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• THIS, THAN TO LAY •

GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN

DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

... JOHN 15:13, NKJV ...



Recognition of high school seniors

Sunday, May 19
10:45am

Celebrate with the
Class of 2024

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I Am a Lutheran



Easter morning, the congregation gathers.

Something looks different. Are there flowers? Are the paraments white? Are there butterflies or banners or something else that sets this season apart?

How does the sanctuary change from the somber, starkness of Good Friday to the beauty of Easter morning?

I am a Lutheran who comes to the building when no one else is there. Maybe I posed for the photo. Probably I did not. But I was there, in the quiet moments between worship services. Finding linen wrappings. Placing flowers. Returning with newly made butterflies.

Something sounds different. Alleluias have returned to our lips. Musicians have been rehearsing to share the joy of this season. Christ is Risen!

How do the radio and livestream connect us so we can hear and see and participate together in worship across time and distance?

Something tastes of the meal God has prepared for us in the bread and wine of Communion. When did the glasses get filled and the bread prepared? We taste and see that the Lord is good.

For all the unseen Lutherans who prepare the sanctuary for worship not only for Easter morning but also for all the other seasons of the year, we give thanks.

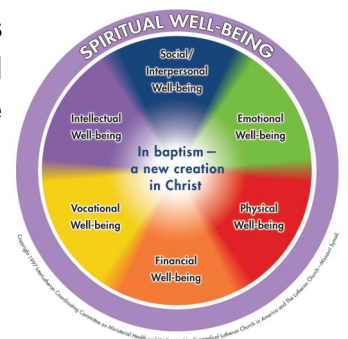
Joint Theological Day

On Thursday, April 18th a van load of leaders headed to Concordia College in Moorhead for our annual Joint Theological Day. Leaders from both the Eastern North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota Synods gather each year in the spring for a day of learning. It's also an excellent opportunity to connect with colleagues and Synod staff. From the Christians in Action Ministry Pr. Stephanie Gossett, Shar Gumke, Pr. Susan Haukaas, Deacon Tara Longden, Pr. Linda Schauer, Vicar Andrew Stephans, Pr. Erik Weber, Pr. Kristi Weber, and Joel Zenker were all in attendance.

This year's our focus was on wellness. Our Keynote Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Tory Troftgruben teaches New Testament and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Iowa. He spoke about how important it is for those in leadership to take good care of themselves. This is an important model for the congregation, but also vital to doing ministry well. Using the ELCA's excellent resource, The Wholeness Wheel, Dr. Troftgruben invited those gathered to think about how we care for ourselves as an act of ministry.

Afternoon workshops dug deeper into several topics. "Keeping the Faith in Ministry" explored how important it is for leaders to have personal faith practices outside of their calling. "The How and Why Path to a Quality Sabbath" was a panel discussion about Sabbath taking and planning for a Sabbatical. "Embodying Spirituality" was a conversation about how our bodies are a big part of our spirituality and not (as they have often been categorized) an impediment. "Sabbath Resistance" explored the Old Testament theology of Sabbath.

Ask one of the leaders listed above if you would like to hear more about the day!



Peace to You



John 20:19-23

“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.””

Not always an easy peace; never an insignificant or halfhearted peace, but the peace of Christ be with you always!

Peace is something that is not always easy to find in this world. It is a stillness and a calm that comes over us like a light breeze. When we allow our lives to become complicated and overly busy, there is little time for peace. If we focus on what the world and the news networks tell us to, it is difficult to identify peace.

Yet peace is exactly what Jesus offers to us, his disciples. In John’s Gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples in the upper room after his resurrection. He says, “Peace be with you. As the father sent me, now I send you.” With those words, he breathed the Holy Spirit on them.

Christ’s peace passes all understanding and is not out of our reach. To acknowledge and accept this peace from Jesus, we have to slow down. We have to take a deep breath, in and out, and be still for just a moment. Then we have to focus on the peace bringer, the peace giver, Jesus. Beloved, may the peace of Christ be with you always! Amen.



