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*Trinity Lutheran Church exists  
to support its members  
in proclaiming the Word of God  
so that all may know  
the peace, joy, and fulfillment  
that comes through Jesus Christ.*

# TRINITY GOOD NEWS

## April 2024



### Important Dates

April 6 & 7: Confirmation Lock in 6pm-7am

April 8: Lagers with the Lord 6pm

April 14: Youth Service 9am

April 17: Last Crew 3:30 pm

April 28: Last day of Sunday School 9:45

Every Saturday 9-Noon: Savers Donations



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion is served every Sunday	1 OFFICE IS CLOSED	2 <u>Quilting 9am-Noon</u>	3 <u>Crew 3:30-5pm</u> <u>7th grade Conf. 5:30</u> <u>Worship 6:30 pm</u>	4 <u>Card Club 10am</u>	5  <b>Luke 14:34-35</b>	6 <b>Savers 9-Noon</b> Lock In 6pm-7am  <b>Luke 15:1-7</b>
7 <u>2am Worship</u> <u>Sunday School @9:45am</u>  <b>Luke 15:8-10</b>	8 <u>Bible Study 10am</u>  <b>Loggers with the Lord</b> 6pm Buck Shots <b>Luke 15:11-32</b>	9 <u>Quilting 9am-Noon</u>  <b>Luke 16:1-9</b>	10 <u>8th grade Conf. 5:30</u> <u>Worship 6:30 pm</u>  <b>Luke 16:10-13</b>	11 <u>Card Club 10am</u>  <b>Luke 16:14-18</b>	12  <b>Luke 16:19-31</b>	13  <b>Savers 9-Noon</b>  <b>Luke 17:1-4</b>
14 <u>2am Worship -Youth Service</u> <u>Sunday School @9:45am</u>  <b>Luke 17:5-10</b>	15 <u>Bible Study 10am</u>  <b>Luke 17:11-19</b>	16 <u>Quilting 9am-Noon</u>  <b>Luke 17:20-21</b>	17 <u>Final Crew 3:30-5:00</u> <u>7th grade Conf. 5:30-6:30</u> <u>Worship 6:30 pm</u>  <b>Luke 17:22-37</b>	18 <u>Card Club 10am</u>  <b>Luke 18:1-8</b>	19  <b>Luke 18:9-14</b>	20  <b>Savers 9-Noon</b>  <b>Luke 18:15-17</b>
21 <u>9am Worship</u> <u>Sunday School @9:45am</u>  <b>Council Mtg @ 10am</b>  <b>Luke 18:18-30</b>	22 <u>Bible Study 10am</u>  <b>Luke 18:31-34</b>	23 <u>Quilting 9am-Noon</u>  <b>Luke 18:35-43</b>	24 <u>7th &amp; 8th Confirmation 5:30</u> <u>Worship 6:30 pm</u>  <b>Luke 19:1-10</b>	25 <u>Card Club 10am</u>  <b>Luke 19:11-27</b>	26  <b>Luke 19:28-40</b>	27  <b>Savers 9-Noon</b>  <b>Luke 19:41-44</b>
28 <u>9am Worship</u> <u>Last Sunday School @9:45am</u>  <b>Luke 19:45-48</b>	29 <u>Bible Study 10am</u>  <b>Luke 20:1-8</b>	30 <u>Quilting 9am-Noon</u>  <b>Luke 20:9-19</b>				

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:56-57

There are some feelings that I just never get tired of. The way my heart warms when I get a hug from Amy. The feeling of contentment when I snuggle with Baxter on the chair. The hum of the Spirit when a point really hits home while I'm preaching. And the thrill of victory in a sporting event. It could be when the Cubs close out a victory, when the Bears win a rare game, or when I close out a victory on the golf course which means I don't have to pay for my post round beverage.

Maybe you have times of feeling victorious. Could be after accomplishing an important task at work or getting some needed project done at church. Might be when you win the Cake Walk some Sunday or win at a Card game. Maybe it is watching your own favorite team win a game. Heck, it might even be just getting out of bed in the morning. But having a victory in life, no matter what it is, does bring us joy.

