

# Trinity **SONRISE** News

## MARCH

Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2025

### STEWARDSHIP

#### Abiding Produces Fruit

God calls us to live lives of abundant fruitfulness (good works – thoughts, attitudes, or actions that glorify God). The key to bearing fruit is found in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of John’s Gospel where Jesus tells us that He is the Vine and we the branches. As the Vine provides nourishment to its branches, Jesus fills, sustains, and empowers us. It is the connection we have with Jesus, the Vine, that makes our fruit possible. Jesus said, *“I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit...”* (verse 5). By God’s grace, we understand that, through our own power, we are unable to bear fruit. Because it is Jesus Who enables us to be fruitful, we can bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit in our lives, thus bringing glory to our Heavenly Father (verse 8).

God’s Word refers to the connection between the vine and branches and our connection with Jesus as “abiding.” Through His holy Word and Sacraments, Jesus abides in us, stays with us, and makes Himself at home with us. Through His holy Word and Sacraments, we stay in touch with Him, remain attached to Him, and receive life and power from Him. His life-giving Word abides in us, making us fruitful, like healthy branches on a good vine. If our connection with Jesus is severed, it is because we have caused the separation. Jesus will *“never leave [us] nor forsake [us]”* (Hebrews 13:5).

The fruit that we bear is not only made possibly by our abiding in Jesus, it indicates that we have been and are in union and communion with Jesus. Our fruit is Jesus working in and through us. Our fruit is seen as we share the Gospel with others and introduce neighbors, friends, and co-workers to Jesus. Through faith we understand that our efforts to advance the Gospel are both a responsibility and privilege. The more we “abide” in Jesus, the more we will share our time, talents, and money with God by serving and witnessing and giving to others. Each and every day we are given opportunities to bear fruit. Some acts of service may be as small as opening the door for others or they may be as big as spending the entire day or several days helping someone in need. It may be giving money sacrificially to help others in need. Through faith, by God’s grace, we can be ready and willing to bear fruit, bringing glory to God through our faithful and fruitful lives.

**WE BECOME PARTNERS WITH GOD TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.**

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially those who are of the household faith” (Galatians 6:10).





## March Mission of the Month Lutheran Hour – Local Broadcast

The Lutheran Hour is the world's oldest continually broadcast Christ-centered radio program. Lutheran Hour is an outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide. Locally, the Lutheran Hour airs on WKJC 104.7 FM on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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



Wayne Fortney, Mitch Davis, Jr., Christine Rogel,  
Pastor Stephen Schilke

**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 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

Come Let Us  
**WORSHIP**  
the Lord

**One Worship Service  
All Year**

**Sundays  
9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.**





We would like to invite all women to our monthly TLCW (Trinity Lutheran Church Women) meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. We will be **“Eating of the Greens.”** Bring a green food item to share. (Examples of green food: pickles, green olives, pistachio pudding, tossed salad, stuffed celery, broccoli, green cookies or cupcakes.) We hope to see all you ladies there!

### Mites

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



### 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.

### Altar Schedule

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



**Mother's Day Program and Lunch  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon  
Fellowship Hall**

TLCW is planning a Mother's Day Program and salad luncheon. There will be more information in next month's newsletter.



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Special Voters' Meeting  
Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
after the worship service**

The purpose of the meeting is to extend a call to Pastor Schilke as Trinity's part-time pastor.



**Card Party & Game Night  
Thursday, March 27, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**



Bring cards, games and a snack to pass for a fun evening of fellowship and games. Bring a guest – invite family members, neighbors, and friends. All are welcome to come enjoy a great evening. Coffee, soft drinks, and water will be provided.



## Easter Breakfast Committee

Thank you, Bruce Welther, for agreeing to Chair the Easter Breakfast Committee. We plan to have a delicious breakfast after the Easter Worship Service hosted by the men of the congregation. More information to come.

