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The King No One Expected



Sometimes we speak—or even shout—the truth without realizing just how right we are. That's exactly what happened on the first Palm Sunday.

Jesus entered Jerusalem not on a prize-worthy stallion, but on a young, humble donkey. The crowd erupted in joy, shouting, *"Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the*

Lord!" They waved palm branches, symbols of peace, and hailed Jesus as their king.

Was He a king? Jesus didn't deny it. When the Pharisees told him to silence the crowd, he replied, *"I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

Later, Pilate—the Roman governor—mocked the religious leaders by saying, *"Here is your king."* The chief priests bristled with anger, shouting, *"We have no king but Caesar!"*

When Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, he made one last jab at the furious crowd. John 19:19 tells us he ordered a sign to be placed above the cross. Written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, it declared:

"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

The chief priests demanded the sign be changed, but Pilate refused. *"What I have written, I have written,"* he said.

Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of His resurrection knew the answer. In Acts 17:7, the early believers were accused of *"saying there is another king, Jesus."* And the book of Revelation looks ahead to the day when all creation will know the truth:

"The Lamb will triumph ... for He is Lord of lords and King of kings." — Revelation 17:14

Council Meeting Minutes—February 10, 2026

Members present: Ken Bishop, Travis Koestner, Sheila Thomas, Becky Hayden, Roger Jungmeyer, Jerome Rockelman, Jennifer Dampf, and Pastor Musselman. Larry Bishop also joined the meeting. The meeting began at 6:25 pm.

Pastor Musselman opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

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

Budget and Finance- Jennifer Dampf

- Jennifer will contact the Thrivent advisor and Jennifer and Bob will plan a yearly meeting with them.
- There is a Thrivent grant available for the church to use. Becky Hayden made a motion to use the \$250.00 grant toward the Lent Offering project. Sheila seconded the motion; motion carried.

Parish Education Committee- Jennifer Dampf

- God's Kids made wildflower seed packets, including a valentine. The seed packets were given out in church on Sunday, February 1. They are also doing a community service project by putting a basket of the seed packets at the Community Point Bank in Russellville for customers.
- Jennifer will speak with other members of church to see if they would be interested in working with Parish Education.

Evangelism- Sheila Thomas

- Evangelism will meet next Monday, February 16.

Music and Worship- Ken Bishop

- The committee met to discuss Lenten services and select music for each service Feb 3.
- The committee also met Feb 10 to finish selecting songs for March.
- Pastor Musselman spoke about copyright laws and the group will focus on selecting videos that are available for the church to use.

Property- Jerome Rockelman

- Dana Frisby and Jeff Gordon removed snow from the sidewalks.
- Jerome, Jeff and Mary Gordon, Terry Wolz and Becky Hayden worked on the hall kitchen.
- A Spring work day will be April 25, 2026 with a rain date of May 2

Pastor's Report- Pastor Musselman

- Pastor presented the council with a list of goals and steps he would like to work on with the church. Pastor Scott went over each item and discussed his upcoming plans for the church.

Old Business:

- Discussed Lenten Offering Project. Trinity will collect money to purchase items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits during Lent.
- The new Church Council will be installed on Feb.22, 2026.

New Business:

- Summer outdoor services will be the same as last year. Beginning in June, Trinity will have their church service outside at the pavilion the first Sunday of each month. This will continue through October, weather permitting. In case of bad weather the service will be inside.
- Council reviewed church committees and their members. The list will be updated.
- Council will meet to review the job duties and agreements with the custodian and administrative assistant.
- There was discussion of Trinity's website and improving it.
- Council discussed the TV in the pulpit and structural concerns/issues. Jennifer made a motion to move the TV in the pulpit and place it on a moveable stand.
- Jennifer will ask the women's group about finding more volunteers for communion set up and the outdoor sign schedule.
- Larry, Roger and Randy Koestner will meet with the homeowner east of the church to set up an easement once the quitclaim deed has been finalized.
- Ken announced that the city of Russellville would be hosting a celebration of America's 250-year anniversary. It will be June 20, 2026. Many activities have been planned.
- Larry suggested Council begin setting money aside for a fulltime or new pastor.
- Travis thanked Pastor Scott for providing council with a list of goals he has for Trinity.

The next Council Meeting will be March 10, 2026. A motion was made by Jerome to adjourn the meeting; second by Sheila; motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:29 pm.

Respectively submitted:

Becky Hayden

Secretary _____ President _____

Synod Convention

We are asking for someone to be our male delegate at the Synod Convention on June 6, 2026. Beth Rockelman is our female delegate. The Convention will be held via Zoom. Please advise as quickly as possible if you would be our male delegate.

