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When the Spirit Turned Fear Into Courage

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles fled in fear. Peter, shaken and afraid, found himself denying that he even knew Christ. Christ's followers hid in confusion and grief, feeling brokenhearted and hopeless.

Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them. Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage. Boldly, forthrightly, not far from the site of the crucifixion, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.

The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church.

Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost in *Free Men*: "A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community. People gave their hearts to God and shared their possessions with their brothers and sisters in Christ. These believers could not keep silent. Their joyful freedom broke down every wall others tried to place around them, and no prison could silence their witness."

The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.



Council Meeting Minutes-April 14, 2026

Members present: Ken Bishop, Sheila Thomas, Roger Jungmeyer, Jerome Rockelman, Jennifer Dampf, Pastor Musselman, Travis Koestner and Becky Hayden. The meeting began at 6:36 pm. Pastor Musselman opened the council meeting with a prayer.

The Council reviewed the March meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the March minutes by Ken; second by Sheila, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the March 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.

Parish Education Committee- Jennifer Dampf

- Mollie Keck, Meghan Ortals, Jessica Keeran, and Kim Otto are the members of Parish Education Committee, with Jennifer Dampf as the council representative.
- The Palm Sunday Breakfast, hosted by the Evangelism Committee, raised \$527.00 to be split between God's Kids and LYO.
- The group is working on ideas for Mother's Day
- The youth and parents will put flowers on the graves at the cemetery May 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

Evangelism- Sheila Thomas

- Evangelism is finalizing the preparations for the fundraiser to benefit the Kaleb and Halie Payne Family.
- A Palm Sunday Pancake breakfast was served with a free will offering donated to Trinity's youth groups.

Music and Worship- Ken Bishop

- A Memorial Day service was discussed to take place at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Monday May 25th .
- The committee met along with members of the Parish Education Committee to discuss our worship service and how we can develop a service style that is satisfactory for all members of our church. We discussed music, order of service, and other ideas. We will continue to work to create a meaningful service for all.
- Addie Cole has joined the Music and Worship Committee.

Property- Jerome Rockelman

- Installed marquee panels adding Rev. Scott Musselman and church website
- Set timers for Daylight Saving time.
- Set mouse trap on right side stage room.
- Dana Frisby, Jeff Gordon and Jerome installed new CFL lights in the church chandeliers. They also cleaned and washed the glass globes.
- Jeff and Jerome repaired the stage curtain track. People need to use the ropes to open and close the curtains.
- Jeff and Jerome replaced a flood light on the left side of the church.
- Smoke alarm battery replaced in the parsonage.

- Repaired hall stage door hinges
- Replace parsonage east door strike plate
- Tightened the church west door hinges
- Working on hall kitchen imperial range

Vitality Committee- Travis Koestner

- The group is proposing disbanding and joining with Evangelism Committee

Pastor's Report- Pastor Musselman spoke about:

- Working with Music and Worship Committee
- Asking Ken Bishop, Connie Harrison, Tami Kirchner, Kim Otto and Travis Koestner to consider the Parish Ministry Associate program, which equips lay people to come alongside pastors for doing some of the types of ministries pastors do.
- Changing from committees to teams.
- The Fall Wednesday evening discipleship ministry. Roger reported Misty Schroeder could prepare the meals for \$7-\$8 per person. She doesn't know if her schedule would allow her to make every Wednesday night meal.
- Ideas for Trinity's mission statement.
- Encourage the evangelism ministry to take advantage of the Fresh Expressions effort of the synod for ways to connect with people.

Old Business:

- Vacation Bible School will be July 6-9, 2026. Jessica Keeran and Mollie Keck will be working together as leaders.

Council reaffirmed the following discussion items that were previously approved by council:

☐ Schoolhouse: Becky made a motion to fix up the schoolhouse to make it useable for church activities. Second by Jennifer, motion carried.

☐ Prayer Garden: A workday is planned to work on the garden, remove dead trees and rose bushes, move gravel to places around the church grounds and place mulch in the garden.

☐ Ken Bishop made a motion to purchase a Dusk to Dawn light, install it on the south side of the Pavilion, and replace the switch in the garage for the light on the parking lot pole. Second by Sheila, motion carried.

☐ Jerome will purchase and install a new "vacant/in-use" door handle for the upstairs bathroom in the Parish Hall

☐ Sealing church brick and review Bell tower leak.

