



March, 2025

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*The Season of*  
**Lent**

### **Lent & Holy Week Services**

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday - Services are at 10:30 AM, 4:30 (Contemporary) & 6:30 PM

Wednesday's, March 12 through Wed. April 9 - Weekly Lenten Services- 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday - Services are at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Contemporary) and 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday - Services are at 1:00 PM, 6:30 PM (w/ communion) & (8:00 PM- First Communion for Confirmands)

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday - Services are at 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Sunday, April 20- Easter - Service are 6:00, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM (Contemporary)

# Amazing things are happening at Trinity

## Celebration Sunday

**GOD'S PLANS-  
GOD'S PROMISES**

**JOIN US ON MARCH 16TH  
FOR ONE SERVICE AT 9:00AM  
WITH A BREAKFAST  
CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW**

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY - MARCH 16TH

Join us for ONE special service on March 16th at 9:00am. Following the service, we will have a breakfast celebration in our Fellowship Hall, cooked by Buzz and Marge Fehrmann and family!

Please return Faith Promise Cards for our Capital Campaign this morning. Your gift will certainly involve your heart, mind, and will as you deliberate how best to worship your God. The Apostle Paul says a very similar thing when he wrote, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship." -Romans 12:1

#### DORCAS BAKE SALE

Are you hungry for some delicious bake goods? The Dorcas ladies will be having one of their wonderful bake sales on Ash Wednesday, March 5th in the church basement. Any bakers who would like to donate are encouraged to do so. Your donations would be very appreciated.



#### Secret Prayer Support (A Lenten Adventure in Prayer)

If you have not signed up for Secret Prayer Support, you may do so before Sunday, March 2, the day of our drawing for Secret Prayer Partners. If you have signed up, please remember to pray daily or every few days for the person whose name you drew. Sometimes you might not know the person you are praying for. In that case, you might simply ask the Lord to guide & bless that person. You could also use scripture such as Numbers 6:24-26 (the benediction), or some or all of the prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 as you pray. Just remember to pray; our Lord will hear!



#### LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

Trinity is truly blessed again this year to be able to offer a Soup Luncheon for those interested in having fellowship after the 10:30 AM service each week of Lent. This year we celebrate that this is the 20th year that this group of volunteers are hosting this for you. We thank those individuals and groups that are hosting these meals for us to enjoy. It's not only wonderful to enjoy the fellowship time but there is no cooking or dirty dishes at home. Join us! If you are able to make bars and/or help clean up after the meal, please call Sandra at 715-536-6646 or Fern at 715-539-0633

#### OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY

— March Madness Time —  
It's time to "dunk" on hunger.  
Donate cans to our  
Open Hearts Food Pantry!

#### Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church is hosting a Blood Drive



Join us in saving lives on Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

The Community Blood Center is in Urgent need of All Blood types. Please sign up and bring a friend. Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood and in just about an hour, you can help provide lifesaving opportunities for patients in need. To reserve your life saving donation, please call Jean at 715-536-4715



#### **What We Believe!**

#### **New Member Class / Refresher**

Interested in joining Trinity or want a refresher on the Lutheran faith? We will be starting our "What We Believe" class again, **Sunday March 9th from 9:15-10:15 down in the Youth Room**. This class runs about 8 weeks and covers the basic doctrines of our faith and introduces prospective members to the congregation.

#### Have you purchased Scrip this week?

Scrip are available at all Worship Services and in the Church Office. Please buy!!

