

# Trinity Highlights

March 2024 Newsletter

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## Stewardship Report:

<b>General Fund Report:</b>	January	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 15,664	\$ 15,664	\$ 21,227
Expenses	<u>20,234</u>	<u>20,234</u>	18,942
(Deficit)/Surplus	(4,570)	(4,570)	

Giving in January was significantly lower than was projected most likely due to low attendance on two Sundays that were extremely cold. It is anticipated that February giving will make up for January. January expenses were a bit higher than budgeted mainly due to a large insurance bill paid in January. The General Fund balance at the end of January was \$212,428.

## Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund received a gift of \$10,000 in January. Since its inception in 2001, \$109,470 has been gifted to the Endowment Fund. From the earnings over the years, \$33,493 has been granted to various organizations as recommended by the Church Council. At the end of 2023, \$24,390 of unspent earnings was available for additional grants.

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

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## Personal Care Kits

The Boards of Christian Service / Evangelism are hosting a service project during the Season of Lent. Personal Care Kits provides much needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty. They are used for those who must flee their home due to a natural disaster or those arriving in a refugee camp. The items listed below are needed to make a Personal Care Kit:

- ▶ One lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- ▶ Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 - 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping
- ▶ One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging (*no toothpaste*)
- ▶ One sturdy comb. There are many different types of hair texture, so no picks or fine-toothed combs (remove packaging)
- ▶ One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

For a donation of \$10.00 the Board of Christian Service / Evangelism will do the shopping for you! If you would like to donate just mark a pew envelope "Personal Care Kits," otherwise you can bring your items to the church and put them in the box in Room 10. Donations will be taken throughout the Season of Lent!

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## Trinity's Service Volunteers - March 2024

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### ACOLYTES

03/03 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown  
**03/06 6:00 p.m. Emily Anton**  
03/10 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton  
**03/13 6:00 p.m. Lexi Brown**  
03/17 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown  
**03/20 6:00 p.m. Will Brown**  
03/24 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton  
**03/28 6:00 p.m. Will Brown**  
**03/29 6:00 p.m. Ella Spaeth**  
**03/31 9:00 a.m. Ella Spaeth**

### USHERS

03/03 9:00 a.m. Owen Miller, Dave Harms  
**03/06 6:00 p.m. Dave Harms, Brad Juergens**  
03/10 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Brad Juergens  
**03/13 6:00 p.m. Dave Harms, Chris Whitley**  
03/17 9:00 a.m. Owen Miller, Dave Harms  
**03/20 6:00 p.m. Mike Seidell, Brad Juergens**  
03/24 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Brad Juergens  
**03/28 6:00 p.m. Dave Harms, Chris Whitley**  
**03/29 6:00 p.m. Mike Seidell, Brad Juergens**  
**03/31 9:00 a.m. Owen Miller, Dave Harms**

### BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

#### **Pick-Up Donuts:**

03/03 Mike Seidell  
03/10 Eric Spaeth  
03/17 Jeanine Meyers  
03/24 **Open**  
**03/31 No Sunday School**

#### **Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:**

03/03 Kathy Seidell  
03/10 Julie O'Conner  
03/17 Julie O'Conner  
03/24 **Open**  
**03/31 No Sunday School**

### ALTAR FLOWERS

03/03 Terry Knollenberg, *for his 77th birthday on March 2.*  
03/10 Don Nash, *in memory of Jim Nash's birthday on March 15.*  
03/17 Betty Ingrassia, *in memory of Marty Ingrassia.*  
**03/24 Palm Sunday**  
**03/31 Easter Sunday**

**GSLs 2024 Auction News:** The theme for 2024 is "Rewind to the 80's with Ewe." Donations for the auction will be due by Friday, March 29. We gladly welcome donations of items, gift cards, gift baskets, sponsorships, events, trips, etc. Please contact any auction committee member if you have any questions.



**ORDER  
DEADLINE  
Sunday, March 24**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# From the Pastor's Desk

*"The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. Luke 23:55-56*

Dear Members of Trinity,

This month, we are observing the season of Lent. At the end of March, the Church observes Holy Week and the Triduum, ending with Easter/the Feast of the resurrection which falls this year on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Let's take a short time to review what happens as the Church Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

*Palm Sunday* (March 24<sup>th</sup>) is observed on the Lord's Day before Easter. It is the day of Holy Week when our Lord Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The disciples and the crowds laid their cloaks as well as palm branches at their feet. Certainly, in Jesus' day, it brought to mind King Solomon entering into Jerusalem on a donkey as the crowds are shouting: "Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Today it also reminds us of the book of Revelation, where the apostle John records: "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, *with palm branches in their hands*, and crying out with a loud voice..."

