

Trinity Highlights

April 2023 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	February	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 23,136	\$44,014	\$41,182
Expenses	<u>28,139</u>	<u>51,491</u>	46,663
(Deficit)/Surplus	(5,003)	(7,477)	

Giving in February was a bit more than what was projected. Expenses were more than budgeted, however, that was due to the purchase of a new refrigerator for the kitchen. The General Fund balance at the end of February was \$169,305.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His continued blessings and pray that we may continue to be faithful stewards until the day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rob Fornoff
Chairman - Board of Finance

The Peoria Area Lutherans for Life wishes to thank everyone for their participation in the 2023 “Pennies for Life” collection. Thanks to several Lutheran churches they have collected \$1,989.00. This will help them buy, display, and distribute materials to educate Lutherans of all ages about life issues. They also sponsored the yearly “Life Essay Contest” for the four Lutheran schools in our area. Contributions were made to pro-life charities in and around the Peoria area. They truly appreciate your support and prayers as we serve the Lord of Life together.

Ewe’s Home Furnishings has grossed over \$50,000 in their first year! Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to make this possible. They are always in need of donations of high quality used furniture and decor. They also need volunteers to help pick up items and to work at one of their two stores. All net proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Please call Penny Bollinger if you would like to donate or volunteer at 309-231-71880.

GSLS Dining Night Out: The next Dining Night Out for Good Shepherd will be Tuesday, April 11 at Double D’s Ice Cream from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Show a flyer and a portion of your sale goes back to GSLS! Flyers are available on the table in Room 10.

GSLS Exterior Maintenance 2023: Good Shepherd needs outside work done on their grounds for nine months each year. Each of the three churches are responsible for 3 months of grounds work each year. Duties will include: mowing 1 - 2 weeks, trim around the school and lot, trim ditches monthly, and pick up trash around the school. ***Trinity is on the schedule for April, July and October to maintain the grounds.*** If you are willing to help with this please contact the school office at 309-347-2020.

Trinity's Service Volunteers - April 2023

ACOLYTES

04/02 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton
04/06 6:00 p.m. Ella Spaeth
04/07 6:00 p.m. Ella Spaeth
04/09 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton
04/16 8:15 a.m. Ella Spaeth
10:45 a.m.
04/23 8:15 a.m. Leah Brown
10:45 a.m.
04/30 8:15 a.m. Lexi Brown
10:45 a.m.

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

04/02 Pam Buerkett
04/09 *No Bible Breakfast*
04/16 *Open*
04/23 Owen & Jane Miller
04/30 *Open*

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

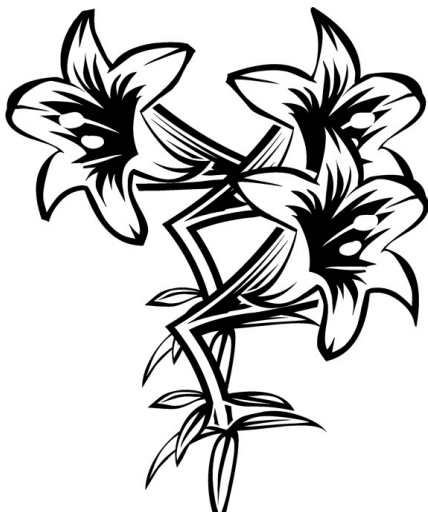
04/02 Theresa McDonough
04/09 *No Bible Breakfast*
04/16 Betty Ingrassia
04/23 Theresa McDonough
04/30 *Open*

USHERS

04/02 9:00 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
M. Seidell, A. Juergens
04/06 6:00 p.m. M. Seidell, B. Juergens
04/07 6:00 p.m. M. Seidell, C. Whitley
04/09 9:00 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
M. Seidell, A. Juergens
04/16 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, A. Juergens
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ALTAR FLOWERS

04/02 *Palms for Palm Sunday*
04/09 *Easter Lilies*
04/16 Mike & Sheryl Jones, *in memory of Andy McDonough's birthday on April 8.*
04/23 Rob & Debbie Fornoff, *for their 48th wedding anniversary on April 26.*
04/30 *Open*



**ORDER
DEADLINE**
Sunday, April 2

In celebration of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we decorate our sanctuary with Easter lilies. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Please return this form and money for the lily in your offering envelope marking it "Easter Lily."