# We Love Trinity... Come see why!!

## God's Richest Blessings...

### To these (80+) Seniors with Birthdays in March

Marge Kelly.....	March	5
Marlene Thomaschefskey.....	March	6
Sharon Barritt.....	March	10
Donna Lannigan.....	March	11
Lloyd Hinz.....	March	13
Louise Pyan.....	March	16
Dorothy Hagedorn.....	March	17
Susan Smith.....	March	22
Lavera Hildebrand.....	March	25
William Schult.....	March	31

### And to these Couples with Anniversaries (50+ years) in March

Steven & Cynthia Latzig.....	51 Years on March 9
Michael & Joy Burrows.....	55 Years on March 21
Stanley & Julie Skic.....	51 Years on March 23
Allan & Christine Schult.....	57 Years on March 23

## Pastoral Acts...

### Deaths:

(January 24, 2025) <b>Shirley Olkives</b>
(Funeral) Saturday, February 8, 2025
(February 3, 2025) <b>Dale Clifford Plamann</b>
(Funeral) Friday, February 7, 2025
(February 5, 2025) <b>Ruth Schneider</b>
(February 7, 2025) <b>Selma Weber</b>
(Funeral) Friday, February 21, 2025



## The Spring Session of GriefShare

If you have experienced the death of someone dear to you, plan to attend our GriefShare sessions. If you feel like you're doing ok following the death of a loved one, you may still want to come to GriefShare. You will spend a couple of hours each week with others who have lost someone dear to them. You will hear from experts on video about how to move from mourning to joy. The Spring session will begin on **Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00pm in the church basement**, and continue weekly at the same time and location through May 19, 2025. For more information or to register contact Manda Norman at 715-351-1399 or the church office at 715-536-5482.

## TRINITY ALTAR GUILD

Trinity Altar Guild will meet Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30 in the church basement. Hostesses for the meeting are Amanda Filter, Grace Frick, Kathy Knutson. Also for April: Altar Guild will meet on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30

## Dorcas Cookbooks make wonderful gifts!

Do you know someone who might need a few new recipes for Easter Dinner? Cookbooks are available for purchase in the church office.

Cookbooks are \$10

Radio Broadcasts are so important to our ministry here at Trinity. Thank you to the following for sponsoring a broadcast so we can reach our homebound listeners.

February 2 - was sponsored in loving memory of Floyd Grunenwald's birthday by his sons, Mike & Bob Grunenwald and family.

February 9 - was sponsored in loving memory of Sandy Schneider for her dedication to the Lord, her church, and family by Bob, the Hartson, the Page and the Schneider families.

February 16 - was sponsored in loving memory of husband Louis Marnholtz, son, Greg Zahn, and friend Bert Poi by Leila Marnholtz

February 23 - was sponsored in loving memory of Greg Zahn who passed away 22 years ago by Roger & Rebecca Hinner and family.

## Thank you to those who helped to beautify our church with altar flowers in February

February 2 - Sponsored by Sandra Mahn in loving memory of husband Jim Mahn and friends, Deanna Koebe & Mary Plautz

February 9 - Sponsored in loving memory of Sandy Schneider by her children, grandchildren and family.

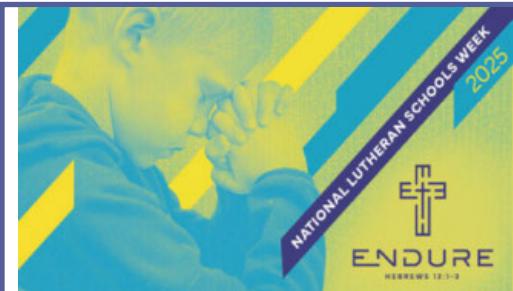
February 16 - Sponsored by Joe & Marlene Thomaschefskey in celebration of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.



We appreciate and give thanks to our Prayer Warriors for their commitment to Trinity and to what God is calling them to do in our church to build His Kingdom. Our Prayer Warriors meet bi-weekly to pray for our church and its outreaches. They also sponsor the Secret Prayer Partners during Lent. We are grateful for their dedication to Trinity!



# Trinity Church cares about YOU!



## Trinity Lutheran School celebrates Lutheran Schools Week, March 3 - 6, 2025

Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families here in Merrill.

Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within Merrill and the surrounding area we serve.

Our school is an amazing incubator for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike. Below are some of the fun activities planned for this special week.