☐ Ken Bishop will look into purchasing security cameras for the parish hall, pavilion, and parsonage.

New Business:

- Ken Bishop stated he would like to purchase a large TV for the Parish Hall basement. The motion was made by Ken to purchase and donate the TV; seconded by Jerome, motion passed.
- The Russellville Fire Auxiliary would like to use Trinity's kitchen to prepare for their upcoming fundraiser. Ken Bishop made a motion to approve The Fire Auxiliary to use Trinity's kitchen May 14-16 for the fund raiser preparations; Second by Sheila Thomas, motion passed.
- The Church property workday has been moved to May 16th .
- The call committee has distributed a survey and will compile the results.
- The Web Site Committee will meet Thursday April 16.

The next Council Meeting will be May 12, 2026. A motion was made by Jerome to adjourn the meeting; second by Ken, motion carried.

Pastor Musselman closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting ended at 8:01 pm.

Respectively submitted:

Becky Hayden

Secretary _____ President _____

An Angel and a Miracle Fund Raiser

Wow, you guys are amazing!

What started as a mustard-seed size of an idea, God took and grew it into something so much bigger than we could have ever imagined.

The Tricky Tray Fundraiser turned into an incredible night filled with generosity, love, and support for Halie and Kaleb - and we are so thankful.

Thank you to our Trinity church family for your constant prayers and encouragement.

Thank you to our volunteers for the countless hours planning and serving.

A special thank you goes to Misty at Wasserlauf Valley for her truly generous heart.

And thank you to every single person who donated, volunteered, bought tickets, or attended - you made the night what it was.

This was a beautiful reminder that God doesn't need something big to do something incredible - He just asks for faith and willing hearts.

Thank you from the Evangelism Committee

Matthew 17:20

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.

Women of the ELCA Quarterly Meeting

April 19, 2026

The Women of the ELCA met on Sunday, April 19, 2026 after the church service. Vice President Mary Gordon called the business meeting to order. The minutes of the January 18, 2026 quarterly meeting were read and approved. Kathy Koestner read the treasurer's report as of March 31, 2026 showing a balance of \$11,728.39 in the checking account, \$2,479.85 in the savings account and \$5,464.76 in the CD. The net income from the rummage sale was \$2,412.94 for rummage and \$1,505.90 for food served. The treasurer's report was approved. There were no thank you notes.

Denise Ortvals gave the Special Projects report. The kitchen supplies and paper products have been replenished. Denise presented prices for a 55" wide Fagor 2-door stainless steel freezer for \$4,200.00 and 30-quart Planetary commercial mixer for \$3,595.00 or a refurbished 20-quart Hobart commercial mixer for \$1,700.00 from Commercial and Restaurant Equipment in Camden. After discussion, motion was made and approved to purchase the 55" freezer and refurbished Hobart mixer from Commercial and Restaurant Equipment.

There was no report from the Mission Action Committee.

The meeting continued with finishing plans for the Spring Cluster meeting which will be here at Trinity on April 25, 2026. Pastries and fruit will be served during registration hour, meat tray and salads will be served at lunch and water with granola bar will be in the snack bags. Various ladies volunteered for setting up and preparing for the cluster meeting.

The National Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19, 2026. Motion was made and approved to give \$100.00 for the convention offering.

Mary Gordon and Becky Hayden reported they are in the process of getting supplies ordered for the apple pie fundraiser which will be the first couple weeks of October.

There is a large supply of gallon jars we no longer need in the brown cabinets in the hall dining room area. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to take them home.

There being no further business, motion was made and approved to adjourn.

The next meeting will be July 19, 2026. There were six members present.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Ortvals, Secretary

Memorial Day Worship

The Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the cemetery. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the church. To help maintain the appearance of the cemetery and allow for proper mowing, we ask that all flowers placed on graves be removed by Sunday, June 7th

