

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



## April 2021 Newsletter

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### The 6 Prayers Your Heart Needs this Easter

Lysa TerKeurst

*"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.'" Matthew 28:5-7 (NIV)*

This year, I want to let the reality of Easter reach beyond just one Sunday. I desperately need the truth of Jesus' sacrifice to settle in to the deepest places of my heart. I don't know what hard realities you've been facing lately, but I have a suspicion that maybe you can relate to this same sense of desperation. I know what glorious things this Holy Day says to the world at large.

But what does Jesus want me to know, to think about, to wrestle through at this time of year? This season of new beginnings. Of resurrection. Of healing.

So, I'm asking the Lord to specifically reveal and heal things within me in these days leading up to Easter. After all, Easter is no longer a ritual to me. It's a revelation. A time where Jesus splits my soul along the fault line of a scar deep within to bring dead things alive. Places where there's been a wounding but not yet a full healing. Places where I'm not living fully alive in Christ.

But first, I must take time to ask Jesus to reveal what needs to be resurrected within my heart this year. Is it a more passionate intentionality to replace complacency that can so easily creep in to my Scripture study and prayer time?

Is it a deeper sense of trust in God to replace fear that holds me back and sometimes holds me hostage?

Is it forgiving someone who's hurt me deeply but has never recognized they did so?

This is why I must look to Jesus. Because to Jesus ...

I was loved so much that He gave His life for me. It feels so personal. Even though I know God so loved the world that He gave His Son, it becomes very individual if we let it.

Be personal. With Jesus. Yes.

So, let's take a moment to sit with Him. I keep my Bible open to the place where the angel spoke to the women at the tomb. And I tangle my thoughts around His words from Matthew 28:5-7, as these 6 prayers emerge ...

**"Do not be afraid,"** — Dear God, I hand over to You those things that make me so afraid. Resurrect the parts of my faith that are squelched by fear.

**"I know that you are looking for Jesus,"** — God, when my soul is searching, may I know that the answer to every longing is found in You.

**"He has risen,"** — God, the fact that Jesus is risen should lift my head, my heart and my attitude. Help me live today as if I really believe this with every part of my life.

**"just as he said,"** — Dear Jesus, You keep Your promises. Show me how to live as though I believe that with every part of me. Help me trust You more, obey You more and resemble You more.

**"Come and see,"** — Jesus, You had the angels invite the women in to see for themselves that You had risen. You invite me into these personal revelations every day. Forgive me for sometimes rushing about and forgetting to come and see for myself ... You, Your Word, Your insights.

**"Then go quickly and tell his disciples,"** — Jesus, I don't want to be a secret-keeper with my faith. I want to be a bold and gracious truth-proclaimer. For You. With You. Because of You. Me, the girl whom You loved and redeemed.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday, March 15, 2021.

Present: Kyle Meyerink, Spencer DeHaan, Ryan Lantz, Randy Tegethoff, Tana Huizenga, Mike Konechne, Tonya Standy, Shirley Johnson, Jeff Engebretsen, Liz Spawn and Jerry Dykstra.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Engebretsen and he led with prayer.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report was reviewed, Randy made a motion to approve, Mike seconded it, the motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

We reviewed the treasurer's report, Tonya made a motion to approve, Spencer seconded it, the motion carried.

### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Randy talked to Todd Strand and they found the missing ceiling fan, located the part to fix it and will be taking care of that. Randy thought they could just glue the loose ceiling tiles back in place.

Spencer said a piece of fascia had come off the outside of the church, he will take it to Reiser's and see if he can get it replaced.

### DEACON'S REPORT

Shirley said she is still mailing out bulletins, she and Jeff visited some of the older members and brought them communion, they seemed to be in good spirits.

Joel Finnesgard of "Stones Cry" will provide music and message Easter Sunday.

### OLD BUSINESS

We are still waiting for the windows to be replaced in the parsonage, Ryan will talk to Mike about getting it done since he is also on the parsonage committee.

Tana will talk to Zeke and see if he can get batteries and patches for the AED in the narthex.

### NEW BUSINESS

TEC would like to use the church for their TEC weekend June 4, 5 and 6. Ryan made a motion that TEC could use the church those dates, Tana seconded it, the motion carried.

The school would like to use the church March 29 for kindergarten screenings, Shirley made a motion that the school could use the church, Ryan seconded it, the motion carried.

Ryan, representing the parsonage committee, said the parsonage needs to have many of the outlets replaced because they were painted over. Mike made a motion that the parsonage committee will get the outlets and others will help to make sure they are replaced, Spencer seconded it, the motion carried. Ryan also said we may be getting a bill for fixing the garage door at the parsonage, because it has been repaired.

### SEARCH COMMITTEE

We discussed Pastor Jess and Lexy, they conducted the service on Sunday, there were many positive comments. The search committee brought their names to the council to issue a letter of call. Ryan made a motion to bring their name to the congregation for a vote to issue a letter of call, Liz seconded, the motion carried.