The teachers, staff, students and families would like to thank the congregation for its continued support of Lutheran education here in Merrill. Thousands of students have been touched by the love of Jesus through the ministry at Trinity.

Principal Scott Johnson, "Look to Jesus" Hebrews 12: 1-3

### Activities for Lutheran Schools Weeks

**Mon. March 3-** Dress as Your future - Career Day - wear the attire of your dream career.

**Tues. March 4 -** USA day - wear red, white and blue

**Wed. March 5 -** Bring anything but a backpack day, students are asked to creatively use alternative items to carry their books and supplies.

**Thurs., March 6 -** Pajama Day (Christian Juggler assembly at 1:30 & God's Gifts Student Showcase from 5:00-6:30

**Fri. March 7** Class Color Day

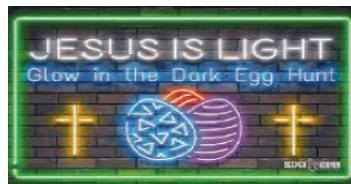
In addition to the fun activities, our goal is to collect 150 boxes of cereal throughout the week for the Food Pantry. If we achieve this target, every student will receive a bowl of cereal on Friday morning. Throughout the week, the Lutheran Junior Honor Association members will track participation to determine which class has the highest number of participants each day.

## AUCTION

**The annual PTO Auction and Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 26 at The Merrill Expo Center. Tickets are \$50 per person and will be on sale beginning in March. If you have any questions, please reach out to use at [trinitypto@tlsmerrill.com](mailto:trinitypto@tlsmerrill.com) or contact Beth Weinkauf at 715-218-0595. We hope to see you there!**



Turn your  
clocks ahead  
one hour on  
Sunday,  
March 9



## GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGG HUNT

Come out and enjoy a one-of-a-kind egg hunt at Trinity on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00am-12:00pm. Join us for a glow-in-the-dark family fun morning! Doors open at 8:45am, with the first egg hunt starting at 9:00am at Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church. Check in upstairs to receive a designated time sticker. While waiting, enjoy decorating a glow-in-the-dark Easter bag and participating in a craft. Before your hunt, there will be a brief overview in the sanctuary. A guide will lead you to the fellowship hall for the egg hunt (parents/guardians can accompany their children). The event is for all family members, especially those 10 and under. We look forward to seeing you! Interested in volunteering for the event? Visit [trinitymerrill.com/easter](http://trinitymerrill.com/easter) to sign up.

# Trinity Financial News & Happenings

Financial Summary as of January 31, 2025 (Year-to-Date)



## Scrip Seller Schedule

### March 2

8:00 am - Randy & Sharon Welch  
10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman  
6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

### March 9

8:00 am - Ed & Julie Cordova  
10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber  
6:00 pm - Dawn Ives

### March 16

8:00 am - Joe & Marlene Thomaschefsky  
10:30 am - Jean Ravn & Molly Schult  
6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

### March 23

8:00 am - Fern Whiting & Jane Dehnel  
10:30 am - Robin Grenfell & Raena Grisa  
6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

### March 30

8:00 am - Marty & Barb Sizer  
10:30 am - Jennifer Rajek  
6:00 pm - Jeff & Cindy Artus

### April 6

8:00 am - Carol Holz & Donna Rhode  
10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman  
6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

### April 13 - Palm Sunday

8:00 am - Joe & Marlene Thomaschefsky  
10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber  
6:00 pm - Dawn Ives

### April 20- EASTER

7:30 am - Ed & Julie Cordova  
9:00 am - Jean Ravn & Molly Schult  
10:30 am - Robin Tomajcik

### April 27

8:00 am - Janet & Emily Grunenwald  
10:30 am - Robin Grenfel & Raena Grisa  
6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

If you are willing to help sell scrip during services....  
Please call Grace Frick at 715-536-4985.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### Trinity Childcare is Hiring!