Easter Lilies

A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for those who wish to donate Easter lilies in memory of/or honor of family members or friends. Lilies are purchased by each individual or family and brought to church Friday or Saturday for Easter. Contact Beth Rockelman at 573-782-4759 if you have questions.




Baptismal Birthdays for March

- Tami Kirchner
- 3 Patsy Theroff
- 8 Jean Anderson
- 11 Elizabeth Rockelman
- 14 Zeke Mertens
- 16 Mark Elliott
- 16 Lucille Rosenmiller
- 17 Brandon Bertucci
- 17 Robert Bertucci
- 17 Kelsey Shikles
- 17 Kent Shikles
- 17 Ryan Shikles
- 18 Rebecca Verslues
- 22 Beverly Meili
- 24 Miranda Hill
- 27 Jesse Daniel
- 28 Aiden Lawrence
- 28 Mitchell Ott
- 29 Nancy Bishop
- 30 Leah Renno



Birthdays for March

- 3 Matthew Strobel
- 4 Jackson Smith
- 5 Aiden Lawrence
- 5 Brooklyn Wood
- 6 Caleb Harrison
- 10 Kevin Brautigam
- 13 Addilyn Cole
- 15 Danielle Allen
- 18 Dorothy Johnson
- 20 Darrell Penberthy
- 25 Tammy Goldammer
- 26 Rodney Edwards
- 28 Elsie Mae Keeran
- 29 Larry Benz



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before retiring for the evening on Saturday, March 7. Daylight saving time becomes effective on Sunday, March 8.

Faith That Blooms Anew



Why are you anxious?" asked our Lord. Then He said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus' words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter's gray. God's reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

God does not send strange flowers every year,
 When the Spring wind blows o'er the pleasant places,
 The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
 The violet is here.

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.

Women of the ELCA Quarterly Meeting

January 18, 2026

The Women of the ELCA met on Sunday, January 18, 2026 after the church service. Becky Wise gave an opening devotion entitled "Candy Hearts ". Anna Wise called the business meeting to order. The minutes of the October 26, 2025 quarterly meeting and November 9, 2025 special meeting were read and approved. Kathy Koestner read the treasurer's report as of December 31, 2025 showing a balance of \$9,873.93 in the checking account, \$2,478.93 in the savings account and \$5,409.31 in the CD. Kathy noted the apple pie fundraiser had a total of 1,031 pies made and sold with a net income of \$6,822.56. The treasurer's report was approved. Thank you notes were received from Oaks Indian Mission, the family of Virginia Westergaard family for funeral food and all the special care recipients for Christmas gifts.

Denise Ortvals gave the Special Projects report. The kitchen walls and ceiling are currently being painted and stainless steel counter tops are being installed. Prices for a 40" wide 2-door stainless steel refrigerator and 20-quart and 30-quart commercial mixers were presented from Commercial and Restaurant Equipment in Camdenon, Coleman's Appliance in Jefferson City, Ford Hotel Supply in Columbia and an online equipment company. After discussion, it was decided to table purchasing any of these items till the April quarterly meeting. A motion was made and approved to remove the kitchen ceiling fan. General kitchen supplies need to be checked and restocked.

Becky Hayden, Mission Action coordinator, reported we will be collecting items to where the council decides the Lenten offerings will be going.

It was reported the Adopt-A-Family was a local family from the Russellville area and the Santa Give Away had fewer people participating.

The annual rummage sale will be Thursday, March 5 from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm and Friday, March 6 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Dana Frisby will be organizing the food.

Anna is currently working on the 2026 Women's book and will distribute when completed.

After discussion, the following donations were approved.

Bethany College	\$125.00
LWR Project Comfort	\$250.00
Oaks Indian Mission	\$400.00
WELCA Raising Up Healthy Women & Girls	\$100.00
Russellville Swimming Pool	\$200.00
Russellville/Lohman Fire District Auxiliary	\$100.00
Christmas Gifts – Adopt-A-Family	\$500.00
Santa Give-Away	\$300.00
Mid-Missouri Bible Camp	\$200.00
Mid-Mo Spring Cluster Meeting Offering	\$100.00
Mid-Mo Fall Cluster Meeting Offering	\$100.00



The Spring Cluster meeting will be here at Trinity on April 25, 2026. The meeting will be organized closer to the event. The National Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19, 2026. Beth Rockelman and Becky Verslues are planning to attend the Gathering.

The 2026 apple pie fundraiser was approved at our October, 2025 meeting. Mary Gordon said we plan to make 1,500 pies in 2026. A motion was approved to give \$300.00 to the Eldon Church of the Nazarene for all the assistance they provided us to get started with our own pie fundraiser.