Liz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ryan seconded it.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tonya Standy

He is  
not here,  
for he  
has *risen*.

Matthew 28:6



## From the WOW Co-Presidents

*Donna Boysen & Chelsey Schrank*

### The Gift of Joy

Whenever Easter approaches, we find ourselves think about the death and resurrection of Jesus. The purpose of Christ’s life was to offer himself as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

As followers of Jesus our purpose is to love and serve God. We should glorify God and enjoy him forever. We love God because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19) There is great joy in heaven whenever a sinner repents. There is joy in hearing him say, “Well done good and faithful servant.”

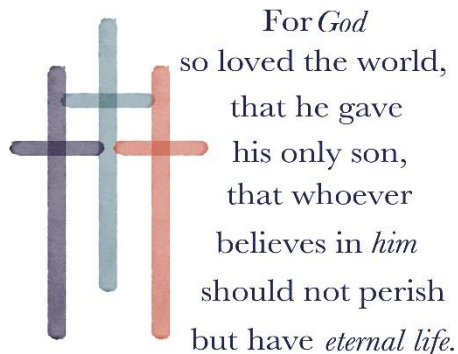
Our purpose is to give God joy. Our Father rejoices and experiences joy as we respond to him in repentance, love and good works that bring Him glory.

Some day each of us will die—and yet we will live, if we believe in Christ as Savior. Death is the door to New Life for the Christian. We must believe in Him as Savior and have faith.

Eternal life after death is a fact. Choose Jesus and go to heaven. Christ defeated death as proof that we, too, will live.

No one comes to the Father exception through Jesus Christ.

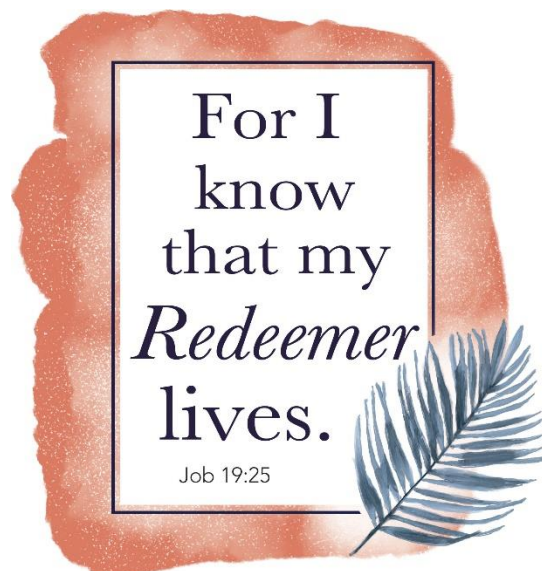
Because He Lives—We can face tomorrow! Happy Easter!



John 3:16

## WOW Treasurer’s Report

Balance on Hand 2/12/2021	\$ 2712.25
1517 Media—Christ in Our Home	\$ -74.55
Balance on Hand 3/17/2021	\$ 2796.70



### Bible Study Groups

**Martha Group** will be meeting on Monday, April 5 at 7 pm in the fireside room studying lesson 4 in “Armor of God” by Priscilla Shirer

**Priscilla Circle** will be meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 pm  
Lesson 5  
Lesson Leader: Bev Antonsen  
Hostess: Deb VanDerWerff

**Hannah Group** will be meeting on Thursday, April 15 at 1:30 pm  
Lesson Leader: Caroline Butler  
Hostess: Karen Dimick

### Annual Church Cleaning

April 19-24

## This Month's Birthdays

4/1	Sue Vanderboom	4/14	Jodene Foxley
4/1	Lucy Hegge	4/15	Kyle Meyerink
4/3	Meredith Suits	4/16	Amanda Hermanek
4/4	Kendall Warejcka	4/17	Gary Nelson
4/4	Kip DeGroot	4/21	Audrey DeHaan
4/5	Alison Dykstra	4/23	Katie Johnson
4/7	Reganne Engebretson	4/23	Chris Nelson
4/8	Jill DeWet	4/24	Erik Holter
4/8	Mike Gilbertz	4/25	Jamie Nelson
4/9	Julie Gustad	4/26	Kade Johnson
4/10	David Carter	4/27	Jon Hermanek
4/11	Allie Nelson	4/29	Bill Hoffman
4/12	Myron DeGroot	4/30	Payton Foxley
4/13	Carey Hoffman	4/30	Abby Vanden Berge



*\*Please remember  
these special 80+ Birthdays  
with a prayer, card or phone call*

## Communion Servers

### April 4

Jeff Engebretson  
Shirley Johnson  
Tonya Standy

## Ushers

4—Lee DeHaan & Spencer DeHaan  
11—Anthony DeHaan & Marshall Ringling  
18—Anthony DeHaan & Marshall Ringling  
25—Mike Konechne & Derek Wollman

