

Trinity Lutheran Church

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April 2026

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

For those I have not had the chance to meet yet, my name is Kelsey, and I have stepped into the role of Youth Director here at Trinity. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve in this way and to walk alongside the young people of our church as they grow in their faith.

This role is especially meaningful to me because I want every student who walks through our doors to feel seen, valued, and loved—not just by us, but by God. I see how much our young people are navigating today, and I know how powerful it is to have someone in your corner. I want to be part of creating a place where they feel supported, grounded in faith, and reminded that they do not have to walk alone. This church has carried me through some of the hardest seasons of my life, and the impact it has had on me is something I will never take for granted.

When I think about the future of our church, I think about our youth. They are not only the next generation of the church, but a vital part of it right now.

In a world that often pulls them in many different directions, it is more important than ever that they have a strong foundation rooted in Christ, a place where they feel supported, encouraged, and confident in their faith.

Programs like B.L.A.S.T and Confirmation are more than just traditions we continue. They are the foundation of something much greater. These are spaces where our youth can ask questions, build meaningful relationships, and start to develop a faith that is truly their own. My goal is to continue strengthening these programs so that every child feels known, valued, and deeply connected.

However, this mission is not something that happens alone. Just as we are called to be the body of Christ, each of us plays a role in nurturing and supporting the faith of our young people. I invite you to be part of this journey. Whether through prayer, volunteering, supporting our programs, coming to church, or simply taking the time to encourage our youth at church. Showing up matters. Your presence and involvement matter more than you know.

In Proverbs 22:6 we are reminded, “*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*” What a powerful calling we have as a congregation, as a church family, to walk alongside our youth as they grow in their relationship with God.

To close, I invite you to reflect:

Who helped shape your faith? How might God be calling you to do the same for someone else?

I am excited for what God has in store for this next season, and I look forward to getting to know more of you along the way.

With gratitude,
Kelsey Neis
Youth Director



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B.L.A.S.T. classes will continue every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm for Kindergarten through 6th grade.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class will continue on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm—8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study



The Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall Bible Study goes through May—

Save the Date! Trinity is excited to host this year's community Vacation Bible School on August 4-6.

Our theme, "Illumination Station," will focus on shining God's light and truth. Stay tuned for more information.



JUST FOR FUN

Q: Where is baseball mentioned in the bible?

- A: - In the big inning (Genesis 1:1)
 - Eve stole first and Adam stole second (Genesis 3:6)
 - Rebekah went to the well with a "pitcher"
 - "And he put out his hand, and caught it" (Exodus 4:4)
 - "Ten homers" (Numbers 11:32)

Q: How does Moses make his coffee?

A: Hebrews it.

Q: On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows. What did he get from the ducks?

A: Quackers

Q: Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

A: Abraham. He knew a Lot.

Q: Where is the first tennis match in the Bible?

A: When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

Q: Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A: No, just an apple.

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." - e. e. cummings

MAY FAITH IN SERVICE LIST

Membership of Trinity Lutheran is divided into 11 groups that each take a month to be responsible for tasks within the church. Each month we will be looking for ushers, lay readers, communion set-up, communion servers and coffee servers.

The list below is the service group scheduled for June. The coordinators for May are Joan Copenhaver and Cathy Paulson. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in May works best for you and call Joan(307-0065)or Cathy(653-5054) to volunteer. If you are called, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please say yes when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship services.