Christians in Action Ministry

Looking ahead:

Summer worship

Vicar Andrew Stephens and Pastor Kristi Weber are recruiting a team to plan a variety of summer worship outreach opportunities for the communities served by Christians in Action Ministry. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Vicar Andrew at VicarAndrew@NDChristiansAct.org to participate in the next planning meetings on Zoom.

In Jamestown, the first event will be a campfire worship Sunday, June 16 at Atonement. All are invited to this evening worship the night before Vacation Bible School begins. More details about time will be available later in May.

In Montpelier, a worship service on Sunday, July 21 will be part of the All School Reunion weekend.

The rest of the schedule is still being developed based on requests from each congregation.

Season of Creation

Pastor Linda Schauer and Pastor Lucinda Lien are recruiting a team to prepare our own series of worship services with themes that highlight local dimensions of God's creation. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Pastor Linda at PastorLinda@NDChristiansAct.org to participate in planning these services.

Although our congregations will experience these services in the fall of 2024, a preview will be part of the June 2 Eastern North Dakota Synod closing worship service.

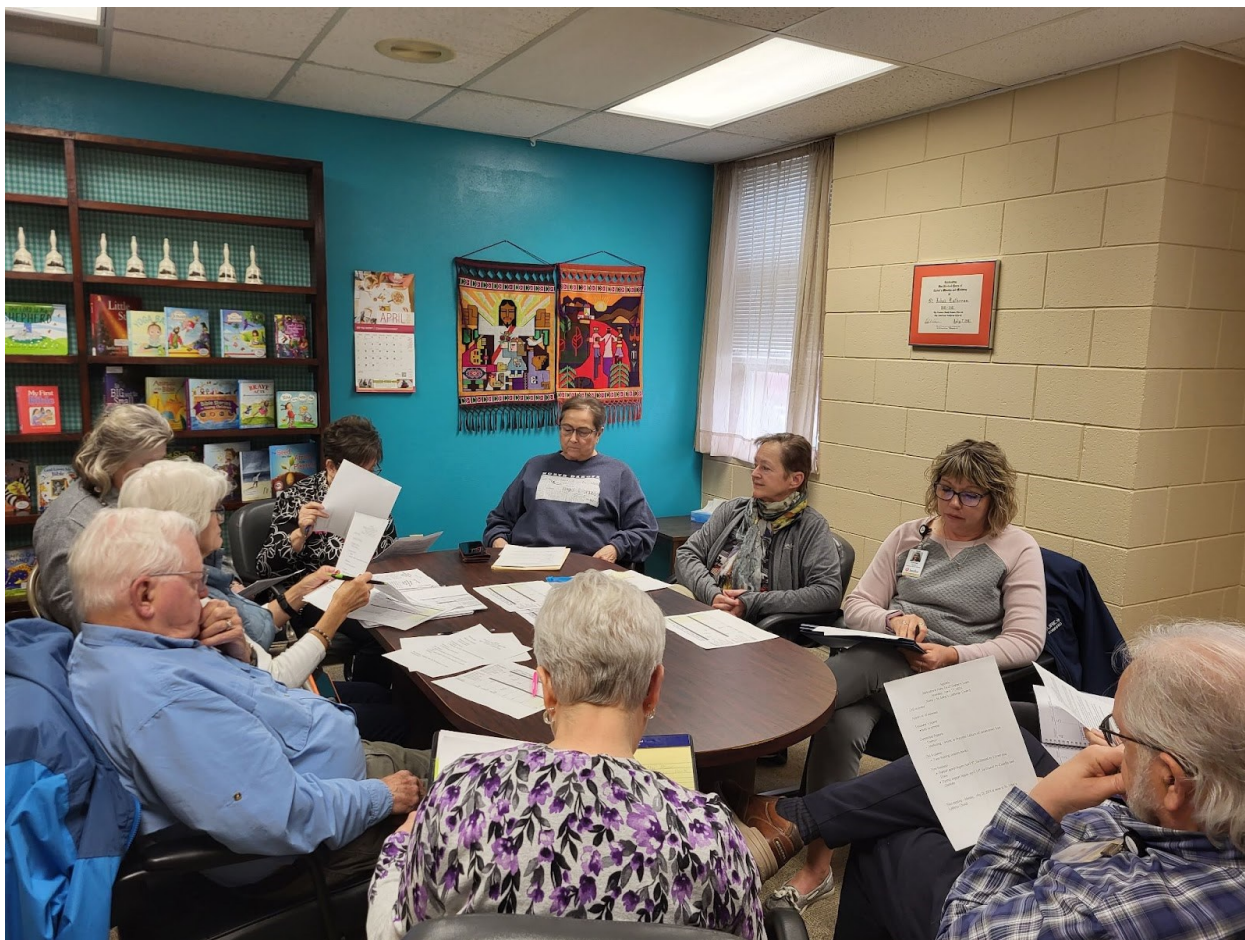
Congregations participating in Christians in Action (Board Member in parenthesis):

