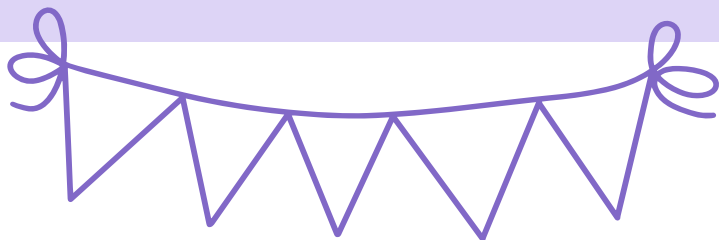
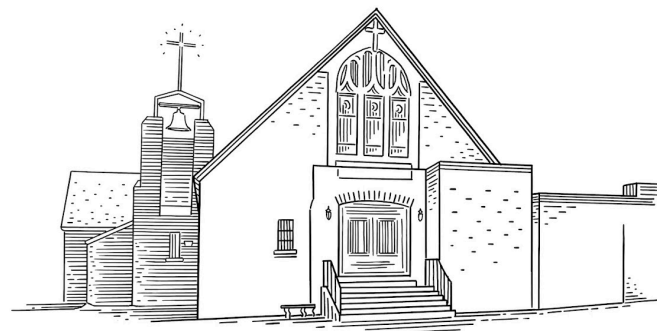


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Hymn of the Month “When Our World is Rent by Violence” ACS #1052

When our world is rent by violence and our lives are marred by grief, when our songs of calm assurance turn to cries of unbelief: God, we raise our lamentation seeking refuge and relief.

When our cities stand forsaken and the poor must beg for bread, when the prisoner sits forgotten and the homeless find no bed, God, we raise our lamentation: waken justice from the dead!

We Pray For

We pray for Kenny Stroman; Barb Kunkel; Carla Boggs; Barb Allner; Diane Riediger; Bill Nagel; Ed Kunkel; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse.

For those battling cancer: Jayme Webb –breast cancer; Jeni Aman.

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From the Pastor

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Greetings My Dear Siblings in Christ,

I am writing this on Friday, February 27th, 2026. It has been a busy week. I write this because the majority of what a pastor does in a week is invisible to the congregation. This week had the normal things you expect: Leading Sunday worship, visits with members in their homes, preparing worship services (including typing out the five Midweek Lenten services), and studying the texts/writing the sermons. There were also meetings, online and in person.

Tuesday, I had an incredible meeting on a top-secret project. It is incredibly exciting and interesting with the most incredible Lutherans I know, but it will be a year or more before any details can be shared. I also met with the AA group that shares our space on Tuesday evenings.

On Wednesdays, normally there is preparation for KidZone and confirmation. This week there was the Ministerial Lent breakfast and preparation for a conference I was added as a last-minute speaker/conversation leader. Wednesday, I got to spend a great deal of the day on my computer, listening to and leading sessions on Artificial intelligence. I presented Artificial Intelligence in Preaching. Then you all surprised me. I only expected twenty-five of you to show up to the Midweek Lent Dinner Church, but there were around forty of you. If you could not attend, there are 4 more Wednesday evening services. If you were there, I would appreciate feedback and you all are welcome to eat and worship together. It was an exciting and fun time of community.

Thursday afternoon, I was in a class discussing building relationships and ministry with and around young people. Immediately after that I was at the Merville Museum to work on budget stuff. In the evening, there was a webinar on protecting children in our communities and congregations.

November of last year, the ELCA released a new social message on "Child Protection." Thursday evening was the first of eight sessions offering the theological grounding and practical guidance for building safer faith communities.

There are many interesting and amazing things happening locally, regionally, and nationally in the church. I invite you to get involved. To be part of the community, to build relationships with one another and the larger church. I was so excited to see so many of you on Wednesday. Let's keep building community together.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Ed

Birthdays

1 - Jayme Webb
4 - Rachel Black
 Blake Ronfeldt
5 - Rick Flaugh
6 - Bill Balk
 Barb Kunkel
 Gracie Nelson
7 - Eleanor Cross
 Eric Ploen
9 - Jennifer Brosamle
 Steve Steffen
12 - Diane Drevs
 William Nagel
 Madison Ploen
 Wes Zellmer
13 - Blake Stratton
14 - Jacob Ringkob
 Nyomie Whaley
15 - Kaleb Dau
 Tim Green
16 - Kristina Malm
 Michael Robley
19 - Ava Dimmitt
 Betty Molland
21 - Jordan Martin
24 - Pat Thomas
 Linda Zellmer
25 - Colin Christiansen
28 - Scott Malm
29 - Dawn Bain

Anniversaries

28 - Bruce & Laurie Schmidt
(1980)
30 - Dave & Staci Schweder
(2014)

Thank you!