The good news for us my friends is that every day we have been given a victory. The thing is, we didn't win this victory. We didn't make it happen. We didn't earn it. It came from Jesus. Jesus gave us this victory, a victory over sin and death. A victory won through his death and resurrection.

But we need this victory every day. It is a victory that gives us hope. It is a victory that gives us strength. It is a victory that gives us life. And it is a victory that we truly need, for it fills us with joy. Even when we feel the losses of life, we know that we have truly won because Jesus Christ has truly won the victory for us.

I hope that you have all the victories you can in life, both big and small. But I hope most of all that you give thanks for the victory you have been given through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. May God bless you today and always!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brad

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

- Crew/Confirmation
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A couple of months ago the quilters decided to start giving a comfort quilt to members of our congregation when they are in need of comfort due to a serious illness, cancer, injury, surgery, ect. Please let one of the quilters know when there is someone in need of a quilt and we will do our best to get one to them.

Below is a picture of a patriotic quilt we donated to a local VFW for a fundraiser. VFW Post 10424. This quilt was made by Sharon Formoe.



# YOUTH NEWS



Class will be held from 5:30-6:30pm each Wednesday with 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade meeting alternating Wednesdays.

## Class schedule:

April 3: 7th grade

April 10: 8th grade

April 17: 7th grade

April 24: 7th & 8th grade Combined

May 22 ~ Faith Statements are due

## The Crew

**Final Crew Dates:  
Wednesday, April  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30– 5:00 pm**

### Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

You are invited to be part of *The Crew* meeting at Trinity every other Wednesday. We will have games, activities, faith time, snacks, and much more. *The Crew* is meant to be somewhere your kids can hang out, grow closer together, grow closer to God, and become stronger in faith. Friends are welcome to attend with you.

## Confirmation

### Lock In



**Saturday, April 6 @ 6pm**

**Till**

**Sunday, April 7 @ 7am**

All 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

Friends welcome. Scavenger Hunt, Games, Food, Movies, Fun and More!

Need some parents to drive for our Scavenger Hunt from 6:30-7:30 pm. See sign up.

**Please Bring a Snack to Share**



Sign up for Luther Park Bible Camp! Go to [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) for information and to sign up today! Use code TLCB24 when you sign up.



**YOUTH SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 14th**

**9 am**

**Last Sunday School is April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth Gathering Meeting**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am**

# WORSHIP

## **Men's Band Worship**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**



## **SMELT FEED**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10am-11:30am**

served by the Men of Trinity

**Smelt, Meatballs, Chips, Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert, and Beverage.**

**Free-will Offering taken to benefit Trinity Youth**

**CALLING ALL MEN!!! WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP  
FOR THE SMELT FEED. SEE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.**



# TRINITY EVENTS

## Bible Study

Mondays at 10am

All are welcome to attend



**April 8, 15, 22, 29**



## Quilting

We will meet Tuesdays from 9am-Noon. All are welcome to attend, you don't need to know how to sew to attend.

## Card Club Fellowship

Card Club on Thursdays at 10am. Masks are Optional. Come join the fun and play '500'. Every talent level (beginner to pro) welcome to attend. We'll teach you the game. Cards and scoring sheets provided.



## **Cake Walk**

Please purchase a ticket or tickets for a chance to win a decorated bakery item. Drawing is after worship on Sundays.

**\$1 for 1 ticket**

**\$5 for 6 tickets**

## Butter Braid Fundraiser:

Help our confirmation youth go to camp and our high school youth go to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering. Sale is March 1<sup>st</sup> till April 7<sup>th</sup>. See any confirmation youth or Youth Gathering youth to order.



Reminder: Deadline is April 7th

## **SAVERS FUN DRIVE**



## **Bring your household items and clothes to Trinity in April**

Every Saturday in April, from 9 am till Noon

We are collecting items as a fundraiser for the Women of Trinity. All items should be clean and in good condition. Place clothes and shoes in a trash bag and all other items in boxes. Thank you for supporting the Women of Trinity!

