

# Trinity SONRISE News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2023

## STEWARDSHIP

### Are You Following God's Wisdom?

In the beginning, "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness'" (Genesis 1:26). In the second chapter of Genesis, we learn that God gave life to Adam and Eve, and, in their perfect state, they followed and trusted in God's wisdom. His wisdom was evident to them in His Word and in His creation. Life was very good. Unfortunately, they sinned, and the perfect image that was given to humanity is now damaged. Original righteousness was lost when Adam and Eve ate of the fruit, so they no longer loved, feared, and trusted God. Because of their sin, which separated them from God, Adam and Eve now followed the world's wisdom. Their ungodly living led them from true wisdom to folly and from life to death. Without God, all lives end in sorrow and ruin.

As Christians, we are rescued from the domain of darkness that accompanies the world's wisdom (Colossians 1:13). Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are called and enabled to put off our old self so that the image of God in us can be renewed as we are made righteous and holy in God's sight (Ephesians 4:22-24). God's Word frequently reminds us of the foolishness of worldly wisdom. God's ways are far above the world's. "The foolishness of God is wiser than men..." (1 Corinthians 1:25). In His great wisdom, He sent His Son, Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate (Proverbs 8), into the world to become our sin on the cross. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been reconciled to God. As forgiven and redeemed people, we understand how much we are loved and how we hurt our heavenly Father, and ourselves, when we follow the false and foolish wisdom of the world.

Would others identify wisdom as one of your gifts? How does it show? We need wisdom to understand who we are, what we are, and where we are going. Godly wisdom that leads us to fear, love, and follow God is essential if we are to live life wisely. God's wisdom leads us to be faithful stewards who use our time, talents, and money to glorify Him. With God's wisdom, we know Whose we are. God through Isaiah said, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine" (Isaiah 43:1). Without Godly wisdom, life becomes disjointed, lacking direction and purpose. Proverbs 4:11 promises, "I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of righteousness." With God's wisdom, we are able to live prudent lives that give God the honor He deserves.

May God help us all follow and trust His wisdom.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

## Orphan Grain Train †

### April Mission of the Month Orphan Grain Train - Ukrainian Relief Efforts

The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine continues to dominate the news. Orphan Grain Train is working with ministries in Ukraine, Moldova & Romania to provide relief for Ukrainian families living in horrific conditions and women, children and the elderly fleeing.

If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



Birgit Faight, Wayne Fortney,  
and Marguerite (friend of Alvarados)

**Homebound:** Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

**Military:** Alex Anderson  
Jason Cooper  
Courtney Pierce (Army) Stationed in Germany  
Karina Pierce (Army)



**Two Worship Services  
Resume April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sundays  
8:00 a.m.  
&  
10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Bible Study  
9:15 a.m.**



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in the Sunday School wing.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – in the Sunday School wing.



**Last Midweek Worship Service**  
**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Last Lenten Soup Supper**  
**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Come enjoy some great food and wonderful fellowship!**

**Please Join Us for**  
**Holy Week Worship Services**

**Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.**

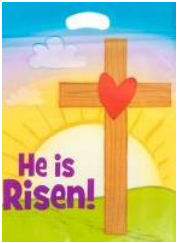
**Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**5625 N. US-23**  
**Oscoda, Michigan**

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celebrating the resurrection



## Easter Bags for Children

We will be handing out Easter bags filled with books, pencils, candy, and a variety of Jesus themed toys to all children attending Easter worship services. Thank you to all who donated items for the Easter bags!



## Interim Ministry and Transition Team

The transition team is reviewing and working on a Congregational Mission and Ministry Inventory. Categories include Life Cycle, Congregational Culture, Performance, Strategy, Staffing, Finances, Direction, Community, Obstacles, and Opportunities. Each member of the Transition Team is assigned to fill out a category, and the Church Council will fill out some of the categories. Feel free to talk to the Pastor or any member of the Transition Team if you would like more information.

The Transition Team consists of the following members:

Karen White

Ron Weidenfeller

Sue Barnhart

Jonalee Engstrom

Greg Pancost

Dennis Neigh

Pat Wright

Janet Ovcjak

Sue Welther

Donna David

Ed Pisarski

Ruth Golm

Mitch Davis



## Greeters Needed



One of the recommendations of the Transition Team is that we reinstate the Greeter Program. We are looking for volunteers to meet and greet people as they enter the church on Sunday mornings. If you have been looking for an opportunity to serve, why not volunteer to be a greeter. This is something that everyone can do and it is a great way to get to know the members of the congregation. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board on the side of the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. You can designate which service you prefer – 8:00 am. or 10:30 a.m. Please consider serving as a greeter!

## Newsletter

If you have any information that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, I would appreciate hearing from you. The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Sunday of each month. It would be great to include pictures of activities going on in the church, such as soup suppers. Photos and articles can be emailed to [churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org](mailto:churchoffice@trinityoscoda.org), or left in the secretary's mailbox. Also, if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let me know.

