

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, April 9, 2023 — Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of Our Lord
Personal Hygiene Products Appeal continues
Easter Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Easter Festival Worship, 8 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, April 10

The Messenger deadline
Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Security Team Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
GriefShare, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.
Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 13

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
"Life Begins at 60" Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Friday Morning Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.
Marriage of Lorissa Miller and Andy Engle, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Carolyn McCready Visitation, 9 a.m.
Carolyn McCreay Memorial Service, 10:30 a.m.
De Colores Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 16

Personal Hygiene Products Appeal continues
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Eternal Light for Worship Today

Today's Eternal Light is given by Martha Carter in honor of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Cathy Olson
Lector: Tom Zollman
Communion Assistants: Chris and Beth Van Meter
Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Ronzey,
Gloria Von der Heide
Acolyte: Gavin and Edmund Van Meter

9:15 a.m.

Sacristans: Don and Judy Otten
Lector: Jamie Kuntzman
Communion Assistants: Kris Shannon, Steve Stephan
Ushers: Mark Baker, Greg Battreall, Mark Hagbom,
Sally Mahoney
Acolyte: Inara McNally, Sydney Waite

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Steve Feutz
Sacristan: Chris and Laura Norton
Lector: Michael Mulligan
Communion Assistants: Vince Schumacher,
Linda Taffs
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,
Jamie Norris, Dee Scales, Wayne Snyder
Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Rebecca Linstrom

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Sue Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Bob Beaudry, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Donna Erickson, Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Roy Lamprich, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Kristin Linkfield, Ken Lown, Tess Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Gail Mazurek, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Bertie Nelson, Toni Peterson, Jesse Platt, Dorothy Postema, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Patricia Stevens, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Fred and Kathy Wilcox, Robert Williams, Marge Willman, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kay Zeaman, Kathryn Zielinski and Cindy Zientarski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones**: Kelli and John Basher, Greg and Rachele Battreall, George Bauer, Jennifer Brown, Bill and Patricia Bruin, Jim and Sue Coates, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, Pastor Donna Erickson, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Sharon Fourcha, Eric Gohlke, Keith Gohlke, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Jill and Curtis Hahn, Carol Hendricks, Linda Holm, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Mark and Rebecca Mattison, Matt and Lisa Mead, Craig and Patti Mutch, Tammy Parat, Kris Racek, Bruce and Joyce Schlenderer, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, and Phillip Youngman.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastors Daniel Ward and Bob Garrels and the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Big Rapids, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower

Readings & Hymns for April 9

Acts 10:34-43	Colossians 3:1-4
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Matthew 28:1-10

# 365	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
# 385	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
# 376	Thine Is the Glory

Easter Flower Dedications 2023

In Loving Memory

In loving memory of Bill and Carole Baker and Tom and Evelyn Overholt, given by Mark and Kris Baker

In loving memory of Leonard Behn, given by Ruth Behn and Lois McCardell

In loving memory of Herman, Mildred, and Jill Beute, given by Bill Beute and family

In loving memory of our all too many departed family members, given by Ken and Bev Block

In loving memory of Art and Karen Schoenfeldt and Marian Bradley, given by the Bradley family

In loving memory of our son Chris DeWitt, parents Ruth and Bill DeWitt, and Edward Meredith, given by Bill and Deb DeWitt

In loving memory of Joe Darling, given by the Eimers family

In loving memory of Sallie Peterson Ferguson, given by Jon Ferguson

In loving memory of our parents, given by Mike and Biruta Fessenden

In loving memory of our parents Morrie and Dorothy Fongers and John and Jean Rosenberg, given by Morrie and Cindy Fongers

In loving memory of Mike Franz, given by Mari Franz

In loving memory of Mike Franz, given by brother Bob and Gay Franz

In loving memory of Maxine Wooster, given by daughter Mari Franz

In loving memory of Maxine Wooster, given by Bob and Gay Franz and Aaron and Laura Pretzer

In loving memory of the Young, Carlson, and Frick families, given by Jack and Mary Frick

In loving memory of Phyllis Gehl, Jill Beute, and John Blackmore, given by Richard Gehl

In loving memory of Adam Guigue given by Robert and Nanci Guigue

In loving memory of our parents and grandparents, given by the Guis and Krueger families

In loving memory of Phyllis Price, given by Ryan and Lolly Hatkowski

In loving memory of Jerry Hendricks, given by Carol, Todd, Melissa, and grandchildren

In loving memory of Dorothy Leeson and Warner Hoeksema, given by Sidney and Carrie Hoeksema

In loving memory of parents Margaret and Roman Douglas and sisters Delores and Darlene, given by Janice Jacobson

In loving memory of Hayden J. Kaiser, given by David J. Kaiser

In loving memory of Rev. William and Marcy Dykstra, given by Brad and Gayl Kessel

In loving memory of husband Bob, given by Beth Krueger

In loving memory of Karl and Eileen Krug and Jacquelin "Annette" Wichmann, given by the Krug family

In loving memory of Patrick and Claudia Garman, given by Randy and Jamie Kuntzman