## Coffee & Cookies Servers

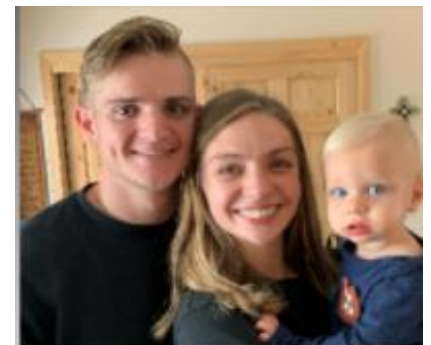
4—Easter (No Cookies)  
11—Katie Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Lisa Johnson  
18—Wanda Johnson, Connie Kirsch, Dawn Konstanz  
25—Estelle Konechne, Wendy Wollman, Jeanne Kott

## Church Cleaning April 19-24

We will be having our annual church cleaning Monday, April 19 through Saturday, April 24. We hope all men, women and children can help clean their designated area! Thank you!

## High School Retreat May 8-9

Praise God! **The High School Retreat has been rescheduled for May 8-9 at New Hope!** This is a great opportunity for all current high school students! Students will receive GREAT teaching by Alex Daum of the Todd Becker Foundation. His teaching will center on the theme "Real Faith: Following Christ in a Post-Christian Culture". We will have times of GREAT worship as well. Ahna and Alex Daum will be leading worship at the retreat. There will also be plenty of time for games and activities, and if weather permits, fireworks and a bonfire! Check in for the retreat is 2:00 PM on Saturday afternoon and check out is noon on Sunday. Register Online at [www.newhopechristiancamp.com](http://www.newhopechristiancamp.com)



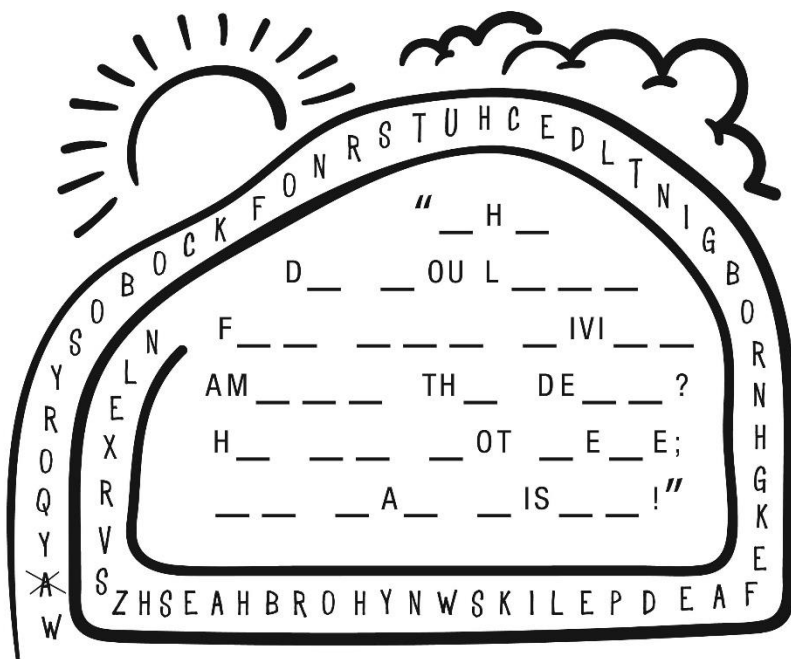




# EASTER MORNING *message*

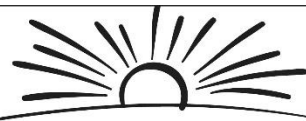
Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

*Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.*



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



## SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

**What you need:**

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

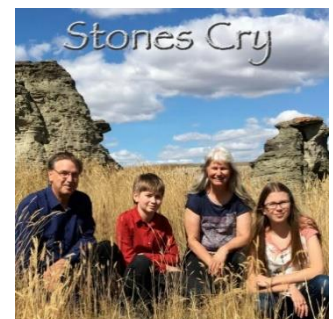
**Sunday, April 4: No Sunday School – Easter Break**

The camping committee is putting on the Easter breakfast on **April 4th** for our fundraiser. If you child is planning on attending camp, please contact the camping committee [Stacy Severson 680-4217, Tricia Meyerink 680-2497 or Wendy Wollman 680-00356] as soon as possible.



Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Come for a time of worship and reflection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! ***The Easter morning worship message and songs will be led by the family music group "Stones Cry."*** Joel, June, and their children Joy (14) and Josiah (12) will be sharing with a wide variety of instruments and singing in an easy listening style of worship and inspirational songs. The **April mission fund offering** will be designated towards "Stones Cry" and will be taken Sunday, April 4.



Easter Breakfast from 8:30-9:15 AM

Join us before worship on Easter morning for breakfast put on by the campers. **Serving egg bake, cinnamon & caramel rolls, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee.** We invite you and your families to come support the campers and enjoy a delicious breakfast! Free will offering