

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2024

STEWARDSHIP

Financial Advice with Purpose

The phrase “Financial Advice with Purpose” is a short, thoughtful slogan used by Thrivent Financial Services. What is so intriguing about this catch phrase is the word “purpose.” We are not aware as to how Thrivent defines purpose, but, in God’s Word, we discover different purposes for our money.

The first important purpose for our money is to provide for our needs and for those of our families. Money is needed for food, shelter, transportation, and clothing. In the words of the Apostle Paul, *“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever”* (1 Timothy 5:8). We are to make every attempt to provide for our needs so we won’t be a burden to others. We express God’s love by caring and providing for our families.

A second important purpose for our money is to help those in need. In the Gospel of Matthew we read, *“For you always have the poor with you...”* (Matthew 26:11). When Paul started his ministry of sharing the Gospel, he was *“asked...to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do”* (Galatians 2:10). With joy, we should have that same attitude. God wants to use us as His channels through whom He works to support those in need. Our help goes beyond the poor to the handicapped, the sick, the widows, the orphans, etc.

Another important purpose for our money is to extend God’s kingdom. God gives us the privilege and responsibility to be participants in His mission *“to seek and to save the lost”* (Luke 19:10). Our heavenly Father does not want anyone to *“perish, but that all should reach repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9). God wants us to be active, involved, and willing participants in His plan of salvation for all people. As participants with the Lord, we become His hands, feet, and mouth. To share the Gospel with all people costs money and that money comes from us. God works through us to fund the mission and ministries that share Jesus’ love.

In order to fulfill our purposes to have the funds for our needs, to help those in need, and to spread the Gospel, we need to be money wise. We are unable to be generous if we are drowning in debt and living paycheck to paycheck. By God’s grace, we can live within our means, spend wisely, avoid debt, save diligently, insure adequately, and give freely. One of our money goals should be to live wisely to share generously. With God’s help, we will hear Him say, *“Well done, good and faithful servant”* (Matthew 25:21).

**GOD BLESSES US SO WE CAN SERVE
HIM BY SERVING OTHERS.**

“As each has received a gift, use it
to serve one another, as good stewards
of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).





March Mission of the Month Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. This Christian humanitarian network has 27 branches across the United States. The Michigan Branch has operated for five years out of Sebewaing. An 8,000 sq. ft. work and warehouse center receive and process humanitarian goods for distribution internationally. Wherever disaster relief is needed in our country, Orphan Grain Train also responds. Orphan Grain Train has made numerous international shipments of clothing, medical supplies, and more to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova, the Republic of Georgia, Latvia, Malawi, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Sudan - and always with the message of God's love in Christ.

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



Wayne Fortney, Dave Golm, Christine Rogel
Pastor Stephen Schilke



Homebound: Alice Dettmer – Medilodge,

Military: Alex Anderson
Jason Cooper

Courtney Pierce (Army) Stationed in Germany
Karina Pierce (Army)



- Sunday mornings at 10:45 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.



Sunday Worship Time
One Service
Throughout the Year
9:30 a.m.

Bible Study
10:45 a.m.



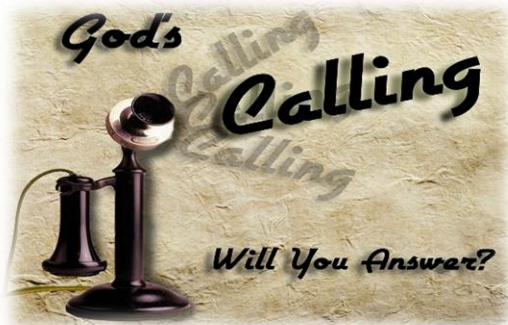
Holy Week Worship Services

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| Palm Sunday | March 24 th | 9:30 a.m. |
| Maundy Thursday | March 28 th | 6:00 p.m. |
| Good Friday | March 29 th | 6:00 p.m. |



March 31st 9:30 a.m.

Stewardship Committee Chair Needed



We are still in need of a chairperson for the Stewardship Committee. This is a position listed in the Constitution and is part of the Church Council. The Stewardship Committee is charged with the stimulation of the people to a proper stewardship of time, talents, and treasures. The church does subscribe to a monthly publication which is very helpful to this position. Please prayerfully consider serving God's church in this capacity. If you are willing, please speak with Pastor Steve.