Bickett, Cody	Kliem, Duane & Michelle	Pierson, Chris & Teresa
Bickett, Amanda	Larson, Ryan & Brenda	Pollert, Chet & Jo
Christianson, Richard	Mehring, Scott & Shannon	Roundy, Troy & Sheryl
Copenhaver, Dave & Joan	Miller, Russ & Joan	Schagunn, Larry & Caryl
Dunwoody, Janelle & Wayne	Moravec, Brittney & Thomas	Scheen, James & Jolette
Garber, Dustin & Nichole	Neis, Kelsey	Seaburg, Mike & Amy
Gast, Carl & Jennifer	Nysted, Richard & Barbara	Solwey, Tom
Hagel, Kelly & Becky	Oster, Leslie & Brian	Tweed, Scott & Dakota
Holte, Ken & Marvis	Park, Claudia	Williams, Doug & Ardis
Hone, Matthew & Carlen	Paulson, Cathy	

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28 2026

	<u>January Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$17,609.17	\$8,291.13	Weekly Need:	\$4,576.90	
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	02/01/2026	\$3,627.00	151
Mission	\$	\$	02/08/2026	\$2,461.00	117
Building	\$	\$ 3,986.46	02/15/2026	\$3,958.00	125
Total	\$17,609.17	\$12,277.59	02/22/2026	\$4,175.04	110
			Online giving for February	\$3,068.19	

Budget Report for January 1, 2026—December 31, 2026

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Disbursed to Date</u>	<u>Budgeted for Year</u>	<u>Difference for Year</u>
Missions	\$ 390.00	\$4,250.00	\$ 3,860.00
Staff Compensation	\$ 12,273.48	\$144,000.00	\$131,726.52
Congregational Life	\$ 5,651.48	\$14,200.00	\$ 8,548.52
Operational Cost	\$11,158.26	\$75,549.00	\$ 64,390.74
WOW	\$ 4,587.07	\$38,100.00	\$ 33,512.93
Totals	\$ 34,060.29	\$276,099.00	\$242,038.71

COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 8, 2026

Attendance: Jo Pollert

Council members: Janice Gussiaas, Claudia Park, Michael Simons, Jo Pollert, Corrine Frost, Katie Gussiaas, Sheila Harrington, Mike Neis, Kendra Beach, Mark Struxness, Kelsey Neis, Greg Gussiaas and Brittney Moravec.

Absent: Jeff Knudson, Markie Rosenau and Lori Solberg.

Guest: Sheryl Roundy

President Michael Simons called meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Devotions were given by Brittney Moravec.

Minutes were reviewed and Kelsey made a motion to approve minutes, and Claudia seconded this motion. Motion carried.

President's Comments: Michael thanked all that attended the meeting yesterday with Christian Huntley. Reminded everyone of confidentiality of names of possible pastoral and interim pastor positions to keep the candidate's current positions uncompromised.

Treasure report by Janice Gussiaas.

General Account: \$28,317.85	Missions: \$51,709.68
Reserve: \$23,050.48	Edward Jones 67,209.99

Parish Nurse notes were reviewed. Michael pointed out that Holly is always needing help with home visits. If you are willing to help, please reach out to her.

Deacon report: - Sheila Harrington

The decision was made to recite the Nicene Creed the first Sunday of the month and use the Apostle's Creed the remaining Sundays. We have Pulpit Supply Pastors through the first Sunday of June. We are continuing the search for an interim pastor.

WOW report by Sheila Harrington: Gifts have been bought for the seniors and will be embroidered on soon. Fair dates are June 17-19

Board of Education: Kelsey Neis

5th grade First Communion will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 2, with Laura Irion leading this. Troy McNeer will be here on Sunday, May 3 for confirmation service. Guidelines for sermon notes coming from other churches will be reworded and updated at the end of the confirmation year. \$50.00 will be refunded for each of the campers attending the retreat in Vining Minnesota this year. Confirmation kids will serve Lenten Soup Supper on March 25.

Youth Group 4:12 is trying to go skiing if weather allows.

New Life met on Feb 22 for snacks, fellowship and Foosball.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Board of Trustees – Mike Neis

Discussed chairs for library. New vacuums were ordered with the cost being split with Wow. \$25.00 registration was paid for Holly to attend “Soul Shop”. Gathering information for parking lot will continue now that spring is here. We will be reviewing the Facility Use contract and the Use and Fees Guidelines next month after all council members have had a chance to review them. Ongoing projects include exit signage, landscaping, shingles, etc.