Name _____

No. of Lilies _____ Amt enclosed _____

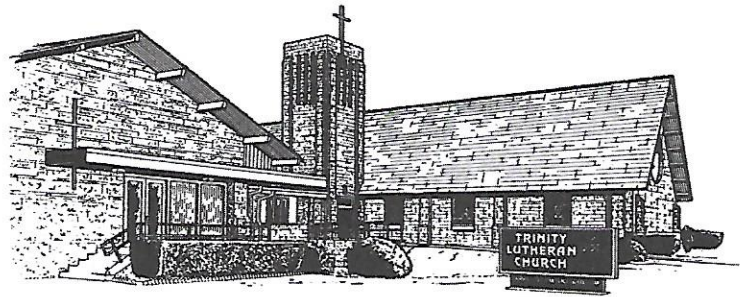
In Memory Of: _____



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March 26, 2023

Judica Sunday, the 5th Sunday in Lent

Beloved in the Lord,

Today we entered the end of the Lenten season, which the church has called "Passiontide." By the time you receive this, we will likely be on the verge of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, when our time spent in confession and meditation of our Lord's Passion intensifies.

I have always loved Holy Week, especially marking the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, as if I were there, struggling alongside the disciples, following my Lord throughout His Passion, laying Him in the tomb, and waiting for the morning.

In addition, remembering what happened on those days *sanctifies* my experience of them. What I mean is this: Thursday is no longer "just Thursday" and Friday is not "just Friday." Rather, on Thursday I am reminded, "This is the day when my Lord instituted for me His most precious Holy Supper. Friday is the day when He gave His life into death for my sins." These remembrances—taking time to attend the services on these days during Holy Week—set the days apart. They are faith-strengthening!

What I have discovered, though, is that one doesn't need to wait each year for Holy Week to come around. You can mark these days as special *every* week! You can remember on each day of the week the loving-kindness which God has shown unique to that day.

One of my favorite, newly found resources for doing this is the *Lutheran Prayer Companion*. It's a new translation of an old collection of Lutheran prayers and hymns, originally compiled for home devotional use. In the back is a collection of Morning Hymns for each day of the week by J. Olearius. Here are a few examples:

Friday

*This day was Adam given breath,
Who into all the world brought death;
This day by death God's very Son,
Secured for us the heav'nly throne.*

Saturday

*This day Christ rested for a time
When He was buried for my crime,
And thus prepared a resting-place
In heaven's blessed realm of grace.*

Sunday

*Praise God! For Sunday now has come,
A new week gladdens Christendom;
This day God first created light,
This day Christ bro't true life to sight.*

What a blessing it is to pause in Holy Week to mark the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection! And what a blessing to mark each week and each day, remembering and giving thanks *specifically* for what the Lord has done! May the Lord bless you this Passiontide and always!

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Simeon Raddatz



Holy Week

SCHEDULE

**Service of Corporate
Confession & Absolution**

Saturday, April 1 - 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 2 - 9:00 a.m.

One service with Sunday School following worship.

**Maundy Thursday Service
With Holy Communion**

Thursday, April 6 - 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7 - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Service

Saturday, April 8 - 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship (*one service*)

Sunday, April 9 - 9:00 a.m.

Easter Greeting

As we greet each other on Easter Sunday, the greeting you should offer is “**He has risen!**”

The proper response is “**He has risen, indeed!**”

Let’s continue this tradition as we share in the joy of Christ’s resurrection! “*The Lord has risen indeed...!*” Luke 24:34



TRIVIA NIGHT

Sunday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for Trivia Night!
Bring a favorite snack to share.
Drinks will be provided.

Camp Cilca News

Saturday, April 1:
Spring Work Day - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Come help open up the camp for the summer season. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Registration is Open!
Registration is open for Camp Cilca's summer programs. Check out the flyers on the table in Room 10 for information or contact Camp Cilca at 217-487-7497.