Greeters Needed

We NEED volunteers to meet and greet people as they enter the church on Sunday mornings. If you have been looking for an opportunity to serve, volunteer to be a greeter. This is something that everyone can do and it is a great way to meet members of the congregation. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in back of the church.



Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee

Thank you to Ruth Golm, Ron Weidenfeller, Nancy Weidenfeller, Jonalee Engstrom, Karen White, Ted White, Sue Welther, Claudia Francis, and Bill Francis for serving on the Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee. The Committee has finalized its recommendation for changes. These changes will be presented to the Church Council and then to the Congregation in the near future.



Sue Pisarski for creating seasonal floral arrangements for our entryway, narthex, altar, and Fellowship Hall tables! Also for putting together Easter baskets for children who attend worship service on Easter morning!

Greg Pancost for putting messages on the outdoor sign throughout the year!

Karen White for ensuring that the Lenten soup suppers went well, and that set-up and clean-up was taken care of!

Greg and Joann Pancost for taking care of Easter flower orders to beautify the church for Easter Sunday!

Jonalee Engstrom for watering flowers and for everything else she does for and around the church.

Henrietta Fortney for making sure that things get done around the church even though she is out of town.



Barb & Ed Turska joined our church family this month.

They transferred their membership from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Murray, Kentucky to Trinity Oscoda. If you see Barb or Ed, give them a big Trinity welcome. You may have seen Barb at one of our Lenten soup suppers sitting with her sister, Donna David. Welcome Barb and Ed!



I am sad to report that our church custodian, Alisha Aspey, has resigned. We are in need of someone to clean the church. This entails approximately four (4) hours per week. If you or someone you know is looking for a little extra spending money, talk to Bruce Welther.



All ladies are invited to TLCW monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m.

TLCW is sponsoring the Timberline Zone Spring Rally on May 4th here at Trinity (see flyer on next page.)

There will be an ingathering of items listed in the flyer for the Haiti orphanage.

We will need help to make the Spring Rally successful.



**Why not get involved
Your input is welcome and appreciated!**



Mites

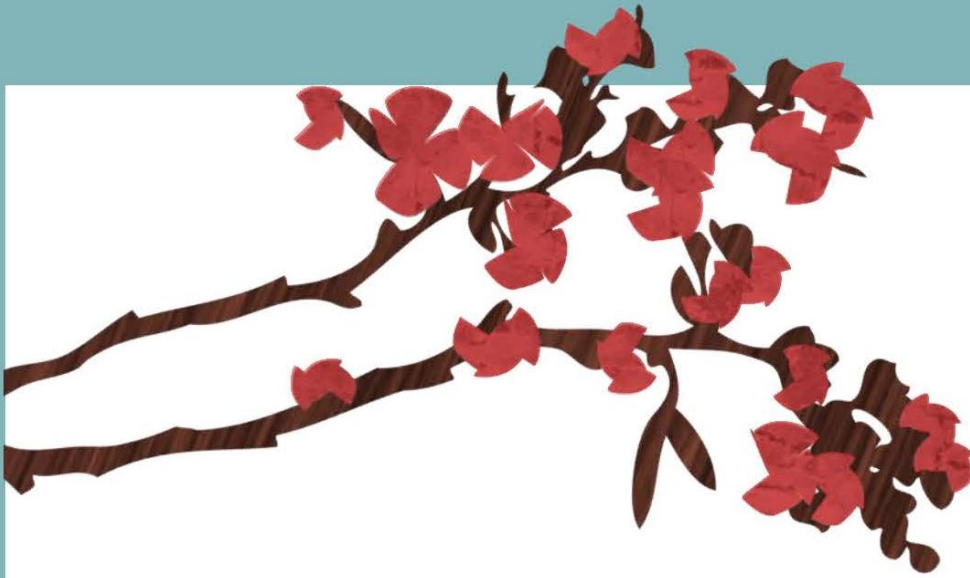
Remember to bring your loose change for the Mite box donation the first Sunday of each month.

Please Remember to Collect Items for the Annual TLCW Garage Sale

When you do your spring cleaning, remember to save any items you no longer use or need for the TLCW Annual Garage Sale. More information to come!



