

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 3/2/26 Patricia Morgan and her family on the loss of her husband Kelly 2/25/26 Jill DiJrolanio, Charles Reinl, Vic Larson, Pastor Carl Fischer 2/10/26 George Chamberlain, Eileen Meyer, Lorrie Kobliska, Jennifer Fischer 2/1/26 Donna High, Jeanne Whitford, Ken Witzke

Our friends and relatives: Week of: 3/2/26 Carrie Garrett, Bumpy Lewis, Doug Lyons, Tyler Murray, Beverly Shepherd, Lincoln Alleyne, Leah LeCroix 2/23/26 Kenneth Nuse, Jr., Laura Buuck, Bianca Box, family of Gabi Koch 2/16/26 Jacki Odom, Sandie Crossley, Kathleen Hill, Jill Gregory, Eugene Symak, Linda Urbanczyk, Paul & Marilyn Schmid, Heidi Bell & Family, Teresa Pinillos 2/9/26 Steve Krejckant & Family, Joann Klein, Frank Tanzi 2/1/26 Kristy Hintz, Ilse Spedden, Mary Roberts, Alex Pretti, for peace in our country

Pray

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Darlene Foster, Barbara Frische, Joanne Donaldson, Darlene Foster, Mary Lou Burke, Kaitlin Burke, Jim MacDonald, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins Kline, Jenny Carangelo-Rule, Scott and Peggy Torgerson, Marilyn Johnson, Bill Rose, Courtney Adams, JoAnne Coe, Susan Leroux, Dick Verduyze, Lori Allen, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Sharon Faulkner, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argenti, Larry Thomas, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Karen Smith, Piper Jandola

Please also pray for our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Tender Hearts, Ministry of Blue Butterfly Hospice, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders and their families.

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THIRD
Sunday
IN
LENT



March 8, 2026

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!

Are You a Visitor or Guest? We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.

Holy Communion—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host (*gluten free wafers are available for the asking*) into either the red wine or the white grape juice and eat, or place the host in your mouth then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.

Large Print Service Slide Binders—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a binder for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the binder, then return it at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance – To connect to the sound system, please download the AUDIOFETCH app, (see barcode) and connect to the **audiofetchexpress** wifi on your cellphone. Refer all questions to Phil Deel.

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SUNDAY STAR

Volunteers

TODAY'S 9:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: **BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin
READER: Mark Stiemke **Acolyte:** James Knollenberg
Communion Assistants: Mark Stiemke, Andrew Stiemke, Rosemarie Conklin, Pat Freeman, Beth Brown, Hannah Barrios

TODAY'S 10:45am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: **BULLETINS:**
READER: Marianne Click
OFFERING: Major Hatchell, Richard Schnur
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Maryrose Risner, Sally Simpson, Corrye Hatchell, Marianne Click, Richard Schnur, Janice Hanus

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Jo and Dick Duhn Late: Joyce Holdrich
FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Captain America

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT WEEK ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the **bold black** print.

BIBLE READING: John 18:12-27; Psalm 17:1-15

10:45 Hymns: **OPENING:** ELW 602 **SERMON:** ELW 512 **SENDING:** Go Now in Peace

Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

PRESIDENT—Theda Bunker—**VICE-PRESIDENT**—Phil Deel—**SECRETARY**—Jeanne Gaston—**TREASURER**—Shawn Hernandez

AT LARGE: Beau Beaudine, Doug Buuck, Mandy Knollenberg, Lisa Mohr, Jan Schroeder, Richard Schnur

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Mar 9

9:00a—Food Pantry
 5:00p—Daisy Scouts

Tuesday—Mar 10

10:00a—Bible Study
 1:00p—Dorcas Circle
 1:05p—Baseball Outing

Wednesday—Mar 11

9:00a—Food Pantry
 10:00a—Men's Ministry
 12:00p—Ladies Lunch @ Cheddars
 6:30—Chancel Choir

Thursday - Mar 12

9:00a—Quilters
 11:00a Joyful Ringers
 6:00p—Trinity's Praise

Friday—Mar 13

Office Closed

Saturday – Mar 14

Office Closed

10:00a—2 Piano Practice

Sunday - Mar 15

9:00a—Celebration Service
 9:15—Let's Talk
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:45a—Traditional Service
 3:15p—315 Music Concert

Today's altar flowers are presented by

Carol & John Scarborough

In memory of the heavenly birthday of

Susan Felker



Today's communion wine is presented by Carol & John Scarborough

In Memory of
 Harry Felker



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Mar 8	Diedre Parks
Mar 9	Tom Kiepert Terry Stamper
Mar 12	Jackson MacKenzie
Mar 13	Rita Meyer
Mar 14	Diane Boettcher Charles Dubbaneh
Mar 15	Forest P. Burke



Mar 12	Jim and Lenore Conenello	48 yrs!
Mar 13	Charles and Donna Reinl	61 yrs!

Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD (000s)

JAN Actual \$45.5

Needed \$48.1

Over/(Under) (\$ 2.6)

ACTUAL NET YTD:

JAN 26 (\$ 1.2)

JAN 25 \$ 3.7

Diff: (\$ 4.9)



15 year Mortgage

(Balance)

on 1/1/26 \$24.2

on 1/31/26 \$ 17.8

Reduction \$ 6.4

In-person Attendance
 March 1, 2026— 407 Last year 2025— 354

Sunday School Holy Week/Easter Family Event Sunday, March 29th @ 10:15 am

Our children will discuss the events of Holy Week and Easter. Each family will make a resurrection garden.

Breakfast will be provided

Following the family project we will have an

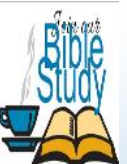
EGG HUNT
for the children

Please RSVP to Pastor Andrea



Easter Candy and Easter Egg Fillers


We will be having an egg hunt for our children on Sunday March 29th and we need candy and small goodies to fit inside the eggs (if you need more suggestions, please check out AMAZON 'easter egg fillers'). If you would rather make a monetary donation to our egg hunt, we will use it towards our family event and egg hunt goodies. *Thank you!*



**Pastor Ken's
10:00am
Tuesday
morning
Bible Study is
studying the
BOOK OF LUKE!**
Please join us in the
Fellowship Hall.



TODAY @ 10:10
Annual
CONGREGATIONAL
Meeting



Happy Birthday
Birthday Ministry is in need of people to send out birthday cards. Please signup in the Narthex. We will provide the cards and if necessary, stamps.



For MARCH food pantry is collecting CAKE BOX MIX and COOKIE BOX MIX AND JELLY!
Thank you!

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fabulous music!

3/15 @ 3:15



March Ladies Luncheon will be at
Cheddars

Wednesday
March 11th @ 12



Sign Up sheets are in the Narthex. Host is Corrye Hatchell (252-532-4627)



Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) has been informed that they will be getting **24 refugee families** throughout the year and are asking for our help in collecting bath and bedding items for these families. We are looking to collect the following items:

Please drop off your items on the shelves near the restrooms!

THANK YOU FOR BLESSING THESE FAMILIES!

- Shower liners
- Shower curtains
- Shower hooks

- Bath mats
- Bath towels & washcloths,
- FULL size bed sheets,
- TWIN size bed sheets

Blankets/comforters/quilts.

Blankets/comforters/quilts can be gently used and in good condition



Teddy Bears have been restocked in the pews! Please feel free to take a bear to someone who may need a little extra love and prayers. There is no cost for the bears, however you are always welcome to leave a donation in a yellow pew envelope and mark it "Teddy Bear Ministry".



Mortgage Burning!

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 10:00am we will be holding a mortgage burning ceremony and worship.

We hope **YOU** can come!

It is a grateful and exciting time in the life of our church. After worship we will invite all to the Fellowship Hall for a BBQ lunch catered by **DUBZ BBQ!**

Please **sign up** in the Narthex for the luncheon so we know how many to prepare.

Council Highlights from February 2026

MOTION To accept the minutes from January 2026 as amended. Carried.

FINANCE: Through January our donations were above spending. Through January, envelope offerings are below last year, plate offerings up. Mortgage offerings are down. Total offering income is down compared to YTD budget and down compared to last year with is a 7.9% decrease. Through January expenses below our 2026 spending plan but above last year. We currently have \$319,000 invested in CDs and to date we have earned \$42,806 in interest.

The Visitation Pastor is included in the 2026 budget. Finance Committee recommends transferring funds originally dedicated to the Visitation Pastor from Mission Endowment to the God's House Fund. **MOTION:** to accept this Finance Committee recommendation was carried.