**GSLs's 17th
Annual Benefit Auction**
"Run for the Roses with Ewe!"
Saturday, May 6, 2023

Ticket prices are \$50 per person, and reservation forms on the table in Room 10. Be certain to select your entree choice of: Chicken, Pork, or Vegetarian.

Remember Trinity's Shut-Ins this Easter

You can brighten up our shut-ins this Easter by sending a card celebrating our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

At Cedar Hurst:
Norma Rebuffoni, 2700 S. 14th St., Pekin

At Hallmark:
Diana Johnson, 2501 Allentown Rd., Pekin

At Lutheran Hillside Village:
Barbara Glick, 6901 N. Galena Rd., Peoria IL 61614

Villas of Holly Brook:
Marilyn Alexander, 2720 S. 14th St., Apt. 5, Pekin

Donald Wahls, 2720 S. 14th St., Pekin

Betty Woith, 2720 S. 14th St., Apt. 45, Pekin

At Home:
Pennie Adkins
500 S. Third Ave., Apt. B, Canton, IL 61520

Ken & Karalyn Garber
423 Capri St., Pekin

Don Maskel
1320 Executive Ct., Apt. 224, Pekin

Delores Shafer
2210 Sunset Dr., Pekin

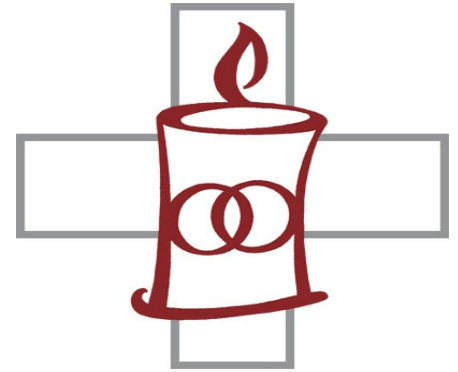
Robin Thompson
17298 Lake Knolls Rd., Pekin

Loraine Weyhrich
11523 Weyhrich Rd., Pekin

Janice Woods
1504 N. 12th St., Pekin



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

April 1

Leah Brown

April 5

Christi Gillis

April 6

Brittany Olt
Sheila Schumm

April 7

Kasondra Garber
Jennifer Givens

April 8

Krista Egli
Jennifer Look

April 10

Gary Gillis
Bob Mattheessen

April 11

Sheryl Jones

April 14

Pam Buerkett

April 17

Brandon Risinger

April 20

Demi Burke
Betty Ingrassia

April 22

Sandra Bennett
Alyssa Hand
Raegan Zevnik

April 23

Marilyn Alexander

April 24

Robin Thompson

April 25

Jodi Fuchs
Kelly Hubbs
Nancy Portillo

April 28

Franklin Spaeth

April 29

Carol Maloney
Denise Risinger

April 30

Jaymie Gordon-Townzen

Anniversaries

April 5

Matt & Melissa Deverman

April 7

Brad & Kim Cordts

April 21

Craig & Debra Cooney

April 26

Rob & Debbie Fornoff

If your birthday or anniversary was omitted or a date is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

February Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Emily Anton
Ella Spaeth
Oliver Spaeth

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2 - 3 PM INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION - ABSOLUTION 6 PM SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	3	4	5	6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	7 <i>Good Friday</i> 6 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	8 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 6 PM HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9 AM EASTER WORSHIP	10	11 6 PM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED. 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM	12	13 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	14	15
16 8:15 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP	17	18 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD	19 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	20 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES	21	22
23 8:15 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 5 PM TRIVIA NIGHT	24	25	26 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	27 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS	28	29
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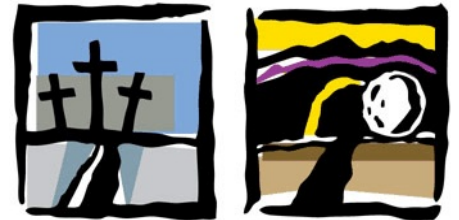
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APRIL



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