

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

201 S. Washington St. Unity, WI 54488



2026

## April 5th - Easter Sunday

Worship 7:00 a.m. (Noisy Offering)

No Sunday School



April 8th - WELCA meeting 12:30 p.m.

April 8th - Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.

## April 12th

Worship - 8:00 p.m

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

## April 19th

Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

## April 26th

Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

**WELCA Spring Rally 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

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*April seems to have a way of speaking to us without words. The frozen ground softens, buds begin to open, and the world seems to slowly awaken from its winter rest. There is a quiet unfolding happening all around us. Most likely, that is why our fourth month is called April. And if we look in our dictionary,*

*Merriam-Webster, we see April derives from the Latin Aprilis, likely rooted in the Latin verb aperire, meaning "to open."  
The earth opens.*

*The trees open.*

*The season itself feels like an invitation.*

*And this year, as we move through April, we do so in the light of Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. It is the ultimate opening: the opening of the tomb, the opening of grief into joy, the opening of death into life. And in Psalm 118:14, 17 we are reminded;*

*"<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation... <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." These are not just ancient words, they are resurrection words. They are words spoken by people who have understand hardship and yet can experience God's saving presence. Psalm 118 mirrors the Easter story itself. Psalm 118 continues, "<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone." I think we hear this and understand Jesus as the one rejected. Crucified, and yet raised by God to become the foundation of new life for all. What looked like an ending became a beginning. What seemed closed, God opened. And then we read; "<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Not just any day, this day! The day Jesus rose again. A day opened by God. As we celebrate Easter this April, we are reminded that God is always about opening what we thought was closed.*

*Opening tombs.*

*Opening hearts.*

*Opening futures.*

*Like God's creation around us, we are invited to respond. We are invited to aperire, to open ourselves to what God is doing. Open our hearts to hope, even*



## Worship Assistants

### April Duties:

	Lay reader	Ushers	Comm. Asst.
April 5th	Barb Soback	Naomi C. & Sara U.	Sara Uhlig
April 12th	Betty Minton	David Heron	David Heron
April 19th	Jared Klimmer	Naomi C. & Lana W.	Lana Wilbur
April 26th	Susan Karsten	Cindy Hardrath	Cindy Hardrath

### Money Counters

April 5th	Sara Uhlig & Cindy Hardrath
April 12th	Pat Klimmer & Susan Karsten
April 19th	Patsy Schuh & Naomi Carey
April 26th	Al Raatz & Jared Klimmer



**In May....those in charge.....**

**Altar Guild - Pat Suckow & Kaye Jeske**

**Lay Readers - Teri Raatz**

**Ushers & Comm. Assistant - David Heron**

## Ladies' Night Out!

**Postponed until further notice. It was canceled due to the March snowstorm. Watch for a new date.**



## WELCA News

A group of 10 ladies met on March 11th. Cindy Hardrath provided a nice lunch. Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- A menu was decided upon for the Spring Rally (Sunday, April 26th) - makings for sandwiches, veggies, desserts.
- Set up for the rally will be Saturday morning, April 25th.
- Table decor will be provided including small potted plants as door prizes.
- A final count was determined for Ladies' Night on March 13th (and cancelled due to weather).
- The Easter project was completed.
- The CD was renewed at 3.54% for 9 months.
- The SHOH collection is going well.
- A display cabinet was purchased and set up in the narthex; memorabilia has been placed in it.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8th, at 12:30. Pat Klimmer will provide lunch.

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### *What's Happening!*

- *Maundy Thursday service - April 2nd - 6:00 p.m.*
- *Good Friday service - April 3rd - 6:00 p.m*
- *Easter service - April 5th - 7:00 a.m.*
- *Easter brunch - April 5th (following worship)*
- *Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally - April 26th (noon until about 3)*



*when we know loss. Open our lives to joy, even when we walk through sorrow. Open our spirits to something new, even if we feel uncertain. Resurrection is not just something we celebrate, it is something WE LIVE. God who rolled away the stone is at work in us, gently, patiently, bringing about new life where it is needed most. So this April, as the world around you opens into spring, may you also open; open to gratitude, hope, and the enduring love of God. <sup>423</sup>By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes."*

*Christ is raised!! And the world is opening!!*

*~ Pastor Teri*

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## THANK YOU!

To all who donated items/money for Shirley's House of Hope in Marshfield.

It is a worthy cause as SHOH provides a safe place for women in need and helps them to get a fresh start with a strong Christian base.





## April Birthdays

- 10 - Bonnie Schmitt
- 18 - Steve Brown; Pat Klimmer
- 20 - Linda Fischer; Roger Reise
- 21 - Rhett Klimmer



### New Members Sunday!

On April 12th, we will welcome Ezra & Katie Cook, Sue Bauer and Sandy Zassenhaus into our Trinity family. There will be a small reception following worship. Please come and join us in welcoming them.

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### Sunday School News

The year has gone by quickly. The last day will be May 10th. The children will be a part of the worship service one more time on the 10th singing some more songs and leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer. Don't miss it!

## Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love,  
 love coming down from heaven,  
 love blanketing the earth  
 in a transforming embrace;  
 unique and infinite love,  
 giving more than we can imagine  
 for us, to cleanse our sin,  
 a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,  
 the walking, talking Word.  
 He is a teacher, role model, friend,  
 this God in human form,  
 dying, then rising from the dead,  
 proving all who believe will also rise  
 to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all.  
 Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!





