

“TRULY, THIS IS THE SON OF GOD”

IN THIS ISSUE

Matthew 27:54

One of the most critical questions people must answer in our world is this, “What do you think about Jesus?” This is a question that millions of people have had to wrestle with in some way or another. Sometimes, their responses are hostile, and at other times, they are full of faith and trust in the man from Nazareth. When we look at the Passion of our Lord, we also find numerous characters that are hostile to the Word in the flesh and others that are friendly (The High Priest vs. Nicodemus, for example). All of these reactions to Jesus of Nazareth leave historical footprints that this man was not just a man or even a superman, but none other than the Son of God. This Lenten Season, we will hear and see the witness of their lives as they lead us back to the cross and the person crucified there. The cross and the empty tomb spoke to them, and they continue to speak to us. To this end, we will hear about the encounters Jesus had with the inquisitive Nicodemus, the impatient Judas, the overwhelmed Pontius Pilate, the reluctant Simon of Cyrene, a condemned Thief, a pagan Centurion, a devout man named Joseph of Arimathea, and a group of lying priests. These stories provide evidence of the lives touched by the Word, lives that would be forever changed and that would forever change the world as we know it. Stories of people who had many of the same reactions that people today have to Jesus and stories of the same questions people still ask about him. We will see and hear about real people who thought that Jesus was the Messiah and others who would lie to cover up the truth. We’ll even see how some of these people changed their minds about Jesus along the way. This Lenten season, we get to hear and see the evidence, the confessions, and the great mystery of faith at work. I hope and pray that these people’s lives may open our hearts and minds to the truth of Jesus Christ. Only in Christ do we have the true Wisdom that leads to true knowledge. May the Holy Spirit, who works faith daily through the Word, strengthen us in the sure knowledge of faith to believe and confess, with the centurion at the cross, that Jesus of Nazareth truly is the Son of God. In Jesus’ name.

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Chairman: Doug Pohlman
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Youth Group: Brian Gilmore &
Pastor
Cradle Roll: Janet Majerus
Organist: Shirley Finnern
Custodian: Katherin Ihnen

Concordia Officers/Boards

President: Robert Brons
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Secretary: Denny Stahly
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Head Ushers: Gerald Weerts
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Vice President: *(help wanted)*
Secretary: Jean Gillespie
Treasurer: Sherry Thoms

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(help wanted)
Connie Brons, Music
Cradle Roll: Dolly Meier

Church Secretary: Amanda Money
Organist: Shirley Finnern
Custodians: Kelly Morgan



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Birthdays

Chad Ihnen	Feb. 1st	Karen Hamre	Feb. 17th
Jeff Sohn	Feb. 2nd	Melany Boetel	Feb. 18th
Brooklyn Greene	Feb. 5th	Khailynn Hamre	Feb. 19th
Mary Kazemba	Feb. 6th	Jake Money	Feb. 20th
Allen Hamann	Feb. 7th	Lois Kazemba	Feb. 20th
John Hamann	Feb. 8th	Bonnie Puck	Feb. 23rd
Paul Hintze	Feb. 9th	Shadrach Wacker	Feb. 26th
John Ahrenstorff	Feb. 10th	Leyla Fischer	Feb. 27th
Izzabella Pohlman	Feb. 11th	Isabelle Hamre	Feb. 27th
Stan Pohlman	Feb. 15th	Abdulla Elbuytari	Feb. 28th
Rod Voss	Feb. 15th		
Russell Meier	Feb. 15th		
Linda Rost	Feb. 16th		

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Anniversaries

Jason & Melanie Van Gelder	Feb. 12th
Robert & Connie Brons	Feb. 15th
John & Connie Boetel	Feb. 25th
Wade & Stacey Wacker	Feb. 17th

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Fundraiser: Trinity LWML selling Sub Sandwiches for Superbowl Sunday: Cost is \$8 per sandwich and the order form may be found on line or in your bulletin. Contact Vicki Place at 507-360-9994 with any questions or to order also. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help LWML missions.