## TLCW



Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) meet the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

TLCW quilters are in dire need of your old sheets. If you have any old, worn, or unneeded sheets of any color or size, the quilters would certainly appreciate them. The sheets will be used for quilt liners and cut into squares and sewn for quilt tops. Our supply of sheets is very low. Please check your linen closets and storage spaces for any sheets you are willing to part with. Your donation can be put in the sewing room in the Sunday School wing. Last year we sent 55 quilts to the Orphan Grain Train and sold 15 quilts locally. Thank you for your support!



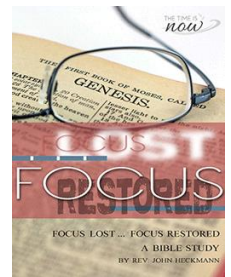
TLCW is selling greeting cards for 50¢ each. There are a variety of cards available for purchase on a table in the fellowship hall and more in a rack on the display case. Just drop your money into the cash box provided. There is also a table of free items in the fellowship hall.



## Ladies' New Bible Study Program Postponed Until April 11<sup>th</sup>



The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study new program has been postponed. It will begin on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – “Focus Lost . . . Focus Restored.” This is a LWML study by Rev. Heckman dealing with 14 Biblical personalities such as Adam & Eve, Saul/Paul, Elijah, Solomon, etc.



The text for the study program can be downloaded **FREE** from [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). We meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:15-10:30. Please come & join us. Please contact Ruth Golm at [gbcgpro@gmail.com](mailto:gbcgpro@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need help getting the material for this program.

## Trinity Bells of Glory



Trinity's Bells of Glory will be playing prelude music Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Selections include *Sweet Hour of Prayer* and *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*.

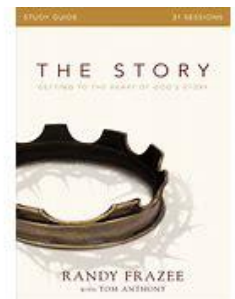
The ladies of Bells of Glory enjoyed an outing to the Alcona Brew Haus on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> where they enjoyed a tea. Tea, scones, finger sandwiches and desserts were enjoyed by all. Needless to say, the company was outstanding!



## Coming This Year . . . Be on the Lookout! The Story – A Bible Study

Trinity plans to offer this unique Bible Study Program sometime this year. Details are currently being worked out.

**What is The Story?** It is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel.



### How the Story Will Inform Your Reading of the Bible

The Bible contains an Upper Story and a Lower Story. The Upper Story tells the big picture, the grand narrative of God seeking relationship with mankind as it unfolds throughout history. The Lower Story contains the details of particular people, the episodes we've become familiar with: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, the flood, etc. This Upper Story is really a framework around which we approach and apply any one part of the Bible. It unifies God's whole message to us and helps guide us through the hard times in life by doing two things:

1. reminding us of God's eternal, long-range plan and,
2. putting our experiences into a divine context formed by a perfect Creator.

For example, without the "Upper Story", a lost job could be seen as an event without hope. But put into the context of the larger chronicle of our lives, and God's perfect design, that lost job can be seen in a very different light, perhaps as an opportunity for God to reveal something better.

We want to use **The Story** to help everyone gain a better understanding of the big picture of the Bible and to better understand God's redemptive plan for us today. As we journey together through **The Story** we will take note of both the temporal events and characters (Lower Story), as well as the eternal purpose of God: to restore and build a relationship with His creation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

**We will discover together how our story is found in God's story!**



- 4/1 Jonalee Engstrom
- 4/4 Adel Astala
- 4/5 Caroline Barrett
- 4/6 Michael Dettmer
- 4/7 Gloria Hohf
- 4/8 Judith Audritsh
- 4/8 Birgit Faught
- 4/14 Bradd Chisholm
- 4/15 Bruce Welther
- 4/20 Nancy Marshall
- 4/21 Nancy Perry
- 4/22 Shirley Webber
- 4/26 Judy Michelsen
- 4/26 Madison Schimmer
- 4/28 Anna Loyer
- 4/28 Pat Wright
- 4/30 Melina Ludeña
- 4/30 Lila Wetenhall



- 4/20 Joe & Linda Hock
- 4/21 Mitchell & Margaret Davis
- 4/26 Jim & Susie Manning

### *Know the Elders*

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the wellbeing and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. Pastor Schilke and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!

Their phone numbers can be found in your church directory.

- Mitch Davis, Jr.
- David Golm
- Roger Tack
- Ron Weidenfeller



*Church Council Meeting*  
Thursday  
April 13, 2023  
2:00 p.m.



Thursday,  
April 13, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

# QUIZ

1. Who entered the tomb of Jesus first?
2. Who mistook the risen Jesus for the gardner?
3. Who said "My Lord and My God" when he saw the Risen Lord?



- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- John 3:16 is the most quoted Bible verse
- There is a total of 365 verses that tell us to fear not! One for every single day of the year!

## HUMOR



The moment was bittersweet when the bunny realized Easter was not about him.



## DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the May Newsletter is April 23, 2022.

- Answers to Quiz
1. Peter
  2. Mary Magdalene
  3. Thomas