Atonement, Jamestown (Mona Klose)	Christ the King, Ellendale (Dianne Billey, Vice Chair)
Emmanuel, Gackle (Joyce Spitzer)	English, Medina (Bryan Behm, Secretary/Treasurer)
Montpelier, Montpelier (Abram Valenta, Chair)	St. John's, Jamestown (Paulette Ritter)
Trinity, Jamestown (Chris Flann, Recorder)	Zion, Kulm (Lucinda Malm)

The Christians in Action Book Club Needs Readers!

Do you love to read? Do you like to have conversations about the books you read? Has a book (other than the Bible) strengthened your faith? One of the hopes we have for Christians in Action Ministry is to build relationships across our congregations. With this in mind the CIA Book Club has formed. There will be options to meet in person or over Zoom depending on your preference. We will meet the last week of each month. We will pick the books for May and June at the April 30th meeting. Everyone is welcome!

Check out www.ndchristiansact.org/book-club to sign-up and find out more about the books we're reading for May and June!



Jamestown Area Grief Support Team in Action

The Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is a group of volunteers gathered for the purpose of providing educational opportunities and support to those who are grieving, offering hope and healing. JAGST is committed to meeting the needs of the grieving through adult support groups and other events. This community group welcomes people of all faiths. The spring support group has already begun and gathers a group of about ten people for six meetings. Support groups are offered each spring and fall. The JAGST board (pictured) meets monthly to coordinate upcoming and ongoing events. There are community representatives along with caring professionals who volunteer to support those who are grieving. The members of JAGST are not professional counselors and do not offer individual counseling. They do, however, follow the “companioning” philosophy of grief support. There is a deep need for compassion and companionship for those who grieve because we are a grief avoidant society. Only a small number of those who could participate in the support groups do and a major challenge facing JAGST is to continue to invite and include people who don’t know that this organization exists or are hesitant to check it out. Sometimes JAGST knows of community needs, such as offering some programs for adults who have lost adult children, and publicizes a new offering, only to have to cancel it because of low (or no) registrations. Events are offered each year for those who have lost a partner. An overnight widows retreat is held each fall, and a one day widowers retreat has been offered in mid-winter. JAGST has also offered a pregnancy and infant loss group, usually in October. JAGST support groups are free for participants. More information can be found at the JAGST Facebook page or website www.JAGST.org If you are interested in serving as a volunteer with JAGST please contact Charlotte Freeberg at St. John’s. If you are interested in any of the groups offered by JAGST, please contact your pastor.

Faith in Action



On Friday May 3rd, English Medina will be hosting their Christians in Action event at the new skating rink in Steele. The event begins at 7 pm.

All youth 6th-9th grade are invited.

Vans depart from Jamestown at 6:00 pm. Register with Deacon Tara. 701-659-1226

Hope to see you there!

On April 16, ten youth and seven adults from Atonement and Trinity Lutheran churches were part of the Christians in Action group volunteering at the El Zagal Shrine Circus at the Jamestown Civic Center.

Our team worked in groups selling sno-cones, cotton candy and a few sold nachos. Did you know that pink cotton candy is more popular than blue cotton candy? Or that blue sno-cones are more popular than red ones? By the end of the evening, our crew was even mixing red and blue making purple sno-cones!

