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TRINITY TIDINGS

APRIL 2023

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion




TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION Sunday School for adults will start at 9:45 am on the second Sunday of each month and meets in the Trinity Hall lounge. Watch your bulletins for upcoming dates and reading assignments. Children's Sunday school will meet in the Youth Room in Trinity Hall on the last Sunday of the month at 9:45 am. Parents are welcome to join in and participate with the kids.</p>							1
<p>Palm Sunday 2 10:20 am Gideon's Presentation 10:30 am Worship "Cry of the Whole Congregation" 11:30 am Special Congregation Meeting</p>	3	<p>9 am 4 Quilters</p>	5	6	7	<p>8 12:30 pm Duane & Debbie Pomeroy 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday worship 5:30 pm Good Friday worship</p>	
<p>Easter 9  10:30 am Worship 2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	10	<p>9 am 11 Quilters</p>	12	13	14	<p>15 10:30 am WELCA Spring Gathering @ Hosanna! Lutheran, Liberty, MO</p>	
<p>9:45-10:15 16 Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship After worship: Community Relations committee mtg</p>	17	<p>9 am 18 Quilters May 2023 Trinity Tidings deadline</p>	19	20	21	<p>22 Reservation deadline for Doorstep's Annual Banquet. Call 785.357.5341 to make a reservation.</p>	
<p>9:45-10:15 23 Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p>	24	<p>9 am 25 Quilters</p>	26	27	28	29	
<p>10:30 am 30 Worship</p>		<p>7 pm TLHA</p>	<p>6:30 pm Doorstep's Annual Banquet @ 1st Lutheran Church</p>				



Pastor's Letter

“Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” – Jesus (Mark 14:25)

In this season of Lent, we have been focusing on the theme of “Blessing on the Journey in the Desert.” In this sermon series, we have been talking about how Jesus during these 40 days in the desert demonstrates that he is with us even when we feel like we are in the desert. That God is faithful to us even when we are lonely, angry, disappointed, or feel like we just can’t get our lives together. We all live through these moments in our lives that challenge us and show us new dimensions about our faith and how Jesus travels with us during it all.

It seems like we just started this journey last week, but now we are approaching the end. Everything feels like it is rushing toward us, doesn't it? We are just experiencing our first days of spring and life is changing around us. So even though it doesn't feel like it, Easter is coming. And regardless of what happens regarding our sense of time on this planet, Easter is coming. No matter how much planning or preparing we might want to do. No matter how much we want to be in Lent just a little while longer. We will once again observe the

resurrection of our Lord. Easter, unlike many things in this world, will come regardless. It is God’s promise to us.

So, that being said, even though we are in Lent, I am wondering if we need a little hope. I wonder if we need a little Easter. You may not know this, but the 40 days in Lent do not count Sundays. Why? Each Sunday in Lent is supposed to be a “little Easter” of sorts, pointing towards that day of hope. My hope in this sermon series is that you don’t just have to look toward Sundays to see God working this Lenten season. My hope is that you see God’s hope each and every day. I hope that you can now see God’s hope when you prepare and drop off that meal for someone that is ill in the congregation. I hope that you can now see God’s hope when someone gives you a hug and tells you that they know you are going through a hard time. I hope that you can now see God’s hope when it seems like no one in the world is hearing your voice, but you know that God is there. We all need these little moments of hope either it be on Sundays or in the most challenging times in our lives. Even Jesus on that last night with his disciples, spoke about the hope of having a meal with them again in the kingdom come. Even Jesus

needs hope just like we do in our daily life.

Therefore, I am going to give you an assignment as we approach Easter. I want you to think about one thing that you are hoping for. It can be something that has happened already or something that you want to do. If it is something that has already happened, your goal is to share it with someone in church these next couple of Sundays. If it is something you are planning, sit down and create a plan to make it happen by Easter. (And then of course share it with someone else). We can all use a little hope during this season. We can all be a little hope for others this season. So as we approach Easter, let us always remember the little signs of hope that God give’s us and let us never forget to share those with each other so that we can support and celebrate the ways that God is working in each and every one of our lives.

Peace of Christ,

Rev. Andrew C. Patty, Pastor



NOTICE: SPECIAL MEETING FOR CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

On April 2 after worship, the Congregation Council calls all voting members to meet to discuss two types of amendments to our Constitution. The first set of amendments is to bring sections into conformity with the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as most recently amended by the Churchwide Assembly. The

second type of amendment is to bring current the section on our church's committee structure. A printed copy of proposed amendments is available upon request to the TLC office. The proposed revisions to the committee structure section is shared below with the changes highlighted.

