



**THE LORD**  
 IS NOT SLOW TO FULFILL HIS  
**PROMISE,**  
*AS SOME COUNT SLOWNESS,*  
 BUT IS **PATIENT** TOWARD YOU,  
 NOT WISHING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH,  
 BUT THAT **ALL** SHOULD REACH  
**REPENTANCE.**

THE MESSENGER  
 MAY 2024



Patience. You’ve probably heard that it is a virtue. Perhaps you’ve also heard that if you pray for something that God gives you opportunities to practice that trait. Thus, many people do not want others to pray that they have patience.

The Bible often addresses patience. We are encouraged to be patient in tribulation (Romans 12:12); to treat others with patience (1 Thess. 5:14) and we are reminded that patience is an attribute of love (1 Cor. 13:4, Eph. 4:2). Patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22). We are also encouraged to wait patiently for the Lord (Psalm 40:1.)

If the Bible addresses a topic numerous times, I’ve noticed it is for two reasons. First, that topic is important to God. Second, that topic is hard for us to live out so we need many reminders. The above Bible references make it clear that patience is important to God. And our lives often make it clear that we need reminders to be patient.

Let me be Captain Obvious for a moment. It is often VERY difficult for us to have patience, like in a grocery store line or rush-hour traffic. But it is especially challenging to have patience if you are waiting for those test results, or for that college acceptance email, or for news about that potential job.

Congregations can also struggle with patience. At Trinity, we are trying to determine God’s desire for two important items: our next Senior Pastor and our building process. It is very tempting to rush these decisions and get on with ministry. However, it is very important that we approach both of these decisions prayerfully, patiently and deliberately. If we make these decisions with patience then it will allow us to get on with ministry in the best possible way. Would you please join me and our leaders in prayer regarding these two items?

Although patience can be difficult for us, it is not difficult for God:

*2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

God desires for everyone to know Jesus as their Savior. Praise God for His patience toward us! I pray for patience for you as you wait on the Lord in whatever situation you face today.

In Christ’s hope,  
*Pastor David*

## GIVING GARDENERS DAHLIA FUNDRAISER

Trinity's Giving Gardeners will be raising funds for their flower ministry by selling dahlia tubers raised in their garden. Tubers will be available in the lower narthex between services on Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 5. There are over 35 different varieties to choose from (while supplies last). Tubers will be \$5 each or 5 tubers for \$20 and purchase includes a growing guide.

As a reminder, dahlias require:

Full sun

Should be placed 12"-18" apart

Should be planted in May (flowers bloom August to frost)

Are great in the garden or as cut flowers.

Funds raised will go toward seeds, plants, fertilizer, pest control, and additional supplies to support this ministry.

## SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Senior Pastor Call Committee is patiently waiting on news from Central IL District President, Rev. Michael Mohr. When our work began, President Mohr informed us that the process of gathering and vetting potential candidates could take as long as ten weeks. As soon as the process is complete, the call committee will review and evaluate the information we receive and determine Trinity's next step. Meanwhile, please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's work in preparing the shepherd that God in His infinite wisdom has chosen for Trinity and that He would guide us to confidently call that shepherd.



## PART TIME ASSISTANT FOR CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Trinity Lutheran is seeking a part-time assistant for contemporary worship. This individual will be a lead instrumentalist in our contemporary worship service with preference for guitar players. This individual will be the primary recruiter and mentor for instrumentalists in the contemporary worship team, will be responsible for musical chart preparation, and will serve as a collaborator in the

worship planning process. Please contact Director of Worship Arts Angela Wirsing at [angelawirsing@trinluth.org](mailto:angelawirsing@trinluth.org) for more information.

## CAMP CILCA HOG ROAST

Camp CILCA is hosting its 40th Annual Memorial Day Hog Roast on Sunday, May 26, 2024! The price is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children age 4-12.

The Camp is looking for willing hands to assist with set up, clean up, and serving. There will be a Matins service at 10:30AM followed by dinner from 11:30AM-2:30PM.

If you would like to assist with set up, serving or clean up, please sign up at this link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAEAC2FA5FFC43-camp#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAEAC2FA5FFC43-camp#/)

They are also looking for about 300 servings of dessert. If you would like to contribute, please sign up on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAEAC2FA5FFC43-49079918-dessert>

Please come for the great food and great fellowship time with other Camp CILCA friends and show support for your Lutheran camp.





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## COACHING OPENINGS FOR 2024-25 AT TLS

The athletic program at Trinity has several openings for coaches for the upcoming school year. We need people who have a love for specific sports and for God's children. If you have interest, know someone who would be good, or would like more information, please contact Kurt Busse at [kurtbusse@trinluth.org](mailto:kurtbusse@trinluth.org) with your questions, or to receive an application.