In addition to having fun, and bringing joy to children and adults attending the circus, each youth and adult volunteer earned \$30 toward future Christians in Action partnership events. This is one way to make big events such as the Synod Castaway Youth Retreat in September or the ELCA Youth Gathering to be held this summer in New Orleans to be even more affordable. In total, our group earned over \$500 in one evening.



300 UJ Care Packages packed by the 8th Grade Confirmation Students were delivered to campus in time for Spring Finals week in April!



Around the Synod



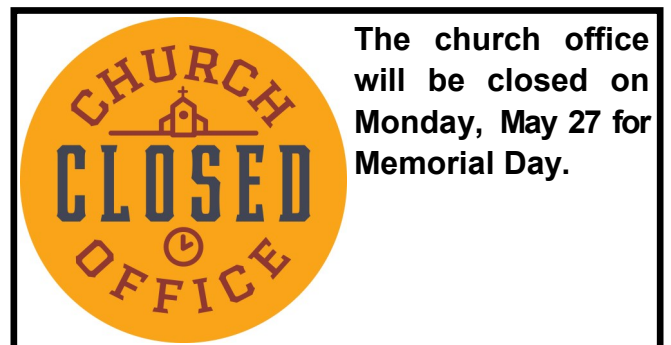
Each year every congregation sends their rostered leaders and a couple of lay voting members to the Synod Assembly. Assembly is like a church annual meeting but for the entire synod. Voting members have an opportunity to experience how the church organization works, vote on any current business, listen to some excellent speakers, and meet and worship with other leaders and congregational representatives from across the synod.

The Eastern North Dakota Synod will gather in Assembly on June 1-2, 2024 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND under the theme of “CHALLENGE: Learn, Discern, Respond”. This year’s theme comes from our Mission Statement, “Jesus Christ calls us to live in love as we serve, equip, and CHALLENGE God’s people.” Together, we will explore how we can learn, discern, and respond to challenges.

Who is attending from your congregation? It could be you if you express interest to your congregational leaders!



Young at Heart will be going to Babb’s Coffee House for lunch on Monday, May 13 at 11:30 am. All seniors are welcome!



Council Highlights—Monday, April 15, 2024

Present: Shawn Banet, Greg Ulland, Jacob Limke, Nick Fettig, Heather Rostenbach, Jay Kruger, Mary Craft, Nathan Steele, Joni Zink, Pastor Susan Haukaas, Pastor Kristi Weber

Minutes: minutes of the March 18, 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report for March 2024 will be emailed after it is received from Tax Forward (today they were working with other clients.)

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Survey will be sent to families with children and youth birth through high school.
- 2) Heather Rostenbach and Jay Kruger were appointed as additional voting members for the June Synod Assembly.
- 3) Approved General Fund Emphasis and Financial Communication Plan

Next Executive Committee meeting: Monday, May 13 at Noon on Zoom

Next regular Council meeting: Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in person

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Greg Ulland, President 701-330-2015
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Nick Fettig 659-1163	Joni Zink 320-1015
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	Heather Rostenbach 218-205-4309

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Altar Guild.....	Ardell Quigley (952-5062)
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Stephen Ministry.....	252-2841
Women of Trinity.....	Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)
Worship.....	252-2841
Youth.....	252-2841
Church Office.....	252-2841



Financial Snapshot—Trinity’s General Fund

Through February 2024 (a report for March was not available at the time of printing)

Year to Date Income	\$ 54,063
Year to Date Designated Income*	<u>+\$ 9,095</u>
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 63,158
Christians in Action Reimbursements ^	\$ 15,412
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	<u>+\$ 12,673</u>
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 91,243
Year to Date Expenses	<u>-\$ 101,022</u>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (9,779)

