

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

201 S. Washington St. Unity, WI 54488



2024

March 3

Worship 8:00 (Noisy Offering); Sunday School 9:00

March 10 - Worship 8:00

March 12 - Council Meeting 6:30

March 17 - Worship 8:00

March 24 Palm Sunday - Worship 8:00

Lenten services

March 6, 13, and 20

Soup supper 5:00, service 6:00

March 28 - Maundy Thursday 6:00

March 29 - Good Friday 6:00

March 31 - Easter Sunday 7:00

Brunch - 8:00

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As we approach the midway point of Lent, which do you prefer: Lent or Advent?

Both Advent and Lent are seasons of preparation. Both anticipate joyous occasions: the

birth of Christ and the resurrection of Christ. Advent is shorter, being four weeks whereas Lent is six weeks.

Advent makes us think of snow, trees, lights and the iconic songs of Christmas. And Lent is, well, either observed or not. Advent ushers in Christmas whereas Lent doesn't necessarily anticipate Easter. Instead its focus is the crucifixion. It's sometimes hard to find a connecting point during Lent as we easily can with Advent.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday as we gathered and received ashes as a sign of our mortality and need of repentance and its connection with: *Genesis 3:19*, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

BUT Lent is more than repentance and our mortality. Lent reminds us of new life found in Jesus' resurrection. Lent asks us to tackle the challenges that come our way. Yes, Advent might be a happier and easier time in our church year, but Lent points us to the heart of our Christian discipleship journey. During Lent we are asked to think about our relationship with God as we work through our losses, our pain, and life's struggles.

So which do you prefer: Lent or Advent?

With Lent's dustiness and rituals of ashes, and the language of penitence, and solemnity of Holy Week, it is an opportune time for us to recapture what it means to walk with God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Yep, Lent might feel messy, awkward and seem outside of our everyday norm, but that is the point. Our "norm" needs some shaking up and Lent is just the perfect opportunity to do that. The Sundays following Easter from April 7 to May 5, I will be

March Duties:

	Lay reader	Ushers	Comm. Asst.
Mar. 3	Eric Elmhorst	Bob Strunk	Bob Strunk
Mar. 10	Eric Elmhorst	Randy Klimmer	Randy Klimmer
Mar. 17	Raatz Family	Barb S. & Susan K.	Barb Soback
Mar. 24	Raatz Family	Cindy Hardrath	Cindy Hardrath
Mar. 28	Raatz Family		
Mar. 29	Raatz Family		
Mar. 31	Jared Klimmer	Jared & Lydia K.	Jared Klimmer

Money Counters

Mar. 3	Al Raatz & Jared Klimmer
Mar. 10	Sara Uhig & Cindy Hardrath
Mar. 17	Naomi Carey & Susan Karsten
Mar. 24	Patsy Schuh & Pat Klimmer
Mar. 31	Al Raatz & Jared Klimmer

In April.....those in charge.....

Altar Guild - Barb Soback & Sara Uhlig

Lay Readers - Pat Klimmer

Ushers & Comm. Assistant - Barb Soback

Lenten Soup Schedule

3/6 - Chicken dumpling; cream of potato

3/13 - Chicken wild rice; taco

3/20 - Hamburger vegetable; sausage split pea

Soup suppers will start at 5:00. Anyone who wants to bring a soup, please contact Barb Soback. Desserts and sides are also welcome.

Something New for Families

I would like to invite you and your families to **Bedtime Stories and Prayer** with myself and other readers in the weeks to come. We will gather each Sunday evening **beginning March 3 and continuing through May 19** start time is **6:30 pm on zoom**. We will gather for about 10ish minutes as we listen to a story and offer up prayer and a blessing for our week ahead.

Send Pastor Teri a quick email to be included in our online body of Christ gathering time at christfirstpastor@gmail.com.

If there is someone in your family or friends circle who you think would like to join us please let me know. I can send a link invite to them if you're able, with their permission, to share their email information.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday evenings as we gather together as the body of Christ. Grab your family, cuddliest blanket, bestest stuffed animal, pillow or favoritest thing and take a break and settle in for a few minutes with a bedtime story and prayer.

Blessings, Pastor Teri

Looking ahead.....**Ladies Night Out** is set for Friday evening, April 26th. A tentative start time is 5:00 with a potluck supper.

Then games and fellowship will follow. Ladies, put the date on your calendar! It's a good time to share and have some laughs.



sharing a sermon series based on the practices found in Robert Schnase's book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*.

The Five Practices of Radical Hospitality are: Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity are fundamental to disciple making. Each of these will ask us think beyond our church life and its comfort zones and to expect the unexpected, extraordinary, and grace-filled expressions of God's love.