Coaching positions needing to be filled for next school year are as follows:

- CHEERLEADING: Two or more individuals needed
- JV (5th/6th) GIRLS BASKETBALL: Two would be preferred
- JV - 5th BOYS BASKETBALL: Two or more needed
- VARSITY - 7th BOYS BASKETBALL: One or more would be helpful
- SCHOLASTIC BOWL: One or more assistants.

**COACHING**  
OPENINGS FOR 2024-25 AT TLS  
CHEERLEADING, JV GIRLS BASKETBALL, JV BOYS BASKETBALL, VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL, & SCHOLASTIC BOWL  
CONTACT KURT BUSSE FOR MORE INFO!

## POSITION POSTINGS AT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL:

We are excited to post open positions for the 2024-2025 school year. We welcome the opportunity for our school families to submit names or applications. Applications and job descriptions will be available upon request.

### Art Teacher:

This is a 2 or 3-day-per-week (35% FTE) position on a 10-month salaried contract. Experience in art education is preferred but not required. Please submit a resume to the school office. To be eligible for this position, a candidate must profess the Christian faith, pass a background check, and fulfill the morals policy as outlined in the Personnel Handbook.

### Young 5's Early Childhood Teacher:

This is a 5 mornings per-week (50% FTE) position on a 10-month salaried contract. Experience in Early Education is required. Please submit a resume to the school office. To be eligible for this position, a candidate must profess the Christian faith, pass a background check, and fulfill the morals policy as outlined in the Personnel Handbook.

### Middle School Math/Science & Additional Assistant Principal:

This is a full-time position on a 10-month salaried contract. Individuals must have a degree in middle school math or science and a teaching license. LCMS synodical training is preferred but not required to apply. Please submit a resume to the school office. To be eligible for this position, a candidate must profess the Christian faith, pass a background check, and fulfill the morals policy as outlined in the Personnel Handbook.

### Summer Camp Counselors:

We are seeking multiple summer camp counselors to work under our new director to create a wonderful summer camp. Individuals must be 18 years and older.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 3 - TLS Celebrate Children Auction

May 5 - 8th Grade Confirmation - 1PM at the church

May 9 - 5th Grade and JH Band &

JH Choir Concert; 6:30PM

May 10 - Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea

May 18 thru 19 - State Track Meet

May 22 - Field Day/PreK Last Day - 11:15

Dismissal for PreK

May 23 - Last Day of School: 10AM Dismissal


May 24 - Graduation at the church - 6:30PM

May 2024



**CHOSEN**  
1 PETER 2:9



 Christy Malinowski, DCE | Director of Youth Ministry | [christy@trinluth.org](mailto:christy@trinluth.org) | (309) 834-3212  
Amy Westbrook | Lay Director of Youth



## JR HIGH YOUTH

Join us on Sunday, May 5th at 1:00PM for our Rite of Confirmation service. This year we have 20 teens who will be confirming their faith. Please come and be a part of this special day.

## SR HIGH YOUTH

Youth Nights this month will be on the following dates:

- May 1st
- May 8th (Small groups to meet together)
- May 15th (Last one for this school year)

Senior Blanket Blessing...will take place at the end of the 10:30AM service on May 5th. Parents, please make sure you bring your blanket with you to church that day as you will need to bring it up for the blessings.

## IMPACT LEADERSHIP TEAM

If you will be in high school this fall and want to grow as a leader, then join our IMPACT Team. We meet once a month on Sundays to help plan the youth events and grow in leadership. If you are interested, please reach out to Christy for a form to fill out. We will be having a retreat right away in June to work on our theme and events for the upcoming year! Forms are due back by May 12th!

## UKANDU TEAM

We are having a get together on Monday, May 20th from 5:30-7:00PM. We will enjoy dinner together and then talk about our trip, packing list, etc. We will also do a random act of kindness project that we can take up with us.

## CURRENT 6TH & 7TH GRADERS: LOOKING AHEAD TO JR DISCIPLESHIP 2024-25

We have some exciting news concerning our JR Discipleship Journey in 2024-25! Information will be shared about our adventures with next year's 7th & 8th grade families. There are two parent meeting options to choose from: Tuesday, May 21, OR Tuesday, May 28, from 6-7pm in the downstairs rooms of 143-145. We look forward to connecting with parents about this exciting time in your child's faith journey! Questions, contact [Christy@trinluth.org](mailto:Christy@trinluth.org).