Old Business:

One person may be interested in the Interim Pastor position. Work will continue on this.

Call Committee update by Claudia: A Zoom meeting was held with Vanderbloemen and Pastor Greg from Harvey in attendance. Working on how to promote our church. Please continue to pray for the call committee.

New Business:

The Lenten dollars have been split 3 ways in the recent past, 1/3 General fund, 1/3 Backpack and 1/3 FMSC. Sheila made a motion to continue with this and Claudia seconded it.

Janice had been asked by a group for a donation to help replace the flags used in the cemetery. This was discussed with positive feed back. This will be forwarded to the Foundation.

Up-coming events: Foundation Sunday March 22.

Palm Sunday – March 29

Maundy Thursday – April 2 (5th grade communion)

Good Friday – April 3

Easter – April 5

Next meeting is April 12, 2026.

Jo will do devotions.

Sheila closed with prayer.

Sincerely submitted,

Jo Pollert

Trinity Lutheran Church council secretary

MARCH 2026 WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

BOARD MEETING

The Women of the Word (WOW) board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on March 9, 2026, by Co-President Sheila Harrington. Those in attendance were Sheila Harrington, Michelle Kliem, Julee Erdmann, Mary Struxness, Karen Buskness, Kristen Reinke and Amanda Bickett. April Hoggarth, Nikole Hoggarth and Brenda Stokes were absent. Julee Erdmann shared a devotion.

Minutes of the February meeting: Were reviewed. Michelle moved to approve the minutes and Kristen seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the financial report for February 2026. The beginning balance for February was \$6,878.61 with **deposits** of \$98.40 and **expenses** of \$1,109.58. **Bills submitted and paid in February:** Dakota Dust Tex \$193.23, Julee Erdmann \$55.94, Leever's \$148.95 and Commerce Bank (½ of new vacuums) \$711.46.

Current bills to be approved and paid in March: Leever's \$190.14, Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$?, Mary Struxness (ribbon) \$211.29, Bonnie Monson (embroidery) \$35.00 and senior towels (our share) \$77.02. Kristen moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Karen seconded. All were in favor.

Vice Presidents Report: Julee reported that there was four coffee hours for February.

Fellowship Report: Karen reported that she received the towels for the High School Seniors and Gayle Kuss will do the embroidery on them.

Stewardship Report: Kristen reported that the "Caring In Action" collection (that ran through February) was very successful.

Correspondence: Thank You card from Friends of Madagascar, thanking us for serving and all who donated to "Muffins for Madagascar" fundraiser. \$1,233.00 was raised!!

Old and Unfinished Business: We are still in need of certain items for the parsonage. Still looking for kitchen table and chairs. If you have one to donate, please contact Sheila Harrington or the church office.

New Business: Sheila shared that this year's County Fair will be June 17th-19th. ** Sheila said she was approached by a church member about WOW sponsoring four girls to go to a Confirmation Retreat. The cost would be \$50.00 for each. Michelle made a motion to sponsor the four girls. Karen seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the church library.

Submitted by Mary Struxness

Greetings Trinity Congregation,

The Call Committee has written the following brief description of Trinity Lutheran Church intended for you to use in communicating with family and friends in our community and beyond. We especially want this to reach pastors that may be considering a new calling. Your help in sending our “elevator pitch” to folks in other communities is solicited and appreciated. Thank you.

Trinity’s Elevator Speech

Trinity Lutheran Church in Carrington, ND is prayerfully seeking a Pastor. We invite a faithful caring leader to join our vibrant church family– teaching, preaching and nurturing us to grow in faith together. Our congregation is committed to the biblical teachings of traditional Lutheran theology as we worship, serve and follow Christ.

Trinity is affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and has faithfully served our community since our founding in 1933. Our congregation reflects a healthy mix of ages, including young families, active retirees, and long-time multi-generational members. Average Sunday worship attendance is about 140 and approximately 95 young people participate in our youth and children’s ministries.