Chapter 13.

CONGREGATION COMMITTEES

- C13.01.** The officers of this congregation and the pastor shall constitute the *Executive Committee*.
- C13.02.** A *Nominating Committee* of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.
- C13.03.** An *Audit Committee* of three voting members shall be elected by the Congregation. Term of office shall be three years, with one member elected each year. Members shall be eligible for re-election.
- C13.04.** When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a *Call Committee* of six voting members shall be elected by the Congregation Council. Term of office will terminate upon installation of the newly called pastor.
- C13.05.** Other committees of this congregation may be formed, as the need arises, by decision of the Congregation Council. Duties of such committees shall be specified in the continuing resolutions.
- C13.05.01** Congregational committees shall be those committees which enable this congregation and the Congregation Council to fulfill the statement of purpose as specified in Chapter 4 of this constitution. Such committees shall include but are not limited to ~~Worship and Music, Witness, Learning, Service, Finance and Stewardship, and Property.~~ Administration, Community Relations, Congregational Life, Maintenance, and Spiritual Care. ~~One or more members~~ A member of the Congregation Council shall be appointed to serve as chair of ~~to~~ each congregational committee. All congregational committees shall be responsible to the Congregation Council.
- C13.06.** The pastor of this congregation shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees and boards of the congregation.



APRIL READINGS

April 2 — Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

April 6 — Maundy Thursday

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

April 7 — Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
 John 18:1—19:42

April 9 — Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or
 Jeremiah 31:1-6
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 Colossians 3:1-4 or
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

April 16 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

April 23 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

April 30 — 4th Sunday of Easter

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

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

5 Naomi Walker
 6 Mike Andrews
 10 Breanna Lewis
 10 Emily Schwartz
 11 Isis Pomeroy
 21 Peggy Buchholz
 30 Marsha Ridinger

BAPTISMS

6 Howard Reece
 6 Rhonda Webb
 11 Everly Lewis
 12 Isis Pomeroy
 14 Loretta Hoerman
 14 Carol Marker
 17 Linda Longren

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14 Duane & Debbie Pomeroy



JOIN THEIR CELEBRATION OF 50 WONDERFUL YEARS

Duane & Debbie Pomeroy invite you to their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 8, from 12:30-3:30 PM. Location: WU Alumni Center at 1701 SW 17th St. RSVP to ddpomeroy@cox.net or call 785-234-4385 so there's plenty to eat. No gifts please, just guests for our Family Picnic.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 13, 2023

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President

Duane Pomeroy
785.234.4385

Vice President

Curt Lewis
785.633.6661

Secretary

Diane Bottorff
785.231.0379

Treasurer

Bob Kobbeman
785.478.0381

Members

Shelley Andrews
785.554.1454

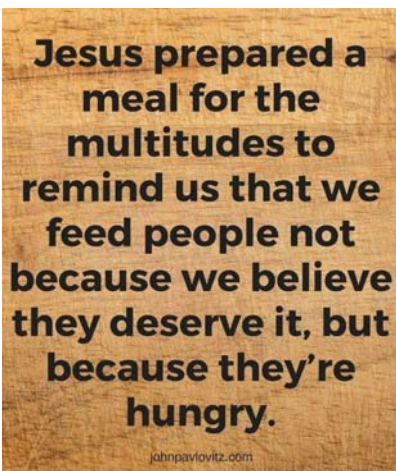
Pam Kobbeman
785.633.5984

Carol Marker
785.338.1734

Dean McGinnis
785.221.7141

- Committee reports:
Maintenance – Charles Scales will continue to do our mowing, limb removal and bush trimming. Charles and Marcy are going to do some re-seeding in the grass area on the Buchanan side of the Trinity Hall walkway area when the weather warms up.
Community Relations - Meeting scheduled March 19 during Coffee Hour.
Congregational Life - Planning quarterly meetings.
- Old Business Updates:
Camera for recording worship services – Dean and Curt have consulted with Pr. Andrew and recommended use of an iPhone Plus instead of a GoPro camera as previously discussed. iPhone Plus cost is similar to that of Go Pro camera. Need to train a few members to record the service so this is not dependent on pastor.