February Women's Event: Saturday, February 10th at The Well Coffeehouse at 1303 18th Street in Spirit Lake. Join us at 9:30am for tea or coffee and wonderful conversation! See you there!

Men's Lunch with Pastor: Men of all ages are invited to lunch on Saturday, February 10th at Gunderson's in Lake Park at 12pm.

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General Announcements

LWML THANK YOU: The Trinity LWML would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Jackson Co. Food Shelf. 91.7# of food and paper items were delivered to the Catholic School Bldg. in Lakefield. God Bless you for your support.

Calendar deadline: The deadline for the March newsletter will be Tuesday February 26th. Thank you!

Concordia & Trinity group messages: to receive messages via text, text @c83311 to 81010. Or to receive messages via email: send an emails to c83311@mail.remind.com. The Remind tool is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps us share important updates, reminders, and information with everyone at one time. All personal information is kept private. No one else can see your phone number nor will you see theirs. Contact Amanda in the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

LifeDate: Each quarter a new edition will be placed in your bulletin boxes. This is coming to our congregation with only the shipping costs. So if you would no longer like to receive this publication please contact the church office.

LWML Mites: We will now have the LWML Mite box sitting in the back in the narthex and we welcome all members including Sunday school students to bring your loose change on any Sunday and place in the can. We thank you for all your help.

Snow Birds: For those of you who get to travel to the warmer states and other locations during the winter months. Now is the time to let the office know if you want materials and what items you would want mailed to you while you are away. Update the office of your departure date, address, and when you expect to return. This will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Storm Cancellations: If Church needs to be cancelled during the winter months, text notifications will be sent to you if you have signed up to receive them. You can also check the following sources.

KICD 1240 AM 107.7 FM Spencer – Live reports and Website

KKOJ 1190 AM KRAQ 105.7 FM Jackson – Live reports & Website

“Weather Related Announcements” at exploreokoboji.com

“Weather Announcements” at myradioworks.net

Call an Elder or Church President

Christian TV Show: Main Street Living is now being broadcast on KCAU Sioux City, KDLT Sioux Falls, WFTC Channel 29 aka “Fox 9 Plus” and MyTV. Air time on both channels is Sunday at 10 am. The first 30 minutes are premastered episodes of the popular “This is the Life” series that was very popular in the 70’s and 80’s. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station’s broadcast area. It features many aspects of church worship; with an Invocation, confession and absolution, The Apostles Creed, the week’s Scripture readings, and a sermon. Hymns are sung by area church choirs. It’s a wonderful evangelistic ministry that shares the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ with the unchurched and shut-in. It is also great to utilize on Sundays you are unable to attend worship online at www.mainstreetliving.com. Watch your bulletins for weekly program info.

Lutheran Hour Ministry Upcoming Events:

February 4 airing This is the Life – “Which Way Grows the Vine” – A father struggles to accept the consequences of his actions and set an example for his son. Worship Service – Rev. Bruce Lesemann of St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, IA, delivers the message “All Things to All People” based on 1 Corinthians 9:16-27. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

February 11 airing This is the Life – “Prescription TLC” – Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing. Worship Service – Rev. Benjamin Perkins of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church in Sergeant Bluff, IA, delivers the message “Glowing Success” based on Mark 9:3. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

February 18 airing This is the Life – “Dangerous Moment” – An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home. Worship Service – Rev. Michael Buchhorn of Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, NE, delivers the message “Passing the Test” based on Genesis 22:8. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

February 25 airing This is the Life – “Who Will Tell Laura” – A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident. Worship Service – Rev. Michael Awe of Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, NE, delivers the message “Just in the Nick of Time” based on Romans 5:1-11. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Lutheran Hour Ministry can now be found on these applications. A podcast subscription; subscribe at lhm.org/podcasts; A mobile app for Android devices and iPhones; visit lhm.org/apps for more information; Amazon Alexa, a voice-activated assistant to play media programming; Spotify, an on-demand media streaming service; iHeartRadio, a free broadcast & internet radio platform; and SiriusXM Satellite Radio’s Family Talk Channel 131 at 10 a.m. EST every Sunday.