The next day we usually observe is *Maundy Thursday*. Maundy is from the Latin "mandatum" or commandment, which reminds us the words Jesus spoke to His disciples in the Upper Room, saying: "This is my *commandment*, that you love one another." Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper with His disciples as He prepared for His suffering, passion and death to come. The service doesn't end as part of the Triduum or three-day journey and the altar is stripped while the members of the congregation exit in silence.

The Church then goes to *Good Friday*, as we follow Jesus' along the *Via Dolorosa*, or "way of tears" to the cross and Mount Calvary. It is on the cross that Jesus' speaks His Seven Words of the cross before He gives up His spirit, having paid the price for our sins with His innocent suffering and death. In the Chief Service (also known as the *Tenebrae* service), the church is gradually darkened and the Christ Candle is removed and the *strepitus*, the sound of the stone being rolled in front of the tomb, is heard. The congregation once again exits the church in silence.

The Triduum ends with Holy Saturday, the day of the great *Easter Vigil*. In the time of the early Christian Church, when more adults were converted to Christianity, the Church would spend the season of Lent in catechesis (instruction) and new members would be baptized on Holy Saturday. They would then keep vigil, like the women who prepared spices to embalm Jesus' body and waited until Sunday morning to bring them to the tomb. The new converts would then celebrate Easter Sunrise and receive communion for the first time. Today, the Church still celebrates the Easter Vigil (even Lutherans) in preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection. The Vigil ends with the Benediction.

Finally, of course, we celebrate Jesus' joyous resurrection on *Easter Sunday*. We rejoice that Jesus not only died for us, but also rose from the dead to seal the victory that He won for us upon the cross. Just as Jonah spent three days in the belly of the great fish, so also Jesus spent three days in the belly of the tomb until He rose again. May we all celebrate this Easter triumph, and may we continue to prepare our hearts and minds throughout the remainder of this Lenten season.

In Christ,

*Pastor Mark R. Drews*

## March Birthdays

### March 2

Terry Knollenberg

### March 3

Michael Jones  
Zachary Utke

### March 4

Thomas Seidell

### March 7

Bill Heren  
Steven Koenig

### March 8

John Williams

### March 9

Hunter Anton

### March 11

Lindsae Baldes

### March 12

Donna Deverman

### March 15

Dana Lowe  
Nastacia Terrell

### March 17

Raymond Knollenberg

### March 18

Austin Juergens

### March 20

Taylor Beccue

### March 22

Melanie Miller  
Alex O'Conner

### March 24

Donald Wahls

### March 25

Dylan Beccue

### March 27

Evelyn Palmer

### March 29

Lexi Brown

### March 31

Stephanie Blatt  
Chris Jones

## March Anniversaries

### March 7

Roger & Carol Simpson

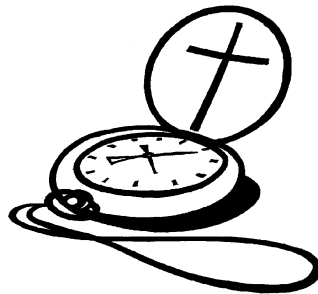
### March 10

Brian & Jennifer Anton

### March 21

Mark & Deb Suhs

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



## Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10.

*Don't forget to set your clocks  
ahead one hour before you go  
to bed Saturday night.*

## January Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Henry Stout

*Congratulations Henry!*



## Lenten Fellowship

We are having cookie fellowship after each midweek Lenten service. Trinity members are asked to bring one dozen cookies to the church kitchen before 5:30 p.m. on the Wednesday under which your name is listed below.

**March 6** Garber - Ingrassia

**March 13** Johnson - Nash

**March 20** O'Conner - Zevnik

## Camp Cilca News!

### Saturday, March 2 - Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- A free "Thank You" for all Camp Cilca supporters! Come anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and let the Camp Cilca staff and Board serve you delicious pancakes & sausage.

### Saturday, March 30 - Spring Work Day - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Come help open up the camp for the summer season. Any help will be greatly appreciated! Lunch will be provided.

### March 31: Early Bird Discount Ends - 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. Sign-up before midnight on March 31 to save 10% off every week of camp!

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	4	<b>5</b> 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM	<b>6</b> 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM 6 PM LENTEN SERVICE	<b>7</b> 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	8	<b>9</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	11	<b>12</b> 6 PM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	<b>13</b> 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM 6 PM LENTEN SERVICE	<b>14</b> 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	18	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD	<b>20</b> 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM 6 PM LENTEN SERVICE	<b>21</b> 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS	22	23
<b>24</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	25	26	27	<b>28</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	<b>29</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 6 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	<b>30</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i> 6 PM HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE
<b>31</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9 AM EASTER WORSHIP						





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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays, March 6, 13 & 20 - 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 24 - 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28 - 6:00 p.m.

*With Holy Communion*

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Service

Saturday, March 30 - 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 a.m.