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Lagers with the Lord  
April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm  
@ Buck Shots

## WOMEN OF TRINITY

Savers Project will be active during the month of April collecting clothes, shoes, and other items. Clothes and shoes put in garbage bags and other items in boxes. They can be brought to church on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Delivery to Eau Claire will be on May 10.

Day of Renewal will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Eddy Lane, Eau Claire on April 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

During the month of April the Quilting ladies make quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief and other organizations. They also make quilts for Baptisms and Confirmations. They will accept fabric, batting, thread including heavy crochet thread, and flat bedsheets for backing.

OKTOBERFEST planning meeting has been changed to Monday, March 25 @5:30 @ church.

Vacation Bible School will be held from July 29 until August 1 from 9 a.m. to noon this year.

Submitted by Kathy Hanson  
WOT President



# HELP PAGE



Food Access & Resource Center  
823 Main Street, Boyceville  
Serving the Boyceville and Glenwood City  
School Districts at the  
Food Access & Resources Center  
Pantry Schedule  
Thursdays 1pm - 7pm  
Please contact Melissa at 715-977-1191  
No appointment needed  
(closed on holidays and if school is called off  
due to the weather)  
Volunteers Needed  
Call Melissa Larson 715-977-1191



1620 Stout Road  
Menomonie, WI 54751  
715-235-2920

**Anyone In Need Of Food Is Welcome!**

## Food Pantry Hours

Mondays 11am – 2pm  
Wednesdays 3pm – 6pm  
Saturdays 10am – Noon  
Free Produce Fridays 3pm - 4:30pm  
(Curbside distribution while supplies last)

## Food Harvest Ministry

Distribution April 20, 2024  
8am – 9:30am  
1002 Main Street, Boyceville



## Sign-up to mow the church lawn

We have a riding lawn mower for you to use or you can bring your own. Sign-up on the table in the Narthex.



## Help Make Our Garden Grow!

Gardeners can use our hose and water, but you supply the 'green thumb'. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Help keep our church grounds looking beautiful!



## Luther Park Work Day

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Come help Luther Park get ready for the summer. Lots of projects for people of all ages and abilities. Starts at 9am. Come for however long you can! Sign-up on the table in the Narthex.

# MEMORIALS

## **IMO Beverlye Thompson**

General

Brad & Amy Peterson

Quilters

Eloise Knutson

Quilters

Shirley Bloom

Quilters

Larry, Viv & Sue Hanestad

Quilters

Marlys Nusberger

General

Mike & Sandy Mittlestadt

Quilters

Shirl Hetzel

Quilters

Lionel & Trudie Chernak

Quilters

Kathy Hanson

Quilters

Shirley Dow

Quilters

Char Larson

Quilters

Craig & Sharon Formoe

Quilters

Dan & Cheryl Wyss

Quilters

John & Pam Garey

Quilters

Steve & Becky Nyhus

Youth Mission Trip

Chris & Marcia Granly

Scholarship

Kurt & Amy Bratulich

Quilters

Kurt & Amy Brantulich

General

Marlin & Diane Bird

Quilters

Armon & Mary Hetzel

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

## Ushers

April: Rick Stalker, Kevin Bird, Joe Larson,  
and Troy Kostman

## Altar Guild

April: Amy Hellmann & Katie Moll

## Acolytes

April 7: Brett Schlosser & Charlie Chernak  
April 14: Lilly Leach & Gavin Gross  
April 21: Lilly Leach & Gavin Gross  
April 28: Drew Gretzlock & Liliana Olivares

## Communion Bread

April: Shirley Mittlestadt



## Fellowship Servers

April 7: Brett Schlosser & Charlie Chernak  
April 14: Lilly Leach & Gavin Gross  
April 21: Lilly Leach & Gavin Gross  
April 28: Drew Gretzlock & Liliana Olivares



## Cake Bakers

April 7: Langes  
April 14: Laney & Chelsi  
April 21: Cora & Landyn  
April 28: Zach & Zoey



## Altar Flowers



If you would like to put flowers on the altar for a special reason, please sign up on the 'Altar Flower Chart' on the Narthex Table. Please include the reason for the flowers so you can be recognized in the bulletin, and a reminder to Parish Manager would be helpful.