- No update on development of Campus Ministry at Washburn University.
- New Business Updates:
A motion was passed to resume handshakes (or hugs) for Passage of Peace. Rationale for this decision relates to the decline in the number of COVID19 cases in this area and the hospitals not requiring masks. If someone prefers a non-contact passing of the peace that remains acceptable.
- Proposed Amendments to Constitution- were reviewed in preparation for April 2 Congregational Meeting. Notice of this meeting was in March Tidings and will be in April Tidings. Copies of the amendments can be requested from the church office.
- Approved a request for use of the sanctuary April 16 for a music recital.



As a reminder, we have a food pantry available for anyone who needs it. While it is mostly used by neighbors outside of our congregation who call or stop by in need of some food, it is also available to anyone in the congregation as well; just check out the shelf across the hall from the office and help yourself.

We keep shelf-stable items available, including canned chicken & tuna, pas-

tas, canned vegetables and soup, breakfast items, potatoes, peanut butter, and ramen noodles, though the actual items may vary.

If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, please feel free to do so, either by offering (we have a fund especially for food pantry contributions) or by purchasing food items to add to the pantry.

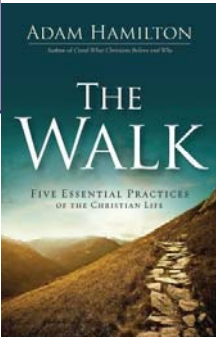


SUNDAY SCHOOL



For the next three months, we will do a Messy Church series on the Great Commandment. The three sessions will be Love God, Love Your Neighbor, and Love Your World.

Adult Sunday School, will next meet on April 16th in the Trinity Hall lounge. (Note: this is one week later due to Easter.) We are reading and discussing the book **“The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”** by Adam Hamilton. **For this Sunday, please read Chapter 4 — Give.** You can order the book on Amazon, the public library has it (physical copy and ebook), or contact Pastor Andrew if you are having trouble getting a copy.



STRIVING SIDE BY SIDE FOR
THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL

PHILIPPIANS 1:27

We will have Gideon’s as guest speakers on April 2nd. They will give a 10 minute talk about their work starting at 10:20 am, right before worship begins.

Many people are aware of the ministry of the Gideon’s International but some may not be so here is a brief overview of the ministry. Gideon’s International is a group of business men that donate their time and resources to purchase and distribute scriptures to give away to those who may not have a Bible of their own. Scriptures are given out to students, medical personnel, prison inmates, placed in medical offic-

es, hospitals, and care facilities. Most famously are those that are placed in hotel rooms.

The Gideon men and their wives work together to place God’s Word in the hands of as many people as possible. Gideons work in over 200 countries and place scriptures in over 108 languages. American Gideons also help underwrite the publishing of those scriptures for countries that are too poor to have them printed. Donations from individuals and churches have made it possible to give out over 2 billion in the 100 year history of the Gideon ministry.



Even though we do not have a currently active WELCA group, here is some information about an upcoming event, in case some of our ladies might wish to participate.

Spring Gathering

The Central States Synodical Board of the Women of the ELCA invites all women from ELCA congregations in the Border Cluster to a casual gathering. We hope that women in your congregation will join us.

When:

April 15th 10:30 am to Noon

Where:

**Hosanna! Lutheran Church
2800 N Church Road
Liberty, MO**

What:

Brunch, Devotion, Sharing, Fellowship

**RSVP by April 8th to
Louise Ahrens**

**816-405-8165 or piflouise@aol.com
Please request any special dietary needs**

~Thanks to the women of Hosanna! for hosting~



2023 GARDENING SEASON IS UPON US!

Gardeners have two ways to participate.

1. Reserve a plot or two in our garden area at Trinity. Plots are 6 feet by 6 feet. We are asking for a \$20.00 dollar donation to help cover the water bill. This is not required, however any amount is appreciated.
2. We have a new addition for gardening this year. How about bringing the garden to you in a five gallon bucket? There will be one Jet Star Tomato plant per five gallon bucket or one pepper plant per bucket. Each address may have two buckets. The pepper plants will be your choice of hot peppers or the regular kind good for salads, stuffing, etc. The buckets will be delivered when it's time and picked up at the end of the season. The "bucket gardeners" only need to water & enjoy their produce. All it takes is a deck or small area outside & bingo...you're gardening!

Donations not required however greatly appreciated.

Questions? Contact Marcy by phone or at church.

Orders need to be in early as possible. The garden is being completely rebuilt this early Spring.