-February Worship Assistants
-Ruth Chartier for playing beautiful music for us during worship
-Council & KidZone for hosting the first two dinner churches
-Those that helped with the Lenten breakfast

March Worship Assistants

Organist: Ruth Chartier
Altar Guild: Gail & Cindy Ploen
Scripture Reader: Ann Hopp
Offertory Accountants: Denny Bain & Irv Martin
Tech Assistant: Kari Collins

What's going on at TLC?

MidWeek Lenten Dinner Church

Trinity Lutheran has been hosting Dinner Church on Wednesday nights during the Lenten season. This has been a great time to gather, worship, and join in a time of fellowship. Special thanks to Pastor Ed, Council Members, and KidZone for planning and providing meals.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday was Wednesday, February 18. KidZone spent time learning about Ash Wednesday. There was also a beautiful church service that evening.



Holy Week at Trinity Lutheran

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM
Good Friday Worship 7:00 PM

EASTER:
Sunrise Easter Service 7:00AM
Breakfast & Kid Crafts 8:00-9:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt 8:45 AM
Easter Service 9:30 AM



TLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

Date: Sunday, January 11th, 2026

Present: Pastor Ed, Jill Stratton, Sonia Locke, John Ringkob, Lynn Morgan, Cindy Ploen, Nick Wahlberg, Roger Christiansen, Corey Steffen, Peggy Hopp, Denny Bain

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pastor Ed at 10:15AM

Opening - Pastor Ed led with prayer

Pastor's Report

Announce:

- Synod / ELCA updates
- Synod Assembly - April 17-18 in Sergeant Bluff - like to send 1 male and 1 female. Be thinking about it!
- January 20th - Small Congregation Workshop via Zoom - have to register - January 30th - ELCA Youth Gathering Website goes live - we may have a few interested in attending - Strattons visit with confirmation students and parents about the gathering and fundraising?
- Additional announcements
- Kidzone will resume February 4th
- Confirmation class sign-up - January - April is on ushers table
- Souper Bowl Sunday - February 8th
- February - Backpack program

Discuss/Follow-Up:

- Church building / Parsonage
 - Parsonage Roof Update - Insurance sent a check but holding it until trustees have a quote to fix the roof and Blake hears back regarding what it would do to premiums.
 - Office Filing Cabinet - is not water proof/ only protected when hot (it expands)
- Church Directory Update - still need several members to upload their pictures/information
- Annual Meeting - January 25 - Reports due today!!
- Financial Statements 2025 - Sonia has prepared and will get distributed (by hand as many as possible)
- Ash Wednesday / Lent - how can we increase attendance

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- Decide:
- ● Motion made by John Ringkob, seconded by Cindy Ploen, to approve December Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- ● Motion made by Denny Bain, seconded by Roger Christiansen, to approve the December Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.
- ● Motion made by Nick Wahlberg, seconded by Denny Bain, to approve the 2026 Budget for annual report with the amendment in Mission Support from 4,000 to 4,200. The motion passed unanimously.
- ● February Council Meeting - Annual Planning is set for February 8th after worship.
- In the near future:
 - - Lenten Offerings - Ash Wednesday is February 18th!
 - - Sleep in Heavenly Peace Tree
- Adjourn : Motion made by Denny Bain, seconded by Cindy Ploen, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:13AM.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer
- Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Stratton, Council Secretary

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 AA Meeting 7:00 PM	4 KidZone 3:30-5:00 PM Midweek Lent 6:00 PM	5	6	7
8 Council Meeting 10:15 AM	9	10 AA Meeting 7:00 PM	11 KidZone 3:30-5:00 PM Midweek Lent 6:00PM	12	13	14
15	16	17 AA Meeting 7:00 PM	18 KidZone 3:30-5:00 PM Midweek Lent 6:00 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24 AA Meeting 7:00 PM	25 KidZone 3:30-5:00 PM Midweek Lent 6:00 PM	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM	30	31 AA Meeting 7:00 PM				