In loving memory of Leon and Halina Czaban, given by Chris and Joanna Kutschinski

In loving memory of Robert and Marcene Linstrom, Ruth Johnson and Philip Johnson, given by Pastor Bob and Rebecca Linstrom

In loving memory of George and Joan McCardell, given by Mike and Lois McCardell
In loving memory of Bill McClimans, given by Marcia McClimans
In loving memory of Bob and Doug Mellema, given by the Mellema family
In loving memory of Tom and Margaret Steel, given by Ron and Shelley Mishler
In loving memory of Pete Moga, given by Nancy Moga
In loving memory of John Klein and Ken Krausman, given by Kathy Noble
In loving memory of our parents and grandparents, given by Norm and Jan Palm and family
In loving memory of Anne and John Aister, given by Jeff and Lisa Postlewaite
In loving memory of John Racek, given by Kris Racek
In loving memory of Nikki Robach Wyble, given by Sue Robach
In loving memory of Ken Rongey, Robert Dudley, parents and grandparents, given by Elaine Rongey and family
In loving memory of Marc A. Schadler, given by Chuck and Phyllis Schadler
In loving memory of Kenneth and Beatrice Waite and Lester and Julian Schaner, given by Chas and Marcia Schaner
In loving memory of Bob and Jean Smith, and Vince Gauthier, given by Kelly Smith
In loving memory of Keely Marie Stephan, given by Steve, Amy, Charlotte and Isaac Stephan
In loving memory of Lloyd and Virginia Stoll and James and Patricia Volkel, given by Scott and Kathryn Stoll
In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelsen, Dave Straw, and Dorothy Straw, given by Dave and Chris Straw
In loving memory of Lawrence Swanson, given by Glenn Swanson and Chuck Hickerty
In loving memory of parents James Vanderwall and Theresa Holmstrom and Elmer Miller, given by Jim and Beth Vanderwall
In loving memory of loved ones, given by the Dave and Kathy Young and family

In Honor

In honor of our new granddaughter Anna Vasicek, given by Dave and Carrie Boer
In honor of Shadrach and Gladys Peter (mission partners in India), given by Doug and Dawn Brackmann
In honor of our grandson Donovan Thomas Lyons, given by John and Lynn Hagenbush
In honor of our mothers Alice Gill and Ardis Heacock, given by Steve and Brenda Heacock
In honor of Ted and Helen Kutschinski, given by Chris and Joanna Kutschinski
In honor of Pastor Jonathan Heierman, given by Kathy Noble
In honor of Harold and Jennie Westra and James and Judith Glasco, given by Joel, Julie, Jude, and Jesca Westra

Given to the Glory of God by the Yoder family

APRIL 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY



Jesus is alive!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:1-18	Christ's resurrection
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-4	New life in Christ
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	The joyful return of exiles
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:14-20	We are a new creation
Friday	Genesis 2:4b-25	Creation of man and woman
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord's always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that she had said these things to her. John 20:17b-18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, this is the day that you have made; let us rejoice in your steadfast love and the power of Christ's resurrection for all that you have made. In the name of the risen Christ, amen.

Mealtide Prayer:

Alleluia, Christ is risen. O Lord, we give you thanks for sustaining us with this food and with the power of Christ's resurrection for us and all the world. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you rejoice in the risen Lord.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When was a time you were in disbelief and couldn't understand something that was happening?
- As we continue to grow and mature, how is the Christian faith an ongoing process of learning and growing?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 20:1-18.

The resurrection account, the first Easter Sunday story as recorded in the Gospel of John, is filled with misunderstandings. Mary Magdalene sees the empty tomb and thinks that someone has taken Jesus' body away. Two disciples come and see it as well. The disciple that Jesus loved (traditionally thought to be John, the author of the Gospel) believes, but believes what? The very next verse says *"as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead"* (v. 9). The disciples leave and go home! Mary, however, remains and talks to two angels. She does not seem awed by the encounter so it is likely she does not recognize them as angels. Then she sees Jesus and thinks he is the gardener. Finally, she hears Jesus call her by name. She then recognizes him and he sends her out to tell the disciples. Like Mary and the disciples, we, too, are on a journey of understanding what Jesus' resurrection means for us and the world. It is a life filled with new insights and awe that leads us to tell others what we have seen and heard.

Discuss: What does Jesus' resurrection mean to you?

Pray: Eternal God, help us to grow in our faith and understanding that we may be filled with joy and be faithful witnesses to the power of Jesus' resurrection for the world you love. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you share the good news of Christ's resurrection with others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The Kindness Rock Project was a trend that began in 2015. Small, smooth stones are painted with messages of kindness and hidden for others to find. Bring the good news that Christ is alive to friends and neighbors during the Easter season as a reminder that the stone was rolled away. Find or buy smooth stones, paint them, and write the words "Alleluia! Christ is Risen" on each one. Use those stones to bring the good news that Christ is alive to friends and neighbors during the Easter season. Place the stones in locations where someone can easily find them.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org