By God’s blessing, Trinity is financially stable, healthy and debt-free. Trinity benefits from strong lay leadership, including an engaged Church Council, Parish Nurse Ministry, and a Foundation that together with Women of the Word supports many local and worldwide mission efforts. We are blessed with a beautiful and well-maintained church building and parsonage.

Trinity contributes to the faith life and service of the Carrington community, coordinating Vacation Bible School, Three Days of Prayer, and Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack, which brings hundreds of volunteers together from across the area.

Carrington is a thriving rural town equidistant from the four largest communities in North Dakota. Our town offers an award winning K-12 school, a responsive and professional medical center and hospital, diverse job opportunities, and multiple outdoor recreational activities available including hunting, fishing, and an excellent 18-hole golf course.

While we have experienced challenges in the past, those seasons have strengthened our faith and deepened our commitment to Christ and His church. Trinity has tremendous potential and we are excited to welcome a pastor who will walk with us into the next chapter of what God is doing in our church and community.

More information about Trinity can be found at tlccarrington.com.

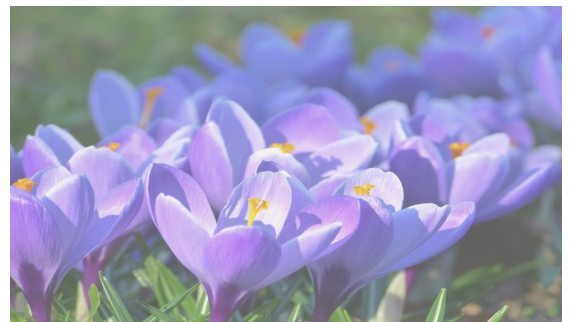
If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to our Call Committee Members: Claudia Park, Vern Anderson, Teresa Edland, or Tyler Hoggarth, or send a text to 701-650-1114. We would be happy to connect with you.