Portal of Prayer: Audio Listen to recordings of each day’s Bible readings, devotion, and prayer. Devotions + Prayers Applicable, easy-to-read meditations and prayers. Over 2500 Devotions Read seven years of *Portals of Prayer* devotions. Search, Save, and Share Search past devotions by keyword, save your favorites, and share prayers. Download on the app store or get it on google play.

Thrivent Choice: Remember to enroll as Thrivent members your Choice Dollars. Trinity & Concordia Lutheran Church is eligible to receive Choice Dollars. Please consider us a your choice. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent choice” when prompted.

One Year Bible Study: Are you interested in reading the Bible through from Genesis to Revelation? Join us online for study of the Bible in a Year. You read a little from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs for each day of the year while receiving daily reflections from Pastor Jacobsen designed to get you to think through your readings. Simply send Pastor an email if you wish to sign up.

ConnectPlus: LCEF is now offering an investment option called Connect-Plus. Please www.lcef.org or call (800)843-5233.

Items for sale: LWML has cards for sale including birthday, get-well, and sympathy. Cards can be purchased individually for \$0.60 apiece or by the box. The amount is written on the box.

Newsletters and Bulletins: Both can be found on our web pages: www.trinitysv.com or www.concordialp.com. If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail only OR if you would like to view the body of the newsletter on-line but would like a printed calendar please contact the church office. Thank you!

Lutheran Public Radio: *Sacred Music For The World* you can listen to the best of the Church's music 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org. You'll hear hymns like "Thy Strong Word," "The Church's One Foundation," "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart," "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It," "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" and more. You can also listen on mobile devices like an iPhone, iPad and an Android phone. *Issues, Etc.* is a ten-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast. The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ. The program is hosted by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz.

What is this in the pew? They are folders that help to explain the Divine Service and how to apply it in your daily life. This will serve to guide any guests that might attend, but also the growth of God's people in how we greet Him as He comes to us. Feel free to take them for personal use or to share and others will be ordered as needed.

Lutheran Ladies: Have you scrolled through your podcasts, searching for one that catches your ear – a place you can escape to with inviting conversations, laughter, and fellowship with your Lutheran sisters? Look no further! Join Sarah, Erin, Rachel, and Bri on the sofa in the Lutheran Ladies Lounge, a podcast oasis for you, dear sisters, to sit, rest your feet, and stay a while. And on the way out, we'll check your lipstick. The Lutheran Ladies Lounge is produced by KFUE Radio and available wherever you get your podcasts. Sign up for the Lutheran Ladies' Lounge monthly e-newsletter on Mailchimp at eepurl.com/gjya5P, and email the Ladies at lutheranladies@kfuo.org.

Electronic Newsletters: If you are interested in receiving the monthly newsletter electronically please send me an e-mail making the request.

In-Person Bible Study: Our evening class is at Concordia Lutheran Church at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays and our morning class is at Concordia Lutheran Church at 9:00 AM on Wednesdays. The class is the same at both locations. Online morning devotions is still held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 9AM. We'll continue the pattern of evening and morning studies on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings, interest permitting. Hope to see you there!