SR High Murder Mystery Night, Walk thru rehearsal for Rite of Confirmation, Packed gym for the Garage Sale



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Sara Hlava | Lay Director of Family Life Ministry

## EASTER EGG HUNT

We had a fabulous day on Saturday, March 30th at the Hamilton site where we hosted our Family Easter Egg Hunt. There were 100 Kindergarten-5th grade hunters with over 200 supporters who cheered them on!! We did the Hokey Pokey and with Pastor David's help we remembered what Easter "is all about!" It was a fun faith moment with families. There was great fellowship out at the playground following the event. Thanks to our team: Sandy Bauby, Katherine Garrison, Kristine Glover, Jenn Grant, Amy Cottone, Mary Bloebaum, and several amazing JR/SR high youth volunteers as well!!!



## FAMILY-STYLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are DIVING DEEP into our friendships with God through this year's super exciting Family VBS, SCUBA, from June 2-4, 5-7:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. These nights are perfect for all families (kiddos birth-5th grade with Parents/V.I.P. - Very Important Person) as special events and kid-friendly meals are on the menu!! Please join us for any and all nights!

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday: COMMOTION IN THE OCEAN dance party - We are going to end our day outside dancing with some crazy pool noodles and bubbles.

Monday: Root Beer FLOATS - As a sweet way to end this day, we will serve up some yummy ice cream floating in root beer!!!

Tuesday: Inflatable SLIDE - We will be using a slide for our game time and it will be available to use at the end of our last VBS night together.

### SPECIAL GIFT:

On the last night each kiddo will be given the gift of a cuddly "FISHY" Friend (with devotions) to join your family for the summer!



## SPECIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY MEALS:

(Dinner begins at 5PM, VBS is from 5:30-7:30PM.)

Sunday - Nacho bar

Monday - Chick-fil-A sandwich

Tuesday - Pizza

## REGISTRATION:

\*\*Older siblings (jr/sr high) may register with their family to participate and/or serve.

Please register EACH child and adult attending the family-style VBS fun!

<https://www.trinluth.org/events/family-vbs-2024>

Check out the fun we had last year in the photos below!



## NEW SUMMER EXPERIENCE: TRINITY KIDS SPORTS & ART CAMP

On July 9-11 from 8:45-11:30AM, at the Hamilton site, we are offering a Sports and Art Camp for K-5th grade. We plan to bring in a variety of sports and arts that may include: basketball, soccer, cheer, jump rope, games, drama, singing, instruments, sewing, and crafts. Campers will be exposed to some new skills, while growing in the ones they already possess. These experiences will give opportunity for going deeper in our friendship with God. There is no cost. Limited spaces available.



REGISTER HERE: <https://www.trinluth.org/events/sports-art-camp>

\*\*Note:

This is a leadership moment for our jr/sr high youth as they get to help lead various components.

Contact Mary Bloebaum if interested.



## SAVE THE DATE: CHALLENGE AND CHOICE

Join us for a Biblically-based class on sexual integrity called Challenge and Choice for 8-9th Grade Youth and Parents. It will be held on four Wednesdays beginning April 24 from 7-8:30pm at Trinity Lutheran School's Multi-Purpose Room. You may still join us.

For more information, and to register, go to: <https://www.trinluth.org/challenge-choice>.



## MARCH 2024

\*Operating Fund Carryover is the Operating Fund Balance at the end of the 2018 Fiscal year.

\*\* On March 12, 2019 the Board of Lay Ministry approved up to \$30,000 to be transferred as needed from our dedicated funds to the operating fund.

	March	Since 7/1/23	% of Budget
Offerings	\$169,739.02	\$1,200,442.88	99.14%
Total receipts	\$299,905.74	\$2,612,441.82	92.36%
Total expenses	\$282,519.23	\$2,488,247.54	87.98%
Operating Fund Carryover	\$78,315.00		
Operating Fund Draw*	\$0.00		
Net Income	\$17,386.51	\$124,194.28	
Operating Fund Balance	\$202,509.28		
BLM Emergency Funding Amount Approved**	\$30,000		

	Total	Average per Week	% Change
Current Year's Offering	\$1,200,442.88	\$30,011.07	
Last Year's Offering	\$1,180,880.18	\$30,278.98	-0.88%
Difference	\$19,562.70	-\$267.91	

If you have questions about our church financials, please contact Scott Hoeft, 309-834-3205.