Worship Servers

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Council Member	Jennifer Dampf	Ken Bishop	Travis Koestner	Sheila Thomas	Jerome Rockelman
Greeters	Ryan & Meghan Ortvals Family	Clayton & Elizabeth Miles Family	Jessica Keeran Family	Cody & Brooke Koestner Family	Kent & Cheyenne Shikles Family
Acolyte	Acolyte Volunteer	Adalyn Wood	Jocie Mertens	Acolyte Volunteer	Brooklyn Wood
Lay Reader	Mollie Keck	Anna Wise	Lee Henry Penberthy	Cathy Kliethermes	Christina Wood
Children's Sermon	Tami Kirchner	Pastor Scott Musselman	Becky Hayden	Connie Harrison	Jennifer Dampf
Offering Assistants	Ryan & Meghan Ortvals Family	Clayton & Elizabeth Miles Family	Jessica Keeran Family	Cody & Brooke Koestner Family	Kent & Cheyenne Shikles Family
Communion Assistant	Mollie Keck	Kathi Bishop	Connie Harison	Brooke Koestner	Christina Wood
Video	Dana Frisby	Lyle & Dana Jobe	Jack Hayden	Kathy Koestner & Denise Ortvals	Jack Hayden
Piano	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Becky Hayden

Summer 2026 Schedule - Lake Area Community Orchestra

Tuesday, May 26	St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hatler St., Russellville
Tuesday, June 2	Ha Ha Tonka State Park, Route D, Camdenton
Tuesday, June 9	First Baptist Church, 209 S Aurora, Eldon
Tuesday, June 16	California United Church of Christ, 101 N Oak, California
Tuesday, June 23	West Lake Christian Church, Route O, Laurie
Tuesday, June 30	Pomme de Terre United Methodist Church, 21046 County Road 295 (Carsons Corner), Hermitage
Tuesday, July 14	First Christian Church, East Capitol Ave., Jefferson City
Tuesday, July 21	Lake Ozark Christian Church, Bus. 54, Lake Ozark
Tuesday, July 28	Walk on the Water Faith Church, 959 Old State Park Road, Osage Beach

All Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. There is no admission charge.

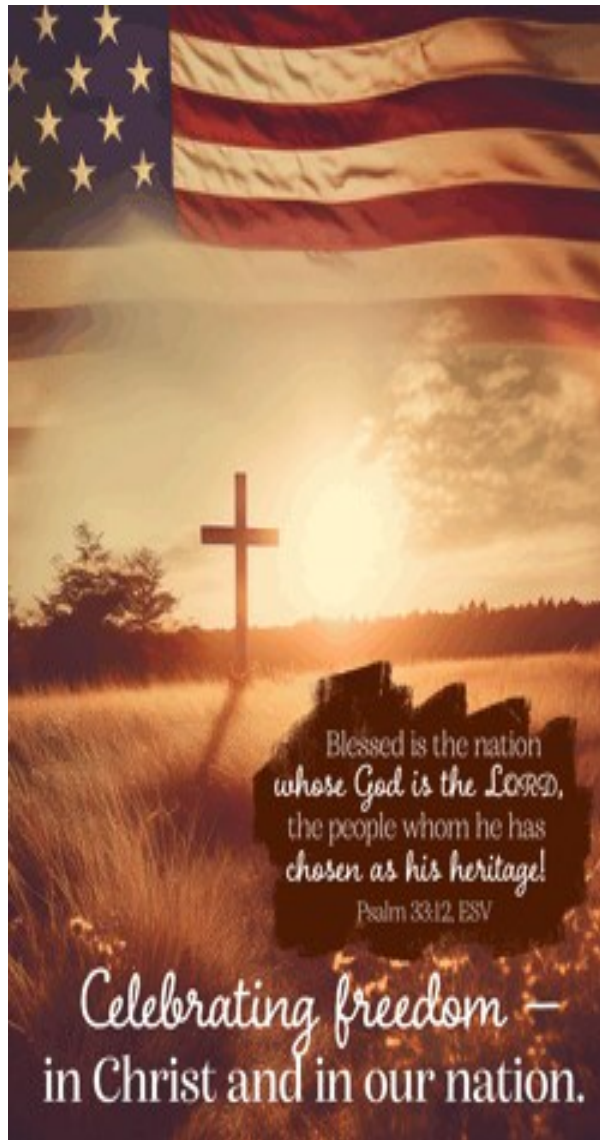
Free will donations are welcome.

Bring a chair to Ha Ha Tonka.

We have some great music in store for you at these concerts. Selections include: America, the Beautiful; Shenandoah's Simple Gifts, Fanfare and Flourishes, Lest We Forget, Invicta, Country Gardens, That Old Hound Dog Rag, and our director joins us with an exciting cornet solo in Carnival of Venice. And we usually close with Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever. Dr. Nate Moe begins his second year as the director for the orchestra.