## Church Council Meeting Summary

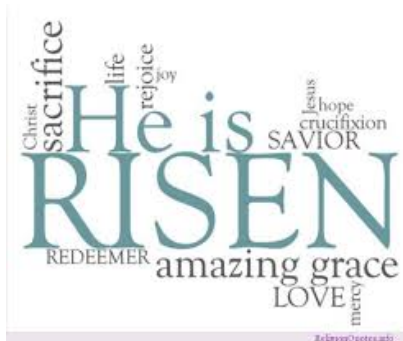
The meeting was held on March 10th; nine were in attendance.

Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- Al Raatz contacted Zvolena about the tuck pointing and received 2 new estimates: one for the bell tower (\$23,460) and one for the whole church (\$45,035). Al plans to contact more people for additional estimates; a special meeting will be planned to make a decision; the council is leaning towards Zvolena doing the bell tower area.
- Regarding a wedding policy for nonmembers, a motion was made to charge \$200 to nonmembers for the use of our church for a wedding; someone from our church will need to be in the building for all activities.
- Pastor asked about having a combined service once a month during the summer, tentatively the second Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The June service would be at the Athens Park, July at Cherokee Park, and August in our park. There will be further discussion.
- The Clark County Choraliars performance was very nice and greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th at 5:00 p.m.

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## Blueberry Cinnamon Rolls with Maple Icing

Ingredients:

Dough:

- 1 c. warm milk
- 2 ¼ tsp. active dry yeast
- 1 T. brown sugar
- 6 T. salted butter melted
- 3 large eggs (room temperature)
- 4 c. flour
- 1 tsp. salt



Filling:

- ¾ - 1 c. blueberry jam
- ½ c. brown sugar
- 1 T. cinnamon

Frosting:

- 2 - 3 c. powdered sugar
- ¼ c. maple syrup
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- Flaky sea salt

Instructions:

Combine milk, yeast & brown sugar. Let sit 5 - 10 minutes until bubbly on top. Add the butter, eggs, flour and salt. Mix until flour is completely incorporated. (Suggest using a standing mixer with a dough hook.) If the dough is sticky, add an additional ¼ c. flour as needed until dough is smooth to the touch. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let rise for 1 hr. or until double in size. Punch the dough down and roll out onto a floured surface into a 12 X 18 in. rectangle. Mix the brown sugar & cinnamon for the filling; butter a 9 X 13 baking dish.

Spread jam evenly over the dough. Sprinkle on the cinnamon sugar. Starting with the edge closest to you, roll the dough into a log, keeping it tight as you go. When you reach the end, pinch along the edges to seal. Using a sharp knife, cut into 12 to 15 rolls. Place the rolls into a prepared baking dish. Cover while the oven preheats. (Preheat the oven to 350 degrees; bake the rolls for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown.)

Make the icing ingredients. If needed, thin with water or milk. Spread icing over the warm rolls. Serve and enjoy!

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## What's Cooking? (please share a favorite recipe!)

### Tator Tot Casserole (an oldie but a goodie)

- 1 lb. ground beef
- ¼ c. chopped onion
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can green beans, drained
- 2 c. grated cheddar cheese
- Tator tots to cover (about 2 cups)



Grease a 8 X 8 pan. Preheat the oven to 375.  
Brown hamburger, onion and garlic. Drain. Add worcestershire sauce.  
Season with salt and pepper. Spread in pan.  
Next spread the soup over the hamburger, then the green beans  
(season with salt and pepper) and then the cheese. Put a layer of  
tator tots over the cheese.  
Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until tator tots are golden and cheese is  
melted. Salt tator tots and enjoy.

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- To everyone who donated for the Easter flowers. Our church will be beautiful for celebrating Christ's resurrection.
- To those who have helped clear the snow, especially the latest snowstorm (David Heron).

## Food Pantry Update



Trinity's food pantry would like to thank everyone for all the donations that you have given to us. Right now we do not need any vegetables or tomato or cream soups. Other soups are welcome and also any kind of pasta, dried black or pinto beans, and canned fruit. For refrigerator or frozen foods we can always use eggs, cheese, and hotdogs. However all foods are welcome and appreciated.

~ Cindy Hardrath

## CHEQUAMEGON CONFERENCE WELCA SPRING RALLY

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

(Trying something new)

**NOON - 3:00 P.M.**

Trinity Lutheran Church 201 S Washington St. Unity, WI

### Lunch at Noon

To include a presentation by Joleen Schade from  
*Sleep in Heavenly Peace.*

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Guest Speaker: Kathy Schwanke

Kathy is a mom, recovering people-pleasing perfectionist,  
and public speaker with one mission;  
she loves to introduce people to Jesus through the word of God.

Kathy is a gardener

but also a Sower of God's Word for our busy world.

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Business Meeting and Worship to end our day  
\$20.00 per person, includes lunch and speaker

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In-kind donations will go to *Sleep in Heavenly Peace.*

Items requested: New twin size bedding, twin size mattress pads,  
blue comforters, pillows, monetary donations, Kwik Trip cards, gift  
cards to purchase above items; Amazon/Target/Walmart.