## OFFICIAL ACTS & MEMBERSHIP CHANGES AS OF MARCH 19, 2024

### Members Received by Baptism

Grace Marie Backsmeier – March 2

Claire Amelia Sieg – March 3

Amelia Mari Cekander – March 3

### Members Received by Adult Confirmation

Dan and Amanda Cottone – March 10

## VOTER'S MEETING

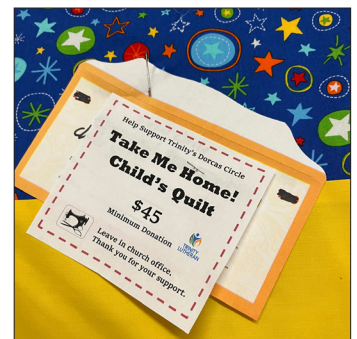
The annual Voters Meeting to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget, Call and Contract renewals, and the election of Congregational Officers will be held on Monday, May 20, at 7:00PM in the sanctuary. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for pick up in the church office beginning May 5.

## DORCAS CIRCLE THANKS YOU!

Thank you everyone so very much for your contributions to our "Season of Hope Lent Collection" for Lutheran World Relief Kits of Care this year. Your donations helped complete 6 Fabric Kits, 35 Personal Care Kits, 60 School Kits, and donated funds will ship 44 Baby Kits. There were also many more items donated that will help us to complete even more kits. These kits help people in the poorest areas of the world. Thank you so much for your support.

Have you seen Dorcas Circle's Quilt Display located in the church lower level hallway outside the elevator?

We display many of our quilts and, if you want, take one home. Donation envelopes are attached to each quilt. Funds are used to support our quilt mission. Thank you for blessing our mission!





## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

### May 1

Brittany Bode  
Nancy Miles  
Aimee Fisher  
Violet Berg

### May 2

Mark Talsma  
Trevor Bollmann

### May 3

Peyton Bell  
Cary Bottorff  
Nicholas Phillips

### May 4

Kristin Kolbus  
Kenley Ragan  
Abigail Sanders

### May 5

Wesley Matejka  
Leon Toepke

### May 6

Beth Brent  
Clara Grant  
Ashley Hanslow  
Joan Trickel  
Jarrod Windhorn

### May 7

Madison Davis  
Whitney Fryer  
Bentley Hendricks  
Steve Jiles  
Colton McNeely  
Diane Spaid  
Ellison Szarek

### May 8

Oanh Ngo-Christian

James Grant  
Vickie Kauffman  
W. Joseph Miles  
Matthew Willey

### May 9

Lexi Garrelts  
Della Jones  
Kimberly Phillips

### May 10

Jeffrey Brown  
Norah Gloede  
Madison Klawitter  
Korie McNeely  
Suzanna Rogers

### May 11

Julie Bakewell  
Sara Urban  
Becky Duncan

### May 12

Megan Rutherford  
Kimberly Wietfeldt  
Daniel Winters  
Lena Casagrande

### May 13

Amanda Garrelts  
Adam Kauffman  
Mark Kosinski  
Lincoln Painter

### May 14

Renee Alcorn  
Connor Grant

### May 15

Carla Pinneke  
Gary Schrock, Jr.  
Amy Tellor

### May 16

Elizabeth Bargmann  
Courtney Christian, Sr.  
Jason Davis  
Steven Jones

Fred Pingle  
Cecilia Deibert

### May 17

Ava Ngo-Christian  
Kassandra Kwasny  
Jeffrey Miller  
Jenna Stevenson

### May 18

Gary Beland  
Carla Fleigle  
Tara Flynn  
R. Scott Hoeft  
Robert Null, Jr.  
Jameson Rooker  
Barbara Seabourne  
Lucas Ginder

### May 19

Cassandra DeWerff  
Kelly Windhorn

### May 20

Julie Morton  
Lisa Knapp

### May 21

David Grieshaber  
Donna Mikesell  
Ian Whalen

### May 22

Edward Hardy  
Ian Peterson  
Linda Roberts  
Riley Strack  
Ryan Peifer

### May 23

Katerina Chen  
Mikaylah Smith  
Ron Urban  
Nathan Wieting  
Harper Scott

### May 24

Dalton Hogan  
Charles Daugherty

Janet Jones

### May 25

Jacob Meismer  
Diane Nalefski

### May 26

Steven Garbe  
Cailyn Grieshaber  
Kimberly Olson  
Abby Slager  
Tammy Trease

### May 27

Tonya Boomgarden  
Leeanne Forshee  
David Steinbrueck  
Marie Watkins

### May 28

David Baird  
Beverly Branning  
Andrew Kosinski  
Mary Claire Lartz  
Lori Rusher