## Lawn Mowing

April 14-27: TBD

April 28-May 11:

May 12-25:

## Sunday School Snacks

April 7: Brayden Behling  
April 14: Sunday School  
April 21: Sunday School  
April 28: Sunday School (Last Day)



## Crew Snacks

April 3: Steinberger

April 17: Heather Clark



**Subject:** Volunteers needed

West CAP is in need of volunteers on Thursday's. We are open 1pm-7pm and like to schedule volunteers for two hour shifts. We also are in need of folks that have experience unloading semis with a power hand fork lift if interested please call Melissa J. Larson at 715-977-1191 to fill out a volunteer application. Thank you!

Thank  
you

# FINANCIAL PAGE

## **Financials February 2024**

### **Budgeted Revenue:**

Cash Loose	742.47
Regular Giving	5,525.00
Simply Giving	6,010.58
Vanco Credit Card Giving	348.47
Misc/Investment Income	425.00
Designated- Building	929.00
Designated- Missions	210.00
Designated- Scholarship	0.00

Total Revenue 14,190.52

### **Budgeted Expenses:**

Benevolences	1,750.00
Worship	319.01
Educational Ministry	0.00
Outreach Ministry	359.48
Personnel (NET)	10,654.98
Facilities	3,137.58
Designated-Scholarship	0.00
Withholding	205.10

Total Expenses 16,564.13

### **This Month's Net Income \$(2,373.61)**

Prior Months Carried over (398.84)  
Year to Date Net Income \$-2772.45

### **Internal Transfers INTO General-Out of Budget**

Transfers from Special	1,750.00
From Reserve	0.00
From Building	1,600.00
From Youth Savings	1,828.30
From Youth Checking	924.05
From WELCA	139.80
Total Transfers INTO Gen	6,242.15

### **Internal Transfers OUT of General-Out of Budget**

Transfers to Special	816.00
To Reserve	0.00
To Building	929.00
To Youth Savings	1,828.30
To Youth Checking	924.05
To WELCA	139.80
Total Transfers Out of Gen	4,637.15

Total Net Transfers \$1,605.00

Reconciled Checkbook Balance Jan 31	\$9,278.93
Net Income + Net Transfers	(789.61)
Add Back Withholding	205.10
Reconciled Checkbook Balance Feb 29	\$8,715.42



**Church Loan  
Parking Lot/Electric Sign**

**PAID OFF!!!**

### **Simply Giving**

**Feb \$6,940.58**

General	\$6,010.58
Building	\$ 720.00
Missions	\$ 210.00

### **VANCO Credit Card**

**Feb \$348.47**

General \$ 348.47

## **Financially Supporting Trinity**

You can support Trinity financially a number of ways:

- by sending an offering in the mail to  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
PO Box 247  
Boyceville, WI 54725
- by using the GivePlus app.
- by going to our website at [www.trinityboyceville.com](http://www.trinityboyceville.com)  
Thank you for supporting Trinity!



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

# PRAYERS/THANKS/PASTORAL ACTS



## BAPTISMS

*Eloise Taylor Wold  
February 25, 2024*

## FUNERALS

*Beverly Thompson  
March 1, 2024*

## Our Prayer Concerns

Carol Erickson	Saul Hedlund
Leona Steies	Gary Gilbertson
Ben Schlosser	Randee Mayer
Shannon Bauer	Shirley Mittlestadt
Jeanna Hollister	Kurtis Marlett
Tom Lohfink	Ashley Behling
Stub Swenson	Jennifer Marlett
Dick & Arlene Clack	Kayden Ebensperger
Melissa Holden	Willard Tronrud
Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson
Brian Moll	Lynda Bird
Jessica Larson	Amy Frieburg
Tim Bird	



*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone for your kind words and prayers during my mom's passing. Thank you to PB for such a wonderful service and honoring mom. It was beautiful. Thank you to the quilters for all your love and support. Thank you to the ladies of the church for the wonderful food that was made and to Sandy Mittlestadt, Deb Holmlund, Char Larson, Cheryl Wyss, Sharon Formoe, and Carla Klingman for serving food and cleaning up. It was a perfect day! Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ~Becky Nyhus

Thank you to everyone who served our Lent meals!