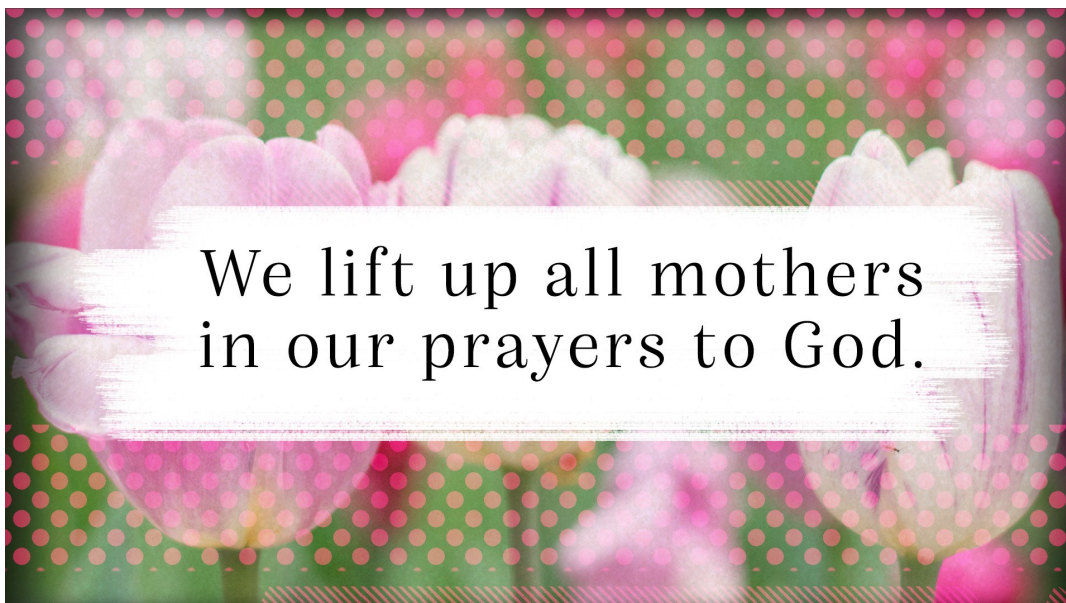
*Designated income includes funds received for specific bills paid through Trinity’s General Fund.

^ Christians in Action reimbursements include funds for shared staffing (Pastoral Intern, and Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries), administration (Google workspace account and telephones), and events for multiple congregations.

**Some funds received in previous years are designated for expenses. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year that helps strengthen Trinity’s mission and ministry.

During the first quarter of 2024, Trinity has been adjusting to the changes of no longer having an active Capital Campaign. Giving to the RENEW Campaign in 2021, 2022, and 2023 not only helped Trinity replace the roof, steps, and boiler, but also supported facilities operations. In 2024, all facilities operations expenses, mortgage payments, and savings for the cooling system are now part of the General Fund.

Trinity’s livestreaming, music, and education ministries are greatly appreciated by the congregation and community. Thank you for your generosity that helps fully support not only these but also the other ministries and mission of Trinity Lutheran Church.



Worship on FM radio

If you are having trouble with the reception on 1400 AM for the radio broadcast of the 8:30 am Sunday worship, try 107.1 FM to get better reception.

Altar Flowers

- + 5/5/24 by Bob & Andy Dalbol in honor of Renea's birthday
- + 5/19/24 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of great-grandchildrens' May birthdays
- + 5/26/24 by Jon & Peg Schlenker in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary

Altar Candles

- + 5/12/24 by Vickie & Tom Steckler in memory of mothers Freda Telken & Audrey Steckler
- + 5/19/24 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of great-grandchildrens' May birthdays

Radio

- + 5/12/24 by the Block family in memory of departed family members
- + 5/19/24 by Clint Tompt in memory of wife, Marlene Tompt

Livestream

- + 5/5/2024 by Judy Brueske
- + 5/12/2024 by Melanie Nelson
- + 5/19/2024 by Norma Repko

Sponsorships for 2024 are available. Please call the church office or check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the dates you would like to sponsor these items. The cost is \$15 for candles, \$35 for flowers, \$100 for the radio broadcast, and \$100 for the livestream. It is a nice way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Many dates are available throughout the year.



David Orr: Karon Orr

Ellen Orr: Karon Orr

Rick Lebahn: Pam & Terry Hansen

Tim Rondestvedt: Mike & Penny Landscoot,
Ardell Quigley

March/April worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

March 31 (Easter) 125
 April 7 61
 April 14 69
 April 21 61
 April 28 84

In person at 10:45 a.m.