**Trinity to Host Timberline Zone
LWML 2024 Spring Rally**



**TIMBERLINE ZONE SPRING RALLY
AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

5625 US 23 OSCODA MICHIGAN
PHONE-989-739-9292

MAY 4, 2024
GOD'S CHILDREN

SPEAKER-ANNE HUME

**INGATHERING: MEN SIZE SMALL & MEDIUM
MUSCLE T-SHIRTS, BOXERS, BLACK & WHITE
SOCKS**

**BOYS SIZE 8-18 MUSCLE T-SHIRTS, BOXERS,
BOYS BLACK & WHITE SOCKS. BACKPACKS,
TWIN SHEETS, THIN BATH TOWELS, WASH
CLOTHES, & CLOTHESLINES.**

**FREE WILL DONATION WILL BE COLLECTED
FOR ANNE'S CHILDREN IN THE ORPHANAGE.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: HENRIETTA FORTNEY 248-563-2133

MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

CONVENTION PRAYER ROOM

7 Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human-except to you, Your Majesty, will be thrown into the den of lions.

*10 But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to God. **Daniel 6:7,10***

In a world filled with uncertainty, chaos, and pain, we are reminded of the story of Daniel. He kept worship and prayer a priority as he dealt with an uncertain future and terrible circumstances.

As we plan for the LWML convention in June, we know the circumstances for a convention are less than ideal. With added emphasis on the Prayer Room, we like Daniel, will honor the Lord. The Prayer Room will encourage, uplift and protect the women traveling to convention and to inspire, encourage and shelter those at home and unable to attend.

Extended Hours. The Prayer Room will be open before, during, and after the convention to pray over the women of the Michigan District, their families, and the missions they serve through their mites.

Prayer Requests. The Prayer Room is taking Prayer Requests prior to the conference. During the conference Prayer Cards can be filled out and run by Pages to the Prayer Room.

Connected Prayers Warriors Prayer cards can be sent to shut-ins, homebound and those restricted to travel. Prayer requests can be given and returned to The Prayer Team.

Do you have a heart for Prayer? If you would like to join the Prayer Team as a volunteer, we will assign volunteers shifts of two hours. Volunteers are needed to welcome and receive women as they arrive and to pray with women and their Prayer Requests. Contact Casey Salminen at c.salminen@yahoo.com if you have a prayer request or would like to volunteer.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 23 - Convention Plan Mtg
- Apr ?? - Convention Plan Mtg
- Jun 28-30 - District convention at Amway Grand in Grand Rapids
- Jun 28-1 pm - Convention Mtg w/Voting on Friday

The end of the biennium is coming up fast (April 30). Don't hold on to your Mites, send them in as soon as possible.

Mite Report

National

As of January 31
Goal: \$2,350,000
\$ Received: \$1,080,537

Michigan District

As of February 29
Goal: \$386,000
\$ Received: \$371,229



CONVENTION PERSONALITY

Lynn Corker will serve as our Bible Study leader for the convention in Grand Rapids.

Women of the Pearl, founded by Lynn Corker, is a ministry to women in Uganda that hopes to empower women by educating them in literacy, agriculture, business ownership, hygiene,



nutrition and ministry leadership to equip them to make disciples and spread the love of Jesus to their villages.

Lynn enjoys traveling and speaking about her ministry and loves spending time with her friends and family.

Send your mites to:

Carol Swenson
Financial Secretary
822 W Huron Avenue
Vassar MI 48768

For Information call:

810-714-0405

MISSION GRANT HIGHLIGHT

FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH,
CLARK PARK STREET MINISTRY - \$5,000

Family of God Lutheran is a non-profit ministry committed to bringing the gospel to the lives of residents living in southwest Detroit. They have been serving the homeless and addicted there since 1996. They formed a street ministry at Clark Park during the 2020 pandemic when they were unable to meet in church. At Clark Park they provided a lunch bag meal, prayer, and a worship service. Family of God has continued this ministry, and this grant will help purchase a trailer for them to store essentials for basic hygiene needs, a tent for their services and a propane heater for the winter months.



The **Monroe Zone** Prayer Day service was held at "Wellspring Lutheran Services" in their chapel.

