and community among women!

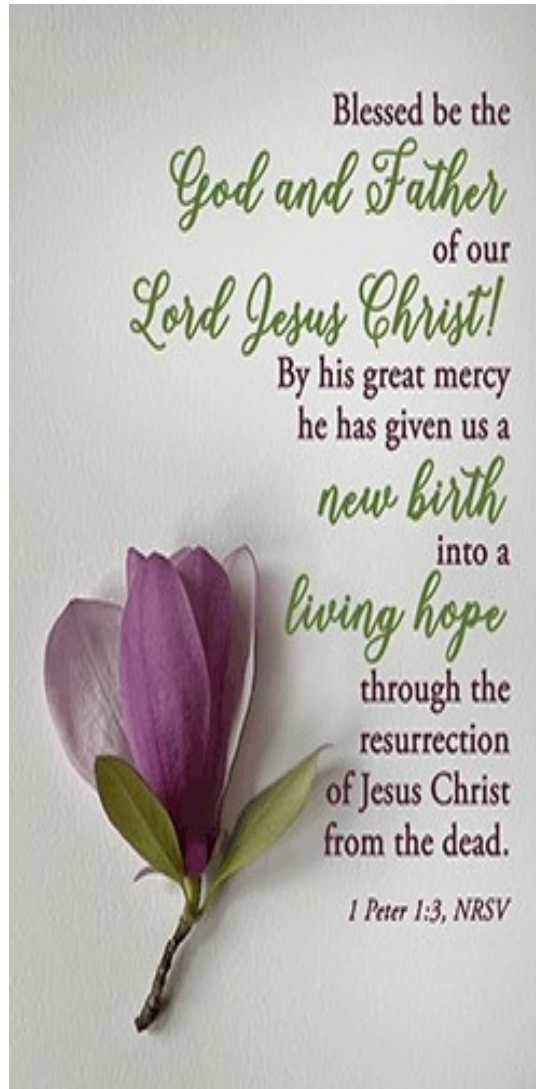
## Prayer Chain Requests

Do you have a spiritual, physical, or mental prayer request? Trinity's Prayer Chain is here to support you. To begin a prayer request or to be added to the prayer chain to receive text messages or phone calls, please contact Kathy Koestner (573-690-0956) or Connie Harrison (573-680-9465). We invite you to stay connected as we support one another through prayer.

## Baptismal

### Birthdays for April

- 1 Georgia Hoellering
- 2 Howard Ellis
- 3 Isaac Eberhart-Morris
- 3 Bruce Rosenmiller
- 3 Matthew Strobel
- 6 Dorothy Johnson
- 7 Lisa Smith
- 8 Marla Klynott
- 9 Ken Bishop
- 9 Larry Bishop
- 10 Owen Allen
- 11 Alan Bock
- 12 Christian DeVore
- 12 Colton DeVore
- 13 Brandon Allen
- 13 Caleb Harrison
- 16 Jack Hayden
- 18 Addilyn Cole
- 18 Eleanor Ortvals
- 21 Lisa Haslag
- 23 Pyper June Elliott
- 23 Koen Michael Keck
- 26 Jill Hayden
- 29 Sharon Morgan



### Birthdays for April

- 4 Clayton Miles
- 8 Kelly Frazier
- 8 Braxton Lee Geiger
- 11 Sharon Morgan
- 13 Jerome Rockelman
- 14 Amanda Benz
- 17 Natalie Kirchner
- 18 Roy Goldammer, Jr.
- 19 Dale Jungmeyer
- 19 Kathy Koestner
- 20 Glenda Allen
- 20 Chris Mehmert
- 26 Justin Goldammer
- 26 Leslie Hayden
- 27 Cathy Kliethermes
- 29 Alisha Peterson

## Lenten Worship Servers

	April 2	April 3
<b>Council Member</b>	Roger Jungmeyer	Ken Bishop
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Tami Kirchner	Kim Otto
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Connie Harrison Jennifer Dampf	

### Maundy Thursday: Love Shown Through Service

On this sacred day, we reflect on Jesus washing the disciples' feet and teaching us to serve with humility. Take a moment this week to offer simple acts of grace — a listening ear, a meal shared, or a quiet prayer lifted for someone in need.

# Worship Servers

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
<b>Council Member</b>	Sheila Thomas	Jerome Rockelman	Roger Jungmeyer	Jerome Rockelman
<b>Greeter</b>	Mollie Keck Family	Cory & Beth Volkart Family	Garrett & Mikala Geiger Family	Zach & Lisa Haslag Family
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Brooke Koestner	Anna Wise	Kim Otto	Lee Henry Penberthy
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jocie Mertens	Adalyn Wood	Acolyte Volunteer	Brooklyn Wood
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Pastor Musselman	Connie Harrison	Jennifer Dampf	Mrs. Scott Musselman
<b>Offering Assistants</b>	Mollie Keck Family	Cory & Beth Volkart Family	Garrett & Mikala Geiger Family	Zach & Lisa Haslag Family
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Jessica Keeran	Anna Wise	Kim Otto	Christina Wood
<b>Video</b>	Dana Frisby	Lyle and Dana Jobe	Kathy Koestner Denise Ortvals	Jack Hayden
<b>Piano</b>	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Becky Hayden

## Thank You!

I really appreciate the 90th birthday reception all of you attended for me. Also the big potted flower arrangement, It is beautiful! Thanks to Sheila and to God for letting it grow. God bless all of you.

...Jean Anderson

## Food Bank

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri was at Trinity's parking lot on Tuesday, March 10, for its monthly visit. The day consisted of summer temperatures in the eighties—unreal for spring! There were twenty-one volunteers present with seven representing Trinity. During the distribution there were 120 families served totaling 313 persons. Items distributed were: packaged pastries, potatoes, onions, watermelon, Pickle Balls, sweet tea, Chick-A- Boom popcorn, hamburger and an assortment of breads, desserts and various other food items. The April food Bank visit to Trinity will be Tuesday, April 14, 1:00-3:00 pm. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

## Easter Sunday: Hope That Changes Everything

He is risen! Easter calls us to celebrate with joy and gratitude. Christ's resurrection reminds us that darkness does not win and hope is always rising. Let's rejoice together in the good news that transforms our lives.