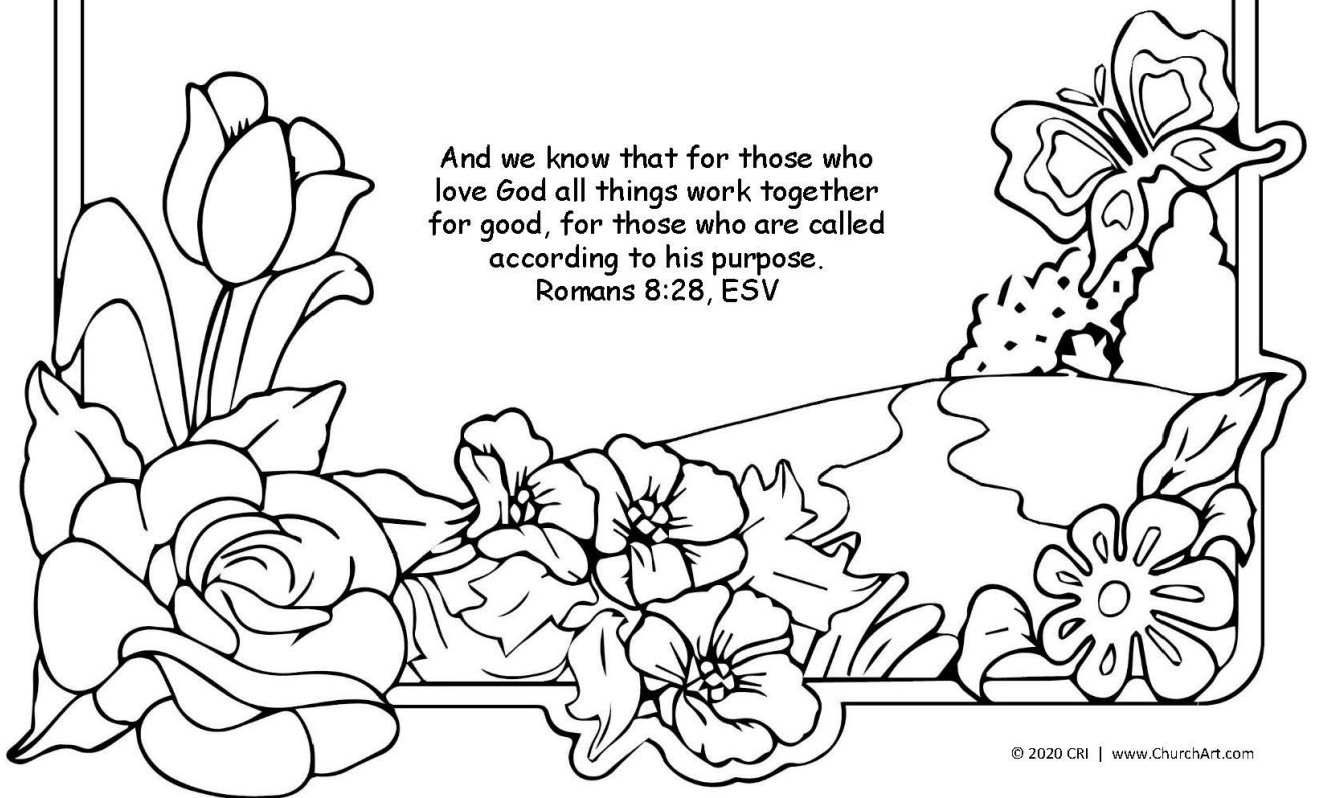
Thanks Craig Formoe for leading worship on March 13th.