IN THE ZONE

The **Macomb South Zone** Fall Frolic was held under the theme "Sharing Our Blessings." The women from the zone gathered personal items and assembled 117 Blessing Bags which were taken to MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) in Mt. Clemens.



MCREST provides temporary shelter, transportation, meals and training for homeless women and children in Macomb County.

The LWML Daughters In Mission group held its annual Epiphany Brunch at St. Luke, **Ann Arbor Area Zone**. Our guest worship and dramatic leader was Wendysue Fluegge, who presented "Reflections of Mary."



In February Trinity, Utica in the **Evergreen Zone** hosted a Valentine Tea for 100 ladies in attendance. Guest speaker Dolly Ireland spoke of how to be Strong in the Lord based on Bible passages. A history of the mite box was given. Over \$200 was collected for mites.



Greeting Cards for Sale



TLCW sells greeting cards for 50¢ each. Cards are 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.

Sheets Needed for Quilters

The quilters are in need of sheets to use for quilt backs. Any size, shape or color can be used. Just bring your unwanted sheets to the church and put in the quilting room or leave them by the office door.



2024 Alter Schedule

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| January | Teri Westburg | July | Henrietta Fortney |
| February | Barb Neigh | August | Teri Westburg |
| March | Sue Welther | September | Annette Dennis |
| April | Henrietta Fortney | October | Barb Neigh |
| May | Teri Westburg | November | Sue Welther |
| June | Annette Dennis | December | Henrietta Fortney |

Trinity Bells of Glory



The Trinity Bells of Glory are practicing every Monday and plan to play for the congregation in April.



4/1 Jonalee Engstrom
4/4 Adel Astala
4/15 Bruce Welther
4/26 Judy Michelsen
4/28 Pat Wright
4/30 Melina Ludeña
4/30 Lila Wetenhall



4/20 Joe & Linda Hock
4/21 Mitchell & Margaret Mitchell
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
Ron Weidenfeller
George Wright

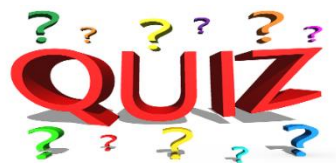


Meeting

Thursday
April 11, 2024
2:00 p.m.



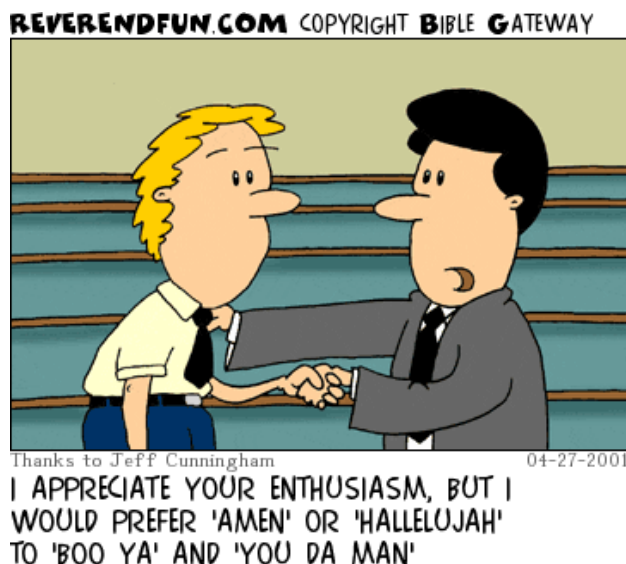
Thursday
April 11, 2024
1:00 p.m.



1. What does the word Israel mean?
2. Who was the only female judge of Israel?
3. Who was the king of Judea when Jesus was born?

- The smell of rain has a name: petrichor.
- Wrestling is the world's oldest sport.
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows.

HUMOR



DEADLINE



The deadline to submit articles for the May Newsletter is April 21, 2024.

- Answers to Quiz**
1. Prevails with God
 2. Deborah
 3. Herold the Great



Bible Word Search

Books of the Old Testament

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 DANIEL
 DEUTERONOMY
 ECCLESIASTES
 ESTHER
 EXODUS
 EZEKIEL
 EZRA
 GENESIS
 HABAKKUK
 HAGGAI
 HOSEA

ISAIAH
 JEREMIAH
 JOB
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 MALACHI
 MICAH
 NAHUM

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 SONG OF SOLOMON
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