Prayers and Blessings on your Lenten journey †

Pastor Teri

Trinity's Social Connections

Our church has a Facebook page - Trinity Lutheran Unity WI. Information is posted here for past, present, and future events as well as information about worship services. Pastor Teri also posts videos (MidWeek Worship Moment) and occasional points of interest.

Our church also has a website that provides information to anyone looking for a church (unity-trinity-lutheran-church.com). Another connection is our monthly newsletter, the Trinity Tidings, which is sent via email to many members. Several continue to receive the Tidings through the USPS. Other communications are also provided using the email system. If there is anything you would like shared regarding Trinity, please contact Pastor Teri, Emily Loertscher, Lydia Klimmer, or Pat Klimmer.

It's time to **order Easter flowers for Easter.**

Sunday! Please contact Pat Klimmer in church or via phone or email (715-659-2331;

pcklimmer@gmail.com). You can also send a check to church. A suggested donation is at least \$10.00.



Let's share some yummy recipes!

What's Cooking?



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Asian Pasta

(provided by Cindy Hardrath)

8 oz. linguine - cooked, drained, & rinsed with cold water
2 sliced green onions
1 c. matchstick carrots
1 diced red pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. chopped celery
Add veggies to linguine & toss.

Dressing:

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. soy sauce
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. vegetable oil
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. brown sugar
1 T. rice vinegar
2 tsp. Sweet chili sauce
1 tsp. Sesame oil
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. dried ginger or 1 tsp. fresh grated

Mix and pour over linguine & vegetables.
Cover and place in fridge for several hours or overnight.
Bake at 350 degrees until all is heated through.
May add diced cooked chicken or shrimp.

Main Points of Annual Congregation Meeting

The annual congregation meeting was held on Sunday, January 21st. Some key points from the meeting are as follows:

- Pastor Teri's contract was renewed for a 5 year period.
- Pastor Teri's salary is increased from a monthly payment of \$1500 to \$2000.
- The newly elected council members are David Heron, Susan Karsten (term renewal), and Pat Klimmer.

It is that time of year again when the church yearbook will be updated. Please make sure we have all the correct information on you and your families. This may include address, phone numbers, email address, birthday and anniversary. Please contact the church secretary (pcklimmer@gmail.com) with the correct information. If someone is missing from the yearbook, it is because their information was not provided. This can be done now and will be added for the 2024 yearbook.



Trinity's food pantry would like to thank everyone for all the food donations during the Superbowl contest. The Packers had the most donations but of the two teams playing, the Chiefs were the winners. Actually the pantry was the biggest winner of all.
Thank you also to those of you who have been donating throughout the year. It is very much appreciated. All of the families that visit the pantry are very thankful also.

Palm Sunday - March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday is a Christian holiday that occurs on the Sunday before Easter. It is also called Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Jesus entered the city knowing He would be tried and crucified and welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of [Holy Week](#), the remembrance of Jesus' last days. In many churches, Palm Sunday is observed with the blessing and sharing of palm branches symbolizing the branches placed in front of Christ as he entered Jerusalem.

New Testament - Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the [prophet](#), saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." - [Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Old Testament - "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9

Easter Season Worship Times

Palm Sunday, March 24th - 8:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th - 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29th - 6:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - 7:00 a.m. (Sunrise)

Easter Brunch following worship - potluck



Don't forget!

March 10th - change your clocks.....spring forward....turn your clocks ahead.....lose an hour of sleep. (Don't be late to church!)

Maundy Thursday - March 28th

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, Great and Holy Thursday, and Thursday of Mysteries, is the Christian feast or holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. The Mass of the Lord's Supper initiates the Easter Triduum, the three days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday that commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is normally celebrated in the evening, when according to Jewish tradition Friday begins. Maundy Thursday is the fifth day of Holy Week, and is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday. The date is always between 19 March and 22 April inclusive.



February Council Meeting Summary

The election of council officers took place.

President - Cindy Hardrath

Vice-president - Bob Strunk

Secretary - Pat Klimmer

Committees were updated including the chairpeople and months assigned for worship assistants. This information will be presented in the 2024 Yearbook.

WHY GOOD? Good Friday

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 23:46

Many of the events of that first Holy Week were pretty unholy: pain, conspiracy, terrorism, hate, fear and even death. But there is nothing more evil than what happened on that Friday. And yet we call it "Good Friday." A panel from the comic strip B.C. captures the Good Friday events so well. The conversation between two characters goes like this: "I hate the term Good Friday." "Why?" "Because the Lord was hanged on a tree that day." "If you were going to be hanged that day and he volunteered to take your place, how would you feel?" "Good." "Well, have a nice day!"

Good Friday allows us to not only have a "nice day" but to have an Easter day as well. Good Friday tells us that Easter is not about the bunny, but that it is all about the Lamb.