A motion was approved to give \$500.00 to Dana Frisby as a thank you for all the assistance he has provided the women throughout the years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and all prayed the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be April 19, 2026. There were eight members present.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Ortbals, Secretary

WELA Spring Rummage Sale

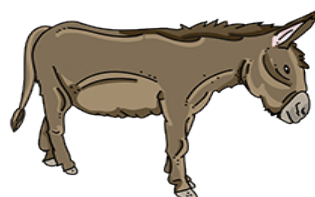
The Women of the ELCA rummage sale will be March 5 (10:00 am to 6:30 pm) and

March 6, (7:00 am to 4:00 pm). The cutoff date for rummage is Sunday March 1, by noon. Any items brought after the cutoff may not be included in the sale. On, March 1 after church, all members are invited to shop before the actual sale at the hall. Friday will be half price day. Contact Mary Gordon (573-220-5277) if you can work for a few hours Thursday or Friday. Dana Frisby is organizing the food for Thursday (lunch and dinner) and Friday (breakfast and lunch) with carryout available. If anyone would like to donate hamburger to be used for food dishes contact Dana. Also, he is in need of homemade pies and people to help in the kitchen. Please call Dana at 573-338-3823 if you can help in the kitchen in any way. Mark your calendars to shop, eat and visit Thursday and Friday.



Thank you so much for the incredible support you've shown our family recently. It has meant the world to us during this time.

... With love and thanks, the Payne Family.



Worship Servers

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Council Member	Jennifer Dampf	Sheila Thomas	Jerome Rockelman	Ken Bishop	Travis Koestner
Greeters	Clayton & Elizabeth Miles Family	Jessica Keeran Family	Cody & Brooke Koestner Family	Kent & Cheyenne Shikles Family	Ryan & Kim Otto Family
Acolyte	Acolyte Volunteer	Adalyn Wood	Jocie Mertens	Acolyte Volunteer	Brooklyn Wood
Lay Reader	Mollie Keck	Anna Wise	Travis Koestner	Kim Otto	Adalyn Wood
Children's Sermon	Tami Kirchner	Connie Harrison	Jennifer Dampf	Tami Kirchner	Becky Hayden
Offering Assistants	Clayton & Elizabeth Miles Family	Jessica Keeran Family	Cody & Brooke Koestner Family	Kent & Cheyenne Shikles Family	Ryan & Kim Otto Family
Communion Assistant	Tami Kirchner	Anna Wise	Jennifer Dampf	Tami Kirchner	Christina Wood
Video	Jack Hayden	Jack Hayden	Kathy Koestner and Denise Orbals	Lyle and Dana Jobe	Jack Hayden
Piano	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Becky Hayden

Wednesday Lenten Worship Servers

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Council Member	Ken Bishop	Becky Hayden	Jennifer Dampf	Roger Jungmeyer
Lay Reader	Connie Harrison	Clay Hayden	Kim Otto	Tami Kirchner

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.

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 C-9 AM Worship	2	3 P/H-5 PM-Yoga	4 C-6:30 PM Lenten Worship	5 P/H-10 AM-6:30 PM- WELCA Rummage Sale P/H-6 PM— Men's Bible Study	6 P/H-10AM-4 PM— WELCA Rummage Sale	7
8 C-9 AM Worship Day Light Saving Time Begins	9	10 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	11 C-6:30 PM Lenten Worship	12 P/H-5:45 PM- Young Women's Bible Study	13	14
15 C-9 AM Worship	16	17 St. Patrick's Day P/H-5 PM-Yoga	18 C-6:30 PM Lenten Worship	19	20 First Day of Spring Newsletter Article Deadline	21
22 C-9 AM Worship	23	24 P/H-5 PM-Yoga	25 C-6:30 PM Lenten Worship	26 P/H-5:45 PM- Young Women's Bible Study Children's Church	27	28
29 Palm Sunday C-9 AM Worship	30	31 P/H-5 PM-Yoga				

C=Church, P/H=Parish Hall, P=Pavilion, P/O=Parsonage Office, P/L=Parking Lot

Food Bank

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri was at Trinity's parking lot on Tuesday, February 10, for its monthly visit. It was a balmy spring like day making working conditions for the sixteen volunteers, six representing Trinity, perfect!

There were 111 families served totaling 275 persons. The following items were distributed: egg nogg, bananas, asparagus, cookies, chips, dill pickle corn balls and ground beef. In addition, the Russellville United Methodist Church donated canned chicken breast. There was an assortment of groceries made possible from a Thrivent grant; and lastly, a local doner provided bakery items. The next visit from the Food Bank will be on Tuesday, March 10, 1:00-3:00 pm.