March 31 (Easter) 142
 April 7 46
 April 14 56
 April 21 63
 April 28 83

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

March 31 (Easter) 60
 April 7 48
 April 14 37
 April 21 27
 April 28 69

Lent in person

March 28 (Maundy Thursday) 91
 March 29 (Good Friday) 64

Lent YouTube views

March 28 (Maundy Thursday) 28
 March 29 (Good Friday) 33

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Kristina Weber (320-2077)..... Senior Pastor

Susan Haukaas (320-1446)..... Associate Pastor

Andrew Stephens (701-578-2449)..... Intern Pastor

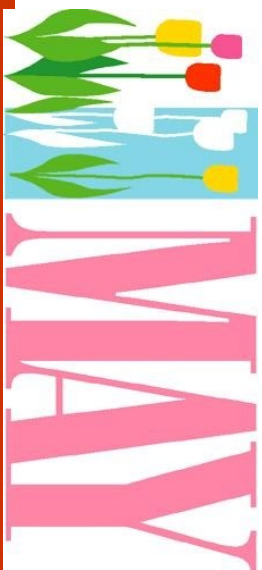
Tara Longden(659-1226)Director of Children, Youth
and Family Ministries


Dr. Anne Gassmann Trinity Choir Director

JoLynn Schumaker (320-8216) Director of Stepping
Stones

Lynette Berry (320-5707).....Faith Quest Administrator

Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant



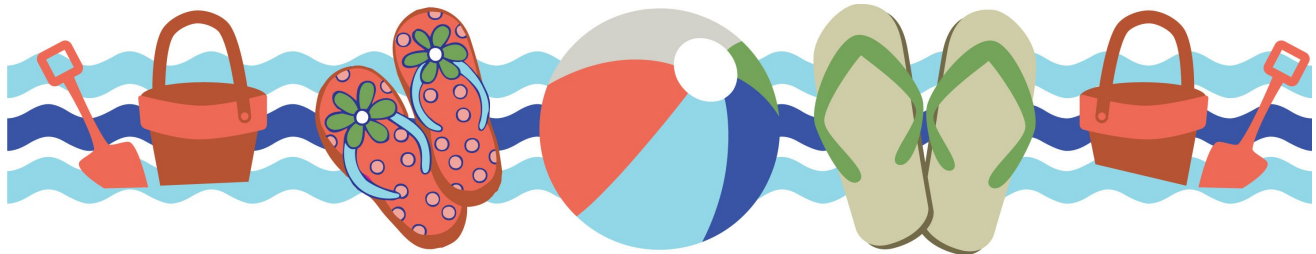
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6&7 Grade Confirmation- St. John's Lutheran Church 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	4 10:00am Virtual Church Event
5 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Final Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion	6 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells	7 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study 4:15pm Worship Committee 7:00pm Troop Parent Meeting	8 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm Final 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation-St. John's Lutheran Church 6:30pm Confirmation Celebration 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 7:00pm Wine & the Word	10 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	11
12 Mother's Day 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship	13 9:30am Quilting 11:30am Young at Heart-Babb's 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	15 8:45am Open Play 7:00pm JHS Baccalaureate 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16 10:30pm Ave Maria 1:00pm Jamestown Conference	17 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	18 10:30am Special Open Play Day
19 8:30am Worship with Communion 10:45am Worship with Communion/ Senior Recognition	20 Bond Deadline 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Congregational Council	21 8:00am Men of Trinity 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:000 Grace Circle-tba 2:30pm Text Study	22 8:45am Open Play 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	23 Last Day of School Susan—vacation	24 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	25
26 8:30am Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00pm Rock of Ages 2:00pm JHS Graduation 2:00pm Hertz Grad Party	27 Office Closed Memorial Day 	28 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study	29 8:45am Open Play	30	31 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	Deacon Tara has office hours at Trinity on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

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Trinity's Purpose:

Connect with God and with each other.
Share God's good news with all.



Summer Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)
Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)



Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 19—10:45



Last Day of Faith Quest

Sunday, May 5