### May 29

Shirley McCombs  
Todd Miller  
Angela Opoku-Agyemang  
Jme Ludington

### May 30

Scott Beasley  
Mark Bohl  
Nara Perry

### May 31

Sandra Bauby  
Michele Krueger  
Temprest Lofton  
Anyia Smith

## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS



### May 1

Cheryl Bier  
Phyllis Bond  
Jerry Curry

Carole Fedden  
Sarah Johnson  
Luke Offermann  
Sharon Rhoda  
Joan Trickel  
Alexis Garrison

### May 3

Scott Black  
Randall Clark

### May 4

Karen Leesman  
Liam Evans  
Roxanne Schmid

### May 5

Eric Keller  
Brenda Weigelmann

### May 6

Deborah Garbe  
Marlee Kassing

### May 7

Betsy Kuehn  
Nicholas Marshall  
Karen Van Hook

### May 8

Jack Clark  
Gavin Leverett  
Mandy Nord  
Aaden Richards  
Paul Willey



**May 9**  
Gary Beland  
Nora Bloebaum

**May 10**  
Lauren Dixon

**May 11**  
Diana Behnke  
Karen Bell  
Mary Bloebaum  
Jorge Elmore  
Russell Stevens

**May 12**  
Clayton Hendricks

**May 13**  
James Heape  
Lauren Heape  
Amanda Hendricks  
Stacy Spurgin  
Lauren Wietfeldt

**May 14**  
Susan Carney

Paul Cope  
Conny Madsen  
Christy Malinowski  
Emerson Moore  
Albert Widick  
Morgan Goldammer

**May 15**  
Roderick Crumbaugh  
Emmarie Kauffman

**May 17**  
Mark Otto  
Kolby Wiley

**May 18**  
Corynne Nuckols  
Robert Nuckols  
Michelle Freeman

**May 19**  
Steven Schreiber

**May 20**  
Jacob Baade  
Kaden Glover

Milena Glover  
**May 22**  
Ethan Kerns  
Gerald Thompson  
W. Gregg Winters

**May 23**  
Grayson Fryer  
Stephanie Kerns

**May 24**  
Karen Nord

**May 25**  
Courtney Carter

**May 26**  
Eric Burwell  
James Dicken  
Casey Lartz

**May 27**  
Penny Trower  
June Fitzgerald  
Vicki Kidwell

Mark Kosinski  
Lydia Lagacy  
Andy Trower

**May 28**  
John Filter  
Judith Webster

**May 29**  
Alyssa Peterson  
Gage Peterson  
Owen Senn  
Lillianna Nevarez  
Kingston Nevarez  
Leah Hasselbring

**May 30**  
C. Alan Owen  
Leon Toepke  
Sydney Renken

**May 31**  
Kristine Glover  
Eden Hafermann



**May 2**  
Daniel & Debbie Fleming, 44  
Joel & Diane Smith, 30  
John & Jana Grant, 9

**May 6**  
Delbert & Tammy Trease, 18

**May 8**  
Nate & Kristina Warren, 15

**May 9**  
John & Sandra Bauby, 26  
Scott & Karina Mowbray, 15  
Lucus & Megan Winters, 15

**May 11**  
Daniel & Suzanne Virtue, 22

**May 12**  
Steven & Della Jones, 34

**May 13**  
Steven & Deborah Garbe, 29

**May 14**  
Richard & Joan Trickel, 30

**May 16**  
E. Dean & Janet McBeath, 60  
Timothy & Lisa Kiefer, 37  
Joshua & Brigid Townsend, 16

**May 17**  
Benjamin & Lorrie Ryan, 27  
Jonathan & Spring Arreola, 16  
Nick & Addison Evans, 16

**May 18**  
Larry & Cheryl Durbin, 55

**May 19**  
Bryan & Lana Blair, 40  
Norman & Darlene Eborg, 34

**May 20**  
Robert & Lucy Nord, 35  
Russell & Pamela Thomas, 35  
Matthew & Kristine Glover, 18  
Scott & Megan Colba, 7

**May 21**  
Thomas, Jr & Brooke Jones, 19

**May 22**  
Scott & Megan Peterson, 14

**May 23**  
Kirk & Julie Sieg, 43  
Martin & Debbie Wietfeldt, 15

**May 24**  
Benjamin & Lorrie Ryan, 27

**May 25**  
Richard & Sandra Nordine, 33

**May 26**  
Eric & Cassandra DeWerff, 12

**May 27**  
Christopher & B. Kathaleen Murdoch, 19

**May 28**  
Omar West & Deanna Ginder-West, 14

**May 29**  
Luke & Katelyn Peifer, 3

**May 30**  
Timothy & Lisa Kiefer, 37

**May 31**  
Ronald & Linda Brockett, 27