Families Needed: Lutheran Family Service is looking for additional families to be a part of our adoption program as we are serving a higher number of birth mothers looking to place for adoption. Newborn Infant Adoption Program Details: • Lutheran Family Service will travel anywhere in the state of Iowa, North and Central Illinois (2.5 hr radius of East Moline), and Eastern Nebraska (3 hr radius of Omaha) to provide adoption services. • Couples must be male/female married for at least 3 years • Couples must be active in a Christian congregation • Program is fee-based Lutheran Family Service: • Creating family through adoption for nearly 120 years • Fully licensed child-placing agency • Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS Church following all LCMS biblical principles • Free pregnancy counseling program. For more information, contact Lutheran Family Service at 515-251-4900 or info@lutheranfamilyservices.org.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: If you would like your birthday or anniversary printed in *The Lutheran Witness* to commemorate a birthday of 90 years or more or an anniversary of 50 years or more please contact the church office two months in advance, so that notification can be sent to the district office.

Electronic Ipad Organ Program: Please let the church office or Denny Stahly know if you are interested in learning how to run the ipad for when we do not have an organist.

On-line Devotions: You may join on-line daily devotions on Facebook – we now have a home-base page on YouTube as well. Now all videos of Worship Services, Devotional studies and other events are now accessible from a common playlist. For fast access, click on “YouTube Home Page” in the “*Links*” Section <https://tinyurl.com/TLCACLC>

Updates Needed: We would like to have an up-to-date listing for all our members. If you have moved, gotten married, had a child, changed your phone number, cell phone, and/or e-mail address we would like to know so that our records can be accurate. Please let the church office know. Thank you!

Announcements For Concordia

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Cards: We are looking for someone to take over the purchasing, stocking and displaying of the cards for sale in the narthex. If you are interested, please contact Dolly or Amanda.

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We are blessed by you: Thank you for your monthly tithes to Trinity so we can continue to share God's Glory with our community."

The work of the church could not go on without the consistent, generous gifts of God's people through Tithes and Offerings.

In addition to funding our normal expenses throughout the year, we have been able to help fund nine missions to help spread Gods Word in our community. We also were able to replace the basement windows and furnaces and soon you will see a new sign on Highway 86 that shows the way to Sioux Valley Trinity Lutheran.

Your monthly offerings are our cornerstone for our yearly budget, but did you know there are several more ways you can contribute. You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for Trinity. You can also direct some of yearly RMD's, or donate grain. If you wish to do those, please contact Wanda Untiedt for information on the recommended guidelines to do so.

A year end statement will be made available upon your request.

Gods Blessings to all of you,
Trinity Lutheran Executive Board

Trinity Lutheran Voters Meeting

August 6, 2023

Doug called the meeting to order.

Those attending the meeting were Bruce Ihnen, Kim Ihnen, Pastor Adam Jacobsen, Don Majerus, Janet Majerus, Doug Pohlman, Sue Pohlman, Vicki Pohlman, Jeanne Ponto, Verlon Ponto, Wanda Untiedt, Adam Wolff.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor is mostly caught up except 2 shut ins. Pastor went to convention last week. Pastor Harrison is remaining the president. The V.P. in our area is from Sioux Falls.

Joint services are going well. Next joint service will be August 13 with the beef dinner to follow at Trinity. The Joint service in September will be at Camp Okoboji September 10 at 10:45. We will possibly have this outdoors with food to follow.

Youth Retreat will be at Camp Okoboji this year.

Confirmation will change this year. It is possible that it will not be at the school.

Pastor is looking at a fundraiser for the youth in October. However, he needs commitment from the youth.

New District President is Terry Finnern's son Brady. Pastor would like to invite him to preach next year.

Pastor expressed his thanks for the surprise celebration for 10 years of service. The meeting minutes from January 15, 2023 were approved.

Financials:

10/1/22 – 12/31/22

Beginning Balance: \$173,178.10

Receipts: \$65,376.98

Disbursements: \$37,281.20

Ending Balance: \$201,273.88

Motion by Adam and second by Don to approve the 4th quarter financials.

Motion passed.

1/1/2023 – 3/31/23

Beginning Balance: \$201,273.88

Receipts: \$51,090.51

Disbursements: \$38,519.52

Ending Balance: \$213,844.87

Motion by Bruce and second by Vicki to approve 1st quarter financials.