Baptismal Birthdays for May

- 1 Jocie Mertens
- 1 Clayton Miles
- 2 Elizabeth Mehmert
- 2 Hannah Mehmert
- 2 Larissa Mehmert
- 2 Roby Mehmert
- 2 Kailee Rowles
- 3 Kevin Brautigam
- 9 Brooklyn Wood
- 10 Kathleen Koestner
- 11 Glenda Allen
- 14 Salle Eberhart
- 15 Braxton Geiger
- 17 Gary Mueller
- 18 Jerome Rockelman
- 19 Mollie Keck
- 22 Paul Jungmeyer
- 25 Anna Wise
- 27 Grayson Leininger
- 31 Chantz Fisher
- 31 Corbin Johnson
- 31 Dale Jungmeyer
- 31 Alexandria Metcalf
- 31 Taylor Schenewerk



Birthdays for May

- 2 Audrey Goldammer
- 3 Brandon Allen
- 3 Paul Jungmeyer
- 4 Dawn Danison
- 4 Lori Weir
- 5 Carter Koestner
- 7 Shamar Heywood
- 9 Becky Hayden
- 13 Suzie DeVore
- 14 Susan Hogue
- 18 Chad Daniel
- 18 Sandi Maier
- 18 Brendon Meili
- 20 Kimberly Weiss
- 21 Cory Jenkins
- 21 Lyric Johnson
- 24 Collin Kate Shikles
- 26 Andrew Brandt
- 27 Andie Jocelyn Otto
- 28 Theresa Leininger
- 29 Brenda Jungmeyer

Mother's Day: A Legacy of Love

Mother's Day invites us to honor the women who have nurtured, guided and loved us. We celebrate not perfection, but faithfulness shown in countless quiet moments. May we give thanks for the love that shapes hearts and points us toward God's grace.

Thank You!

God's Kids and the LYO would like to thank the Evangelism Committee for hosting the pancake and sausage breakfast on Palm Sunday. The freewill offering raised \$527, which will be divided between the two youth groups.

A special thank you to everyone who helped cook, baked cinnamon rolls, made a donation, and helped with setup and cleanup. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

Food Bank

The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri was at Trinity's parking lot on Tuesday, April 14. There were twenty-one volunteers present with seven from Trinity that worked during the monthly distribution. During the distribution there were 116 families served totaling 290 persons. Items distributed were: onions, celery, Pickle Balls, Butterfinger candy, lemonade, blackberries, yogurt, ham lunchmeat, assorted bread and pastry products and assorted fruits and vegetables. The May Food Bank visit to Trinity will be on Tuesday, May 12, 1-3 PM. Thank you volunteers for your dedicated service.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards of encouragement during my hip revision and replacement surgeries. It has been very much appreciated. I also appreciate Pastor Musselman visiting me while I was in the hospital.

....Clay Hayden

A Prayer for Open Hearts and Minds

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is the fullness of light and wisdom. We ask that you enlighten our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. Clear away distraction and doubt, and help us turn our full attention to you.

Give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility. Shape our hearts so we may listen not only with our ears, but with willing spirits, ready to be taught and transformed. Remind us that true understanding does not come from our own insight or effort, but from your truth revealed to us in love.

As we hear and reflect on Scripture, draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust and guide us in the way we should go. May your Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives, bringing honor to your name.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all wisdom and grace are given. Amen.

Christian Symbol



CEDAR TREE — A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.

May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 C-9 AM Worship	4	5 P/H-5 PM –Yoga	6	7 P/H -5:45 PM - Young Women’s Bible Study P/H-6 PM - Men’s Bible Study	8	9
10 Mother’s Day C-9 AM Worship	11	12 P/L-1-3 PM - Food Bank P/H-5 PM -Yoga P/O-5:30 PM - Music & Worship P/H-6 PM - Church Council	13	14 Ascension of The Lord P/H (Kitchen) Fire Dept. Auxiliary 5/14-16	15	16 Armed Forces Day Church Work Day
17 C-9 AM Worship	18	19 P/H-5 PM –Yoga	20 P/H-11:30 AM Retreads Newsletter Article Deadline	21 P/H-5:45 PM - Young Women’s Bible Study Children’s Church	22	23
24 Pentecost Day C-9 AM Worship	25 Memorial Day 9AM Worship @ Cemetery	26 P/H-5 PM –Yoga	27	28	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday C-9 AM Worship			C=Church, P/H=Parish Hall, P=Pavilion, P/O=Parish Office, P/L=Parking Lot			

Grateful for Those Who Gave All



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.