CONGRATULATIONS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

In 2022 you received \$213 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. We are proud to help support the important work you do and hope, together, we can do even more in 2023! Don't forget, you have access to a variety of resources and programs to help you in the communities you serve.

Personal Donations: **Anyone** can use the Thrivent online giving platform to make a donation to your organization. Thrivent pays the dona-

tion processing fees - that means 100% of the donation goes directly to your organization.*

Thrivent Action Teams: Encourage Thrivent Clients to apply for a Thrivent Action Team to support your organization. Thrivent clients bring together friends and family to form a volunteer team – Thrivent provides up to \$250 in seed money and promotional resources to jumpstart the volunteer project.

Local Support: You also have access

to support through local leaders from Thrivent's Engagement Teams and Thrivent Member Networks.

Let's make 2023 the best one yet!

*Thrivent will pay up to \$300,000 in online processing fees per calendar year for personal donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform

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DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thank you again to everyone who donated towards Doorstep's SoupBowl Sunday collection of soup and crackers. A total of 7,920 pounds of soup, crackers & other items were donated from our member congregations, far exceeding our goal of 5,000 pounds!

We are excited to announce the date of our first Annual Banquet since 2019! We will be at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30pm. The Doorstep Annual Banquet is a celebration of the agency, our volunteers and support-

ers. We have dinner, entertainment, a program, volunteer awards, and the Quilt Drawing! Anyone is welcome to attend. We will take a 'Love Offering' to cover the costs, and provide a little extra for services. You need to reserve your spot by April 21st, by calling Doorstep, (785) 357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm). You can get your \$1 quilt chances in advance from your Doorstep Coordinator or Board member, in our office, or at the banquet, and you don't have to be present to win! We will have 12+ quilts in a variety of sizes and pat-

terns this year.

More exciting news... we are finally returning to all in-person services beginning Monday, April 3rd. The staff will be able to work more one-on-one with the clients to provide services and information to best help the clients. Office hours are M-F from 8am – 3pm, Donations accepted M-F from 9am – 2pm, and client services provided on Mondays from 10am – 2pm, Tues – Fri are 9am – 2pm. Clients must be in our office by 1:30pm for assistance.

APRIL 2023



Hello All! Doorstep had a bill introduced in the Senate this session. We would like you, as a Doorstep supporter, to send emails asking members to support the bill. Annie Tietze is our Board Member from First United Methodist, and serves on the

Doorstep Resource Committee. She has been helping with this process, which I greatly appreciate as this is not my area of expertise. Below is the email I sent to Senator Caryn Tyson, who, with the President of the Senate will decide whether or not

to work on the bill.

Please consider sending emails, personalizing it with your own words, why they should support it. (don't copy mine word for word)

Dear Senator Tyson, (or whoever you're addressing)

I am contacting you today to request your support of SB 129 – Providing a sales tax exemption of personal property or services by Doorstep, Inc.

Doorstep, Inc. is an emergency assistance agency, located in Topeka, Kansas, Shawnee County. We have been helping our neighbors in need since 1966, nearly 57 years. We are located in central Topeka, and provide food, clothing and household items, rent and utility assistance, prescription and dental vouchers, local transportation in the form of gas vouchers and Topeka Metro bus passes for people to get to/from work and medical appointments.

Our Mission Statement is: “With the assistance of faith-based organizations, community members and groups, Doorstep, Inc. will provide short-term emergency aid to families and individuals in need; and provide information on services to promote long term self-sufficiency for our clients.”

Doorstep is supported by 52 interfaith member congregations whose members donate food, clothing and household items, their time, and talents, participate on our Board, and at Doorstep special events. They all come together to help their neighbors in need.

In 2022, Doorstep provided 5,641 units of service to 13,712 individuals. Since 1966, we have provided over 418,000 units of service (food, rent, clothing etc.) benefitting over 1 million individuals. Doorstep paid nearly \$7,700 last year in sales tax for services, supplies, etc. We also had a one-time, special project replacing the HVAC system in our building, and paid an additional \$14,500 in sales tax.

We are requesting sales tax exemption status to save on our expenses, and put those funds into providing additional services to our neighbors in need.

Your signature.



MESSIAH
festival of the arts

The
Good Shepherd



"He shall feed His flock like a Shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm."

— *The Messiah - Part I, Number 20A (Isaiah 40:11)*

March 27 - April 9

The schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can also see the schedule and order tickets at www.messiahfestival.org.