## Daylight Saving Time Starts March 9, 2025



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night or Sunday morning the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

## Serving Us in February

| Date     | Worship        | Elder         | Usher | Lay Reader     |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------|----------------|
| March 2  | Pastor Schilke | George Wright |       |                |
| March 5  | Pastor Schilke |               |       |                |
| March 9  | Pastor Neigh   |               |       | Terri Westberg |
| March 12 | Dave Wagner    |               |       |                |
| March 16 | Dave Wagner    | George Wright |       |                |
| March 19 | Pastor Neigh   |               |       | Barb Neigh     |
| March 23 | Pastor Schilke |               |       |                |
| March 26 | Pastor Schilke |               |       |                |
| March 30 | Pastor Schilke |               |       |                |

**Church Organist – Donna David**



## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

### Midweek Lenten Worship Services

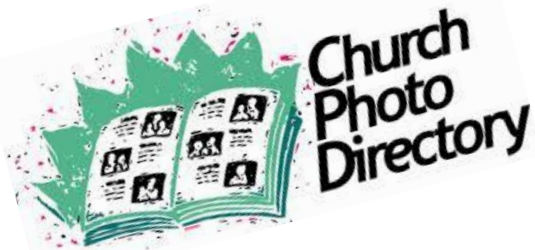
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| March 12 | 6:00 p.m. |
| March 19 | 6:00 p.m. |
| March 26 | 6:00 p.m. |
| April 2  | 6:00 p.m. |
| April 9  | 6:00 p.m. |



Wednesdays  
March 12<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to our Wednesday Soup Suppers which begin on March 12<sup>th</sup>. ***A sign-up sheet will be posted each week on the bulletin board on the side of the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Sign up to bring your favorite soup, dessert, salad, or anything else you would like to share!***

March 12 hosted by TLCW  
March 19<sup>th</sup> hosted by Bible Study groups  
March 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Congregation  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> hosted by the Congregation  
April 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Congregation



I **WILL** be printing a church directory for everyone in the near future. This is my final plea for new pictures. Some of the pictures I have for the directory are very old. As a matter of fact, some of the youngster in pictures I have are now grown up or moved away from home. I do plan to print the directory in color. This is your final chance to make sure your information is correct and that you are happy with the picture we will print in the directory.

There is a draft copy of the directory on the table by the office door. Please take a minute to look at your information and your picture. If your information is incorrect, please correct it in the draft copy. If you want to submit a new picture, please email it to [churchoffice@trinityoscod.org](mailto:churchoffice@trinityoscod.org) or put a picture in the secretary's mailbox. Thank you for taking the time to ensure the information is up to date, as well as your photo. Directories will be printed by the first of March.

I will also be looking into an online church directory. If information changes the directory can be updated at any time and available to the congregation. Of course, any changes would have to be conveyed to the office. More information on this to come.



## Trinity Bells of Glory

Trinity Bells of Glory played prelude music on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> playing two selections – *Kyrie* and *I Want to be Like a Child of the Light*. We look forward to playing in church each month.

*Handbells speaks  
what cannot be expressed,  
soothes the mind and give it rest,  
heals the heart and makes it whole,  
flows from heaven to the soul.*





- 3/8 Merlissa Ludeña
- 3/10 Nancy Kerentof
- 3/10 Judy Neumeyer
- 3/12 Margaret Davis
- 3/18 Bradley Curley
- 3/21 Janet Krueger
- 3/24 Donna Alvarado
- 3/26 Karen Abee
- 3/27 Harry Davis
- 3/29 Kay Ruckle
- 3/30 Stacey Curley



- 3/17 Bob & Cindy Slater
- 3/20 Ted & Karen White

### *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.  
Ron Weidenfeller  
George Wright



*Meeting*

Thursday  
March 13, 2025  
2:00 p.m.



Thursday  
March 13, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

# QUIZ



1. What was Jesus' last command to His disciples?
2. What were the first words God spoke to man?
3. With whom did Jesus spend his last Sabbath?

- It is illegal to not to wear a mask onboard a Mardi Gras float.
- Dr. Seuss was initially rejected 27 times before his manuscript was published.
- There are so many different types apples that if you were to eat a new one every day it would take you almost 20 years to try them all.

## HUMOR



## DEADLINE



The deadline to submit articles for the April Newsletter is March 18, 2025.

### Answers to Quiz

1. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
2. Be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28)
3. Simon the leper (Matthew 26:6)



# Books of Bible Name Scramble

1. EIESGSN
2. UOXESD
3. EUILICSTV
4. MALPSS
5. JBO
6. REHHAIAZC
7. CLIASTCSSEEE
8. RAZE
9. OLOSIANSSC
10. WTTHEAM
11. RMUENSB
12. DWOMIS
13. UEGJSD
14. HSAUJO
15. NOARSM
16. BAHKUKAK
17. OITTB
18. HRSEET

