



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tidings Spring Edition 2025

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Pastor's Peace

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are Easter People! We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on April 20th this year. We live in the light of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. No more must we worry that our death is the end of our faith story. Death for the Christian is a new beginning.

We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin, once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 6: 9 - 11

But what does it mean to be Easter People? The early disciples had a hard time understanding and believing at first, but through sharing their experiences and their stories they were able to believe in the most wonderful truth of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

The resurrection is not a past event. Only Calvary and the crucifixion is history, an event in the past. Easter is now, always in the present. Jesus Christ *is* risen. Since Jesus is alive, he is present to all human hearts- often sinful, sometimes sad, yet never rejected, never alone- all because of the risen Lord's presence. That is why St. Paul urges the Romans, and us, to live like risen people *now*.

The Easter story is a message that is made to be shared. Part of the Easter story is your story- You are an Easter Person. The Good News of the Empty tomb is a message that is made to send us out in mission to share that Good News with everyone. The new life of the resurrection is not reserved for the few, but instead is made to be shared with the many! It is God's free gift of eternal life for all of God's people. Do you remember when you first heard the News of the Empty tomb? Can you help to spread that news? Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

See you in Church,

Pastor Russell Haab+

Council President Thoughts



God's Blessings one and all,

It is hard to believe that we are in the Easter season. The flowers will once again be in full bloom, neighbors are out and the cold winter is behind us. This is such a beautiful time of year. Let us take time to reflect on the meaning of this wonderful season

Easter is about more than just good friends, family, and fabulous food.

Never forget the true spirit of Easter.

Easter is a time to enjoy the blessings of God's love.

It's a time for new aspirations, dreams, and hope.

It's a moment to say thanks to Christ for his glorious gift.

It's a time to remember to be kind and praise the Lord.

I would like to also take this time to thank our hard working council and committees here at Holy Trinity. It is a challenging time as we try to continue our pre-Covid traditions in a post-Covid world. Many of our wonderful seasonal mid week fellowship and worship opportunities are getting harder to maintain as volunteerism and attendance is down. This is true everywhere, schools, churches, volunteer organizations have seen the same decline. I feel very strongly about keeping these alive as today, more than ever, we need to hold firm to our faith. We need to be in fellowship with one another. Celebrating together the many blessings and the love of our Lord and Savior. Please consider volunteering to help out with some of these events. Many of them only occur once a year. Jesus challenged the norm and we need to do the same. Let's make the church, our faith and our community the focus! Let's challenge the new normal and make Christ our main focus.

Holy Trinity is family, it is a community that celebrates, mourns, laughs and cries together.

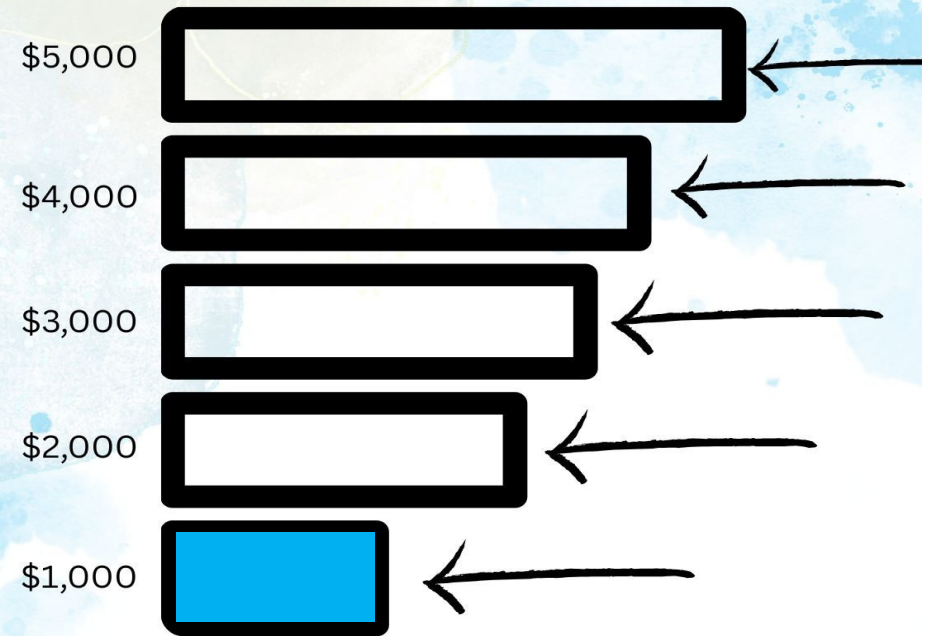
May God bless you during this current season of Lent and into our Easter season.

In Peace

Bonnie Mazza, Council President



Fire Code Update



Holy Trinity Council is working hard to meet the new fire code regulations regarding landscaping. The state has implemented new restrictions to mulch, trees and vines near or on buildings. The cost of the updates will be just shy of \$5,000. Please, if you are able, donate towards this required update. The chart above indicates how much has already been donated.

Easter Event for All Ages: Saturday, April 19, 2025

Easter

EGG HUNT EVENT

Month

04

Date

19

Year

25

from **11AM** to **12:30PM**

Plan now to bring the whole family to our Easter Event .

Egg hunt for our "Littles"

Creative activities

Games

Lunch and fellowship

Friends welcome and encouraged!

Pastoral Acts:

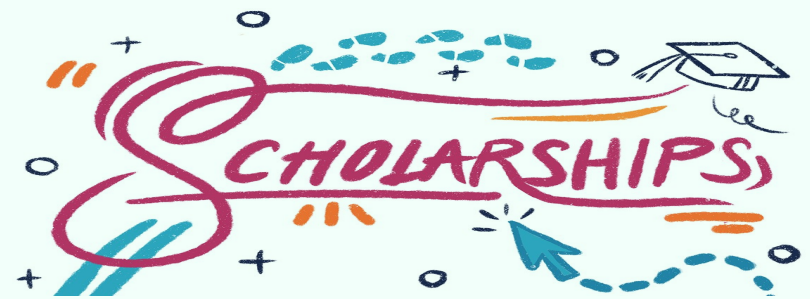
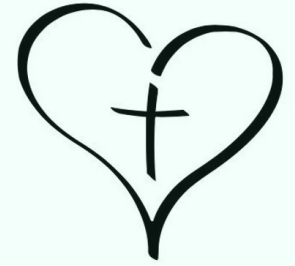
Funerals:

Ryan Garwood 9/28/24

Nita Lou Childs 10/19/24

Jack Fenton 12/20/24

Ruth Guse 3/4/25



Andersen Scholarship Application

Immendorf Scholarship

Sadler, Shewell, Stinson & Waldman Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of past and present members, Holy Trinity is blessed to be able to make a small contribution to the education of our members. The necessary information can be found on our Holy Trinity website. This year's due date is **Sunday, May 18th**. Graduating high school seniors, enrolled college and technical school students, and adults changing careers are encouraged to apply. Some of our scholarships use similar applications, but others have very specific requirements. Please read all materials carefully before submitting your application(s).

Mark Your Calendars



Maundy Thursday Soup Supper: 6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Worship: 7:00 PM

Good Friday: 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday: 10:00 AM

May 4: Birthday Fellowship and Phillip The Bucket

May 11: Mother's Day Service

May 18: Scholarship Applications are due

June 8: Birthday Fellowship and Philip The Bucket

June 15: Father's Day and Worship in the Park

Throughout the summer worship will continue each Sunday at 10am. Sunday school classes will resume in September. We hope that you will make Summer worship a part of your regular plans.



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