Thank you to Teana Cooper, Beth Heifner, Marik Ebensperger, Hailey Hellen-drung, Paige Mrdutt, Scott Edlin, Bob Bird, Ginny Waller, and Lee Peshaw for leading our Holden Evening Prayer Lent services.

Thank you to Jeff & Joel Roemhild for their work in updating our streaming equipment .

Just a little note to say hello!

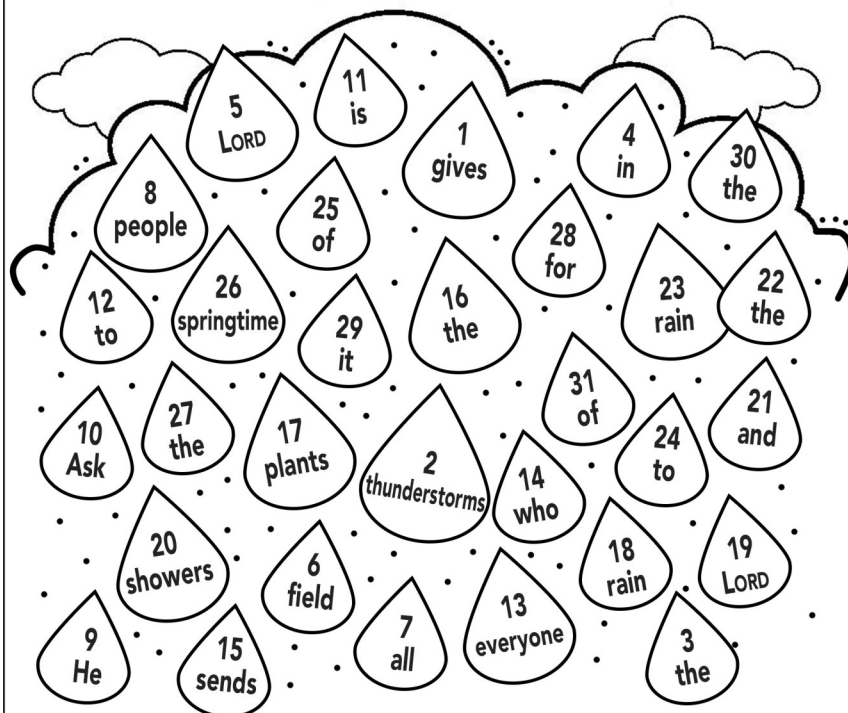
And we know that for those who  
love God all things work together  
for good, for those who are called  
according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28, ESV





# Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



\_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 28 \_\_\_\_\_ 18

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 22 \_\_\_\_\_ 26 \_\_\_\_\_ ;

\_\_\_\_\_ 29 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 15

\_\_\_\_\_ 27 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 31 \_\_\_\_\_ 23

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 25

\_\_\_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 24 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

SOMETHING  
OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel  
new growth and make a gift  
that keeps on giving.

## What you need:

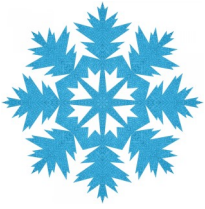
- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



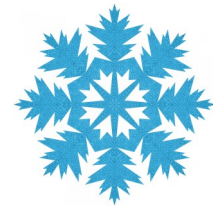
## What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!





# WINTER SERVICE GROUPS



Winter 2024 / January-April

Larry & **Sandy Wheeler** 715-308-4684

Jeff & Mary Roemhild  
Steve & Michelle Andrews  
Stewart & Emma Bartz  
Ryan & Amber Benitz  
Marlin & Diane Bird  
John & Leah Garbe  
Debbie Mittlestadt  
Rob & Lori Sinz  
Ben & Heidi Wilson  
Carla Klingman  
Jeff & Bonnie Hoff  
Kaleb & Teddi Humpal  
Travis & Heidi Williams  
Jackie Lehnarte  
Brian & Corrie Roemhild  
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Ron & Lee Peshaw  
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Rick & Sherilyn Stalker  
Dave & Carla Stevens  
Gary & Joy Evenson  
Chad & Jennifer Klatt  
Mitchell & Haley Booth  
Gerald & Jean Retz  
Brian & Shelbie Mittlestadt  
Gabe & Christa Walz  
Dan & Joan O'Connell  
Jeremy & Sue Nutter  
Donna Keller  
Shirley Hetzel  
Stu & Ginny Waller  
Bruce & Elizabeth Plemon  
Wayne & Cindy Dow