Motion passed.

4/1/23 – 6/30/23

Beginning Balance: \$213,844.87

Receipts: \$65,259.72

Disbursements: \$45,723.13

Ending Balance: \$233,381.46

Motion by Verlon and second by Adan to approve 2nd quarter financials.

Motion passed.

Elders Report: There have been 2 funerals and 1 baptism.

Old Business:

- Basement windows need replacing. We decided to wait until after the dinner.

- \$3.50 per communicant member goes to the synod. We paid for 195 members.

- Estimated cost \$3000 to put up a sign along Highway 86. Then the state will put up the sign and will maintain it. Doug will follow up. Motion by Adam and Second by Don to go forward. Motion passed.

New Business:

We currently have the Lutheran Church Extension Fund/Fetchel Fund. Rate we get now is 1%. Motion by Bruce and Second by Don to move the funds to Bank Midwest to get a much better rate.

Motion passed.

Currently we don't have a debit or credit card. Pastor and Amanda have been using their own. Wanda will do some checking around. Motion by Bruce and second by Verlon to have a credit card with a limit of \$10,000.00. Motion passed.

Concordia is setting up an account with Bomgaars. We decided we are not interested as we don't purchase many things there.

Wanda went through what changes were needed through Microsoft. This needs to be done by September 1. Estimated cost \$300 per year. Motion by Don and second by Verlon to have Wanda follow up and get what is needed from Microsoft support for the church, for Amanda and for Pastor. Motion passed.



Dickinson County Hunger Coalition: Has information on all food pantries available to residents in Dickinson County - individuals enter the office and choose their own groceries with assistance from UDMO Staff and volunteers. This includes choices of canned and boxed goods, assorted frozen meats, fresh vegetables, breads, baked goods and more. For more information visit:

dickinsoncountyhunger.com/where-s-the-food

Atlas of Lakes Area: Companions and Advocates on the Road of Life. Atlas strives to be an advocate for those in need as they deal with life's relational, physical, emotional, financial, and/or spiritual struggles. We strive to love unconditionally in each mentoring relationship. Offering encouragement, hope, and support for anything you may be facing in life. In addition to support, we offer qualified referrals for addictions, relational, employment challenges, housing challenges, transportation hurdles, health issues, financial difficulties, emotional afflictions, and spiritual barriers. For more information visit:

lakesatlas.com/

MN Relay: If you or a family member living in MN needs help hearing when answering the phone there is help available at no cost to you. Please contact the consumer relations office (800)657-3775, email: mn.relay@state.mn.us or visit mn.gov for more information. There is also a brochure in the narthex.

The Lakefield Food Shelf: If you need help providing meals for your family, we invite you to come to the Lakefield Food Shelf on Tuesdays at St. Joseph Catholic School, 410 Broadway in Lakefield. Questions, please call Connie at 507/841-3350. Our Hours are: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, 1st Tuesday of the month 4:30pm - 5:30pm, other Tuesdays of the month

Elderbridge Agency on Aging: We are an Area Agency on Aging in North Central, Northwest, and Central Iowa, currently serving a 29-county region. We provide information, guidance, and assistance in finding services for you, your spouse, parent, relative, or friend. We strive to enable older Iowans to live with dignity, well-being, and independence. For more information visit: elderbridge.org/



LENTEN

Schedule

February 14: Ash Wednesday Service: Concordia 7pm

February 21: Lent 1 Service: Trinity 7:00pm

February 28: Lent 2 Service: Concordia 7:00pm

March 6: Lent 3 Service: Trinity 7:00pm

March 13: Lent 4 Service: Concordia 7:00pm

March 20: Lent 5 Service: Trinity 7:00pm

March 28: Maundy Thursday Service: Concordia 7:00pm

March 29: Good Friday Service: Trinity 7:00pm

March 31: Sunrise Service: Concordia 7:00am

March 31: Easter Day Service: Trinity 9:30am