MOTION: To approve Jo Duhn, Dick Williams and Mickie Gabl for the Audit Committee to audit the 2025 financials was carried.

MOTION: To change 'mortgage' on or giving envelopes to "HTLC Mission" for 2027 envelopes was carried.

Finance Committee recommended adding \$1020.91 overage in income vs expenses to General Operating Reserve Fund.

PROPERTY: 1. AC unit are being installed. 2. Volunteers to paint and fix the Courtyard would be greatly appreciated. 3. Pricing to replace the broken tiles in sanctuary will be obtained.

MUTUAL MINISTRY: No meeting this month

NEW BUSINESS: Constitutional updates will be voted on at the March 8th Annual Congregational meeting to bring it into alignment with the ELCA Constitution.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. **MOTION:** to accept the proposal from DUBZ BBQ for the March 22nd celebration in the amount of \$5500 (for 300 people), was carried. 2. Discussion on ear-monitors for Trinity's Praise has been tabled for 90 days.

YOUR INPUT: Thoughts, concerns, What are you hearing from the congregation—None.

CORRESPONDENCES: 2025 Statement contributions were received from Jesus Loves You (\$1915) Gateway Center for World Mission (\$4670). Thank you for our donations were received from: Novus Way Ministries Agape Flights.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Thank you to everyone who made the 90+ old celebration a success. Many of the 90+ members were able to attend.

Next meeting—3/18/2026

The Point of It All

Lent strips away the noise so you can hear God's voice more clearly.

It slows you down so you can walk more intentionally.

It empties your hands so they're open to receive.

And it leads you, step by step, to the foot of the cross — where you remember that someone loved you enough to die for you.

Then, on *Easter* morning, you celebrate with a heart that's been prepared. The resurrection isn't just a historical event. It's an invitation to new life. *Lent* helps you say *yes*.

EASTER/SPRING FLOWER ORDER FORM

Your Name: _____ Envelope # _____

Number of : Spring flowers ____ Cost (per plant): **\$12.00** Total enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE DEDICATION PER PLANT

In Memory of _____ **OR**

In Honor of _____ **OR**

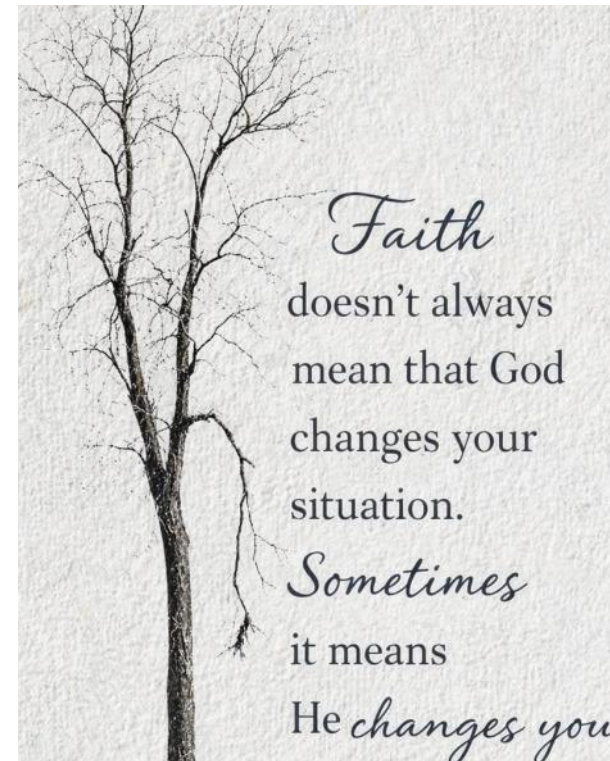
To the Glory of God _____

Presented by _____

Place cash or check (made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church) and this form, in an envelope in the offering plate or mail/drop it off at the church office (M-Th 8-12pm).

Orders due by March 29, 2026.

THERE WILL BE FORMS IN THE NARTHEX AS WELL



Let them.
Let them lie.
Let them be a victim.
Let them twist the story.
Let them talk.
Let them believe what they need to.
You don't need to defend your truth to people committed to misunderstanding you
Let them go.
Let them learn the hard way.
Let them face themselves when the silence is louder than the chaos they created.
Protect your peace.
Choose your growth.
Stand in your integrity that's your power.