Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 14

Personal Hygiene Appeal
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief)
Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.
COMCS Rehearsal, 1 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15

The Messenger deadline
Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
COMCS Competition & Rehearsals, 10 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert Series Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m. Care & Share, 10:30 a.m. GriefShare, 3:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m. Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

Fitness Class, 9 a.m.
Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.
Spring Sumud Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
Spring JOYful Days Lunch & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.
Oasis Training Class, 6:30 p.m.
Spring Sumud Adult Forum, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 19

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Visitation - John Leese, 10 a.m. Memorial Service - John Leese, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 20

COMCS Rehearsal, 10 a.m. DeColores, 10:30 a.m. Bassoon & Piano Recital, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Personal Hygiene Appeal
Stephen Ministry Sunday
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band)
Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Stay & Play, 10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Meet the Artist Reception, 12:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Eternal Candle Today

Today's eternal candle is given by Bob and Nanci Guique in loving memory of Adam Guique.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Cantor: Jude Westra Sacristan: Cathy Olson Lector: Sheila Talsma

Communion Assistants: Betty Hall, Debbie Duckworth

Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey

Acolytes: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief Band leading worship

Sacristan: Steve Stephan Lector: Debra Freeberg

Communion Assistants: Kris Baker, Kim Brock Ushers: Jeff Postlewaite, Dave & Carrie Boer, Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney, Mark Baker

Acolytes: Layla and Lilly Lothschutz, Sarah Hatkowski

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: John Fox

Sacristan: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Lector: David Fast

Communion Assistants: Diane Ardolino, Sandra Sudak Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,

Jamie Norris, Wayne Snyder

Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Alexis Mason

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness**. hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery: Sue Bailey. John Baker, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Steve Cairns, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Grant Ferguson, Biruta Fessenden, Diane Field, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Sherri Ide, Mary Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Isaac (Ike) Keller, Grace Lanning, John Leese, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Theo Marguardt, Rebecca Mattison, Stephanie McLeod, Nancy Moga, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Bob Sielaff, Dale Volkerding, Gloria Von der Heide, John Walls, Robert Williams, Rick Wolner, David Young, Kathy Young, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up <u>Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones</u>: Albert Asfour, Maria Ashimine, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Bryan and Kate Bredwell, Liz and Jason Coles, Barb Crossman, Jack Danielson, Scott and Corina Dulecki, Julie Earhart, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Josh and Katie Gardner, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Kristen Lamprich, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Debbie and John Potter, Dee Scales, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Wollen/Billings families, Natalie Yeager, and Terry and Linda Zabel.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Jake Ferra and the people of Harbor or Grace Lutheran Church in Muskegon, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for March April 7

Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Psalm 4 Luke 24:36-b-48

#384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (red book)

#368 With High Delight (red book)

#461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (red book)

#382 Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (red book)

APRIL 14, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus' resurrection brings peace and forgiveness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Acts 3:12-19	Peter speaks in the temple
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-7	Children of God
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Thursday	Acts 26:19-23	Paul tells of his preaching
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The resurrection of Christ
Saturday	Psalm 4	An evening prayer
Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety. Psalm 4:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we thank you for Jesus' resurrection that brings us peace and forgiveness of sins that we may go to bed each night trusting in your care. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food. Give food to those who do not have enough to eat and protection for those who do not feel safe, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ our Lord give you peace and gladness.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen



taking faith home

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:

- In what ways do you show hospitality to others?
- · How does hospitality foster peace and forgiveness?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 24:36b-48.

The resurrection does not immediately clear up all our questions about faith and life. What does the resurrected body look like? What does the life of the church look like after Jesus' resurrection? Jesus comes as flesh and blood to speak, eat, and drink with his followers. The physical world matters. This is not a time to speculate about ghosts and life beyond earthly existence. The resurrection values God's creation. At least two important resurrection messages are present in this text. First, hospitality is shown by the sharing of lifegiving food. Sustaining one another with food and community life goes on as a holy practice. Second, repentance and forgiveness of sins remains at the heart of the work of Jesus' followers. The resurrection celebrates life, community, peace, and forgiveness as essentials that will not be overcome by death, isolation, fear, or sin. Thanks be to God for the eternal power of God's reign shown to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord!

Discuss: What questions do you have about the resurrection and what it means for your life today?

Pray: God of eternal life, give us confidence to breathe peace, joy, forgiveness, and new beginnings into all our relationships through Christ Jesus, our resurrected Lord and Savior. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you show care for the physical needs of others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



There are times at night when we worry about something and can't sleep. Psalm 4 is a prayer for help. It is a prayer that reaches out with confidence in God's love and care. The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's presence in our lives. Bedtime prayers are daily rituals that can have a powerful influence in our lives. At bedtime this week, take a moment to think or talk about something that may be keeping you awake at night. *Pray:* Dear Lord, be gracious to me, and hear my prayer that I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. Amen. (Psalm 4)