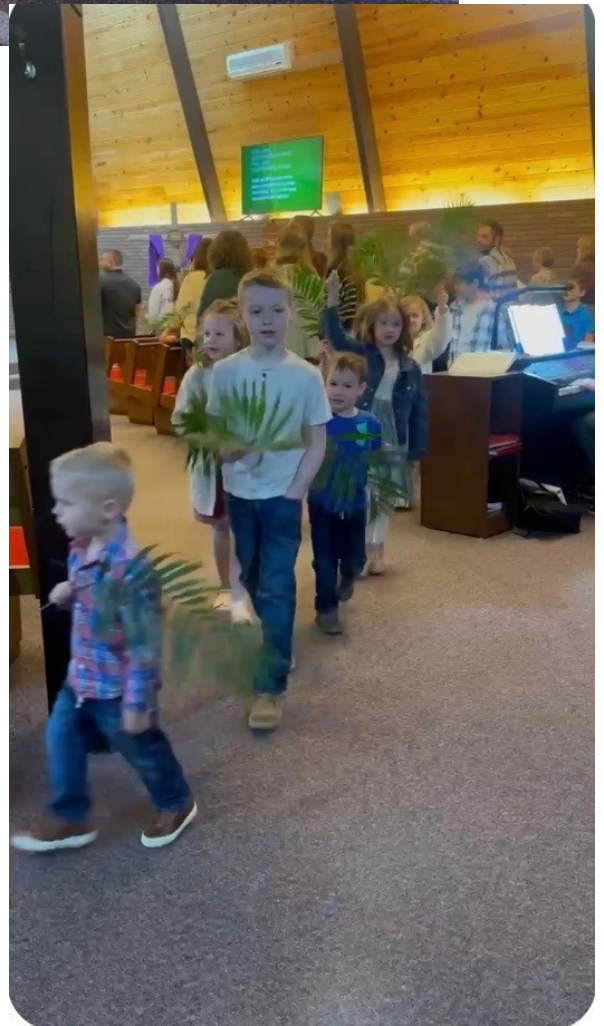


April 2026 Birthday and Anniversaries

- 1
- 2 **Tim Aljets, Alexis Doeling, Scott Tweed**
- 3 **Dustin Garber, Kylie Kvamme, Kevin & Kelsey Carr**
- 4 **Raelyn Aljets, Hayes Beach, Averie Neis, Neil Veen,**
- 5 **Hayleigh LaBelle, Jason Lura, Natalie Rau, Kelsey Wolf**
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- 7 **Brexyn Cabler, Ernest Hoffert, Tony Kraling, Marvin Skytland, Ande Gussiaas**
- 8 **Mariann Doeling, Sharie Mattson**
- 9 **Gabe Richter, Jordan Wolf, Sue Wolsky**
- 10 **Chelsea Aljets, Brittany Fiebiger, Ryan Larson, Ronda Myers, Mike Tufte**
- 11 **Darlene Ellingson, Easton Mittleider**
- 12 **Jarret Bauer, Cora Doeling, Lily Doeling, Tanner Guthmiller, Finn Johnson, Lisa Marcotte,**
Kylee & Tyler Ingebretson
- 13 **Mason Cook, Mya Cook, Bryar Page, Wayne Shipman**
- 14 **Sheryl Roundy, Layton Sauvageau, Keith Schroeder, Korbyn Zieman**
- 15 **Randy Lura**
- 16 **RJ Marcotte**
- 17 **Ashley Hoff, Briston Kollman, Jeff Kvamme, Erica Stokes**
- 18 **Barb Krush-Lies**
- 19 **Paul Berg, Shelby Botha, Ethan Gast, Jana Lesmeister, DeeDee Pogatshnik, Michael Rau**
- 20 **Candice Bronaugh, Jess Doeling, Todd Ingebretson, Lindsey Kirkeby, Jace Lura, Chet Pollert,**
Jaxon Richter, Leighton Rzaszutak
- 21 **Brenda Bush, Gene Drewlow, Brianna Eli, Rhett Nieland, Theodore Ostlie**
- 22 **Michael Koenig, Drake Moravec, Harlan Olson**
- 23 **Nicholas Garber, Katie Gussiaas, McKenna Laib**
- 24 **Michelle Hollingsworth, Jona Kvamme, Zachary Magnuson, Cassidy VandeHoven**
- 25 **April Hoggarth**
- 26 **Lea Dell, Katie & Jon Gussiaas**
- 27 **Dawn Kollman, Ethan Richter, Kade Richter, Hunter Wetzel**
- 28 **Mallory Hooey, Tina Jans, Vernon Morlock, Kathy & Larry Erickson**
- 29 **Casey Beach, Ty Larson**
- 30 **Josey Skytland**



PALMS, PRAISE & PANCAKES



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Thank you to everyone
Who helped in the kitchen
And to everyone who
Attended to make this
Event FANTASTIC!!



APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO BLAST FAMILY SUPPER NO BLAST NO CONFIRMATION	2 Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM 1st Communion 5th graders	3 Good Friday service at 7:00 PM	4
5 9:30am EASTER Worship/Comm	6 Church office closed 1:00pm Quilting	7	8 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:45am Council Meeting	13 LIONS Blood Drive 7:00pm WOW	14	15 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 9:30am Worship/ Comm 10:30am Coffee Hour	20 1:00pm Quilting	21 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	22 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 9:30am Worship BLAST Students Sing Teacher Appreciation/ Faithful Attendance 10:30am Coffee Hour	27 1:00pm Quilting	28	29 6:30pm Last BLAST class for the year 9th grade Confirmation rehearsal 7/8 grade guide time	30		

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 2026

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Services are
Sundays at 9:30 am

Listen to us Sundays at 11:20 a.m.
on KDAK (1600 AM)
-or-
online at www.newsdakota.com

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

*God is my boss and I'm
His employee.*

*I am thankful for my salary
called life, with
benefits called
blessings.*



It's time for
spring!

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, the new creation has
come: The old has gone,
the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17