Now is the time to apply for a job you will LOVE. Help Trinity to mentor and care for the youngest members of God's family. The children will make you wonder why you waited so long to apply. We are looking for one part-time and two full time workers. Call Cassy at 715-722-0523.

Your offering and tithe are a vital part of our growing ministry... PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR OFFERINGS EACH WEEK. THANK YOU!

Trinity is offering FREE rides on the Merrill-Go-Round bus to Trinity's Lenten Services at 10:30 and the 1:00 services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Just call the city bus at 715-536-7112 and tell them you need a ride to Trinity. We will take care of the rest.

### Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church is seeking to hire a part-time director of communications

beginning August 1st, 2025. The ideal candidate should be a member of Trinity, organized, possess a background in communications and marketing, and demonstrate the ability to learn quickly. Duties include, but are not limited to, managing social media platforms for the church, school, and early learning center, crafting slides for church services and school chapel via ProPresenter, creating designs via Canva, keeping Trinity's website updated, coordinating with local media, and supporting church events with promotional materials. The successful candidate should possess strong writing and interpersonal skills, be comfortable with digital tools, and have a passion for meeting communication needs within our church and community. This role is mostly remote and will include up to 15 hours a week. If interested in applying, please fill out the form at [trinitymerrill.com/joinourteam](http://trinitymerrill.com/joinourteam).

### GOD'S GIFTS STUDENT SHOWCASE -

Family, friends, and congregation members are invited to join us in the lower level of Trinity Lutheran School from 4:30-6:30pm on Thursday, March 6th for God's Gifts student showcase! God's Gifts Student Showcase is an opportunity for students to display projects, reports, writings, artwork, and more! These items show how God has blessed students with the wit, wisdom, and determination to do their best work at school to honor Him in all they do. Visitors may park in the church parking lot or behind school and enter door 1 or 2. Door #2 only has five steps to go down.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>23 Sign up for "Secret Prayer Support" to bless someone with your prayers <b>8:00am Traditional Worship Service (IC)</b> 9:15am -10:15am Ken Van De Zande Bible Study <b>9:15am -10:15am Trinity Kids</b> <b>10:30am Contemporary Worship Service (IC)</b> <b>6:00pm Traditional Worship Service (IC)</b></p>	<p>24 1:00pm -3:00pm Quilters 3:00pm -4:30pm TLS Student Study Hall with Devan 6:30pm Kleinschmidt Bible Study</p>	<p>25 1:00pm Pastor G Bible Study <b>5:30pm -7:00pm God's Plans- God's Promises Campaign Information Presentation</b> 6:00pm -7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm -9:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 8:10am TLS Chapel Service led by Grade 6 &amp; Mr. Chap 9:30am -11:00am Prayer Warrior Ministry meets in Conference Room 1:00pm Diane Kreager Bible Study 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry 3:30pm -5:30pm Middle School Youth <b>6:30pm -8:00pm God's Plans- God's Promises Campaign Information Presentation</b> 6:30pm Public School Confirmation</p>	<p>27 9:30am Chapel at ELC 1:00pm -2:00pm Ladies Aid Bible Study 2:00pm Bell Tower Church Service 3:00pm -4:30pm TLS Student Study Hall with Devan</p>	<p>28 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry <b>6:00pm -7:30pm God's Plans- God's Promises Campaign Information Presentation</b></p>	<p>1</p>
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"Growing People, Maturing in Christ, Deeply Rooted, Branching Outward."*

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**Join us for our weekly services:**

Services are in person at Church and also

on FACEBOOK at [Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranMerrill](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranMerrill)

8:00am Sunday Morning Traditional Service

10:30am Sunday Morning Contemporary Service

6:00pm Sunday Evening Traditional Service (in person only - not live streamed)

8:00 am Service can also be heard by radio on 730 AM & 96.3 FM at 10:30 am

(Communion is served in person at church the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month)