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Allen & Ginny Julson  
Justin & Heather Clark  
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Frank & Stacy Fetzer  
John & Char Larson  
Troy & Angie Leach  
Joel & Lisa Cormican  
Amy Thorson  
Ken & Pam Larson  
Darla Humpal  
Jeff & Jamie McRoberts  
Corey & Jamie Day  
Ron & Becky Hanestad  
Chad & Sonja Arnold  
Kevin & Wendy Bird  
Bryan & Nicole Brite

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Nathan & Melissa Holden  
Jack & Kelly Owen  
Dan & Melissa Larson  
Travis & Jessica Clark  
Lavern & Jolene Laberee  
Richard & Gail Stark  
Steve & Angie Olson  
Brian & Heather Knutson  
Ben & Carol Schlosser  
Jamie & Tillie Mittlestadt  
Bob & Lynda Bird  
Ted & Carol Erickson  
Blaine & Erin Leslie  
Eugene & Debby Klatt  
Carol Nusberger  
Luke & Grace Hellman  
Lyndon & Melody Schmidt  
Troy & Jeanna Hollister

\* Names in bold are contact people

## **Pastor Brad Goes on Sabbatical this Summer**

In 2023, Church Council approved Pastor Brad taking a sabbatical starting on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. As we prepare for PB's sabbatical, below is some important information.

What is a sabbatical? A sabbatical is an intentional time away for a pastor to renew and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. A sabbatical for a pastor is dedicated to time with God so that the pastor may be refreshed by the Spirit and grow in love for God, God's church, and God's people.

How often does a pastor take a sabbatical? The ELCA recommends that a pastor take a three-month sabbatical every seven years of ministry. Pastor Brad will have served Trinity 22 years in August of this year, and this will be his first sabbatical, which is only lasting about five weeks.

How will PB spend his sabbatical? Pastor Brad can spend it however he wants. He intends to do some traveling with Amy and spend a lot of time not working, which is his favorite hobby. No doubt you will find him on the golf course a lot when he is in town! He intends the time away a chance to get refreshed, renewed, and re-energized as a pastor.

Who will lead worship in Pastor Brad's absence? Pastor Brad has arranged for all worship services on Sunday and Wednesday to be served by other pastors, so there will be no cancelled or missed services.

What happens if there is an emergency? Just like when PB is on vacation, there will be an on-call pastor to take care of any pastoral care emergencies. Just contact the church office.

What will Pastor Brad's contact be with the congregation during his sabbatical? This sabbatical is meant to be a full unplugging of the congregation for Pastor Brad. He will not return phone calls, emails, or text messages. If you see Pastor Brad around town, he will of course have a conversation with you and greet you, but he is to be away from the church until he returns on July 10<sup>th</sup>. However, if there is a tragedy that occurs in the congregation, PB may choose to return.

Does the sabbatical replace Pastor Brad's vacation? No. PB still receives his normal vacation time.

What will the congregation need to do during the sabbatical? There are a few things that everyone at Trinity can do to help during PB's time away. They include:

Keeping Pastor Brad, Amy, and Trinity in prayer.

Volunteering your time to fill in things that Pastor Brad often does, like putting the live stream up for Sunday and Wednesday services so people can worship at home, or being willing to help as readers, greeters, or even opening and closing the building if it is needed.

Respecting Pastor Brad's boundaries during his time away. The less you contact him, the better it will be. The church will publish who you can contact with questions or if you need something. When in doubt, contact the church office.

Continue to support the church with your financial gifts, your attendance at worship, and your service to our mission and ministry in the world!