

**Trinity Lutheran Church & School**  
**300 Broad Street**  
**Menasha, WI 54952**

**April 2021 Newsletter**

**(920) 722-2662 Church**  
**(920) 725-1715 School**  
[www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com)

### Important Dates

- 4-1— 4-11 Easter Break
- 4-1 Maundy Thursday
- 4-2 Good Friday Tre Ore
- 4-2 Good Friday Tenebrae
- 4-3 Easter Vigil
- 4-4 Easter
- 4-6 Board Meetings
- 4-10 Food Pantry
- 4-12 School Resumes
- 4-13 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4-20 Ladies Aid
- 4-24 Food Pantry

### Reminders:

- Services are open to the public by reservation only. Please contact the church office at (920) 722-2662 or [bwohlabe@trinitymenasha.com](mailto:bwohlabe@trinitymenasha.com).
- Services will continue to be available for live-streaming on Trinity's Facebook page, and for later viewing on YouTube. Check the church website for more details.
- You may also check the church Facebook page for a Daily Devotion from Pastor Billings.



### **Senior Pastor:**

Rev. Steven S. Billings



### **Assoc. Pastor/Principal:**

Rev. Keith E. GeRue



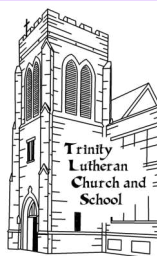
### **Choir Director:**

Mr. Tim Reuning



### **Organist:**

Mrs. Nancy Lephart



### ***Our Mission Statement:***

*Trinity Lutheran Church & School, Menasha is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.*

### ***Holy Week Worship Schedule***

April 1st Maundy Thursday

10:30AM (Mask Required) & 6:30PM

April 2nd Good Friday Tre-Ore 12:00PM-3:00PM

April 2nd Good Friday Tenebrae 6:30PM

April 3rd Saturday Easter Vigil 5:00PM

April 4th Sunday Easter Sunrise 6:30AM,

Worship 9:00AM, & 10:30AM (Mask Required)

**Thank you to...**

all for the cards & words of condolence on the passing of my father Robert Peotter in December; thanks also for the cards, phone calls, & words of comfort after my recent fall. Thank you all very much. Jerry Peotter

all for the many cards, prayers, & concerns as I recently went through surgery & recovery. I am back to good health & Praise God and my Trinity family. Barbara Kester

### Easter Lilies

Jesus referenced the flower, saying, "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Luke 12:27).


Moreover, according to pious legend, "after Jesus' death and resurrection, some of these flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray the night before his crucifixion. Legend has it that these flowers sprung up where drops of Jesus' sweat fell as he prayed."

### **Ladies Aid**

The Ladies Aid will be collecting items for the Bella Medical Clinic in Oshkosh as their In-gathering at the LWML Zone 11 Spring rally. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the church restrooms.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 NO SCHOOL 6:00am Men's Bible <b>10:30am Service by Reservation &amp; Online ( Mask Required)</b> 6:30pm Service by Reservation &amp; Online</p>	<p>2 NO SCHOOL 10:30am Cross Walk at Neeah Riverside Park <b>12:00pm Tre Ore by Reservation &amp; Online</b> 6:30pm Tenebrae by Reservation &amp; Online</p>	<p>3 <b>5pm Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b></p>
<p>4-Easter Sunday <b>6:30am Sunrise by Reservation &amp; Online</b> <b>9am Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b> <b>10:30am Worship by Reservation &amp; Online (Mask Required)</b></p>	<p>5 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> Church Office is Closed No Sewing Day No Prayer Time 6:30pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>6 6:30am Ladies Bible 6:30pm Board Mtgs</p>	<p>7 Church Office is Closed <b>No Worship Service</b></p>	<p>8 6:00am Men's Bible</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9am Food Pantry <b>5pm Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b></p>
NO SCHOOL— Spring Break from April 1st to April 9th.						
<p>11-2nd Sunday of Easter <b>9am Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b> 10:30am Ed Hour In Person &amp; Online</p>	<p>12 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 9:00am Sewing Day 6:30pm Prayer Time 6:30pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>13 6:30am Ladies Bible 3:45pm Running Club 6:30pm Board of Dir. Mtg</p>	<p>14 <b>8:45am Chapel</b> 5pm Catechism 3:45pm Staff Meeting <b>6:30pm Worship (Mask Required)</b></p>	<p>15 6:00am Men's Bible Parent/Teacher Confer- ences</p>	<p>16 2:45pm School Elec- tives</p>	<p>17 <b>5pm Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b></p>
<p>18- 3rd Sunday of Easter <b>9am Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b> 10:30am Ed Hour In Person &amp; Online</p>	<p>19 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 9:00am Sewing Day 6:30pm Prayer Time 6:30pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>20 6:30am Ladies Bible 3:45pm Running Club 6:30pm Ladies Aid</p>	<p>21 <b>8:45am Chapel</b> 5pm Catechism <b>6:30pm Worship (Mask Required)</b></p>	<p>22 6:00am Men's Bible 3:45pm Running Club</p>	<p>23 2:45pm School Elec- tives</p>	<p>24 9am Food Pantry <b>5pm Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b></p>
<p>25-4th Sunday of Easter <b>9am Worship by Reservation &amp; Online</b> <b>3 &amp; 4 yr. old's sing</b> 10:30am Ed Hour In Person &amp; Online</p>	<p>26 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 9:00am Sewing Day 6:30pm Prayer Time 6:30pm Women's Bible</p>	<p>27 6:30am Ladies Bible 3:45pm Running Club</p>	<p>28 <b>8:45am Chapel</b> 5pm Catechism <b>6:30pm Worship (Mask Required)</b></p>	<p>29 6:00am Men's Bible 2:00pm School Spring Musical</p>	<p>30 Midterms 6:00pm School Spring Musical</p>	
MAP TEST						

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/6 BURROWS, Richard & Nancy  
 4/14 VOIGT, Roger & Mary  
 4/16 WEINIG, Lee & Elaine

4/26 ERDMANN, Franklin & Shirley  
 4/28 BARTELME, David & Deborah

## BIRTHDAYS

4/1 WIECK, Jordon  
 4/2 ECKRICH, Linda  
 4/3 ALLIET, Joan  
 4/3 BENGES, Sandra  
 4/3 WENDLER, Logan  
 4/4 GODWIN, Michael  
 4/4 REICHERT, Brian  
 4/4 SOKEL, Ann  
 4/5 MORAN, Phyllis  
 4/6 PEOTTER, Diane  
 4/6 RALEIGH, George

4/8 KNISELY, Skyler  
 4/9 GUILLEY, Marc  
 4/10 HAAG, Bryan  
 4/10 KOSLOSKI, Rose  
 4/11 DRUM, Judi  
 4/12 PUES, Vance  
 4/13 BAHRNS, Elizabeth  
 4/13 SCHWERBEL, Irene  
 4/13 WENDLER, Bethany  
 4/14 JOERNDT, David  
 4/15 DANIELS, Anna

4/17 POMERENKE, Norbert  
 4/20 BOSS, Nathaniel  
 4/22 ZEINERT, Jean  
 4/23 BORGES, Brad  
 4/24 HENRICKSON, Kimberly  
 4/24 WITTMANN, Kyle  
 4/25 LINDNER, Kari  
 4/26 MLODIK, Ariel  
 4/26 SOKEL, Sophia  
 4/27 KAMPRATH, Kenneth  
 4/29 REUNING, Jackie

### ✠ *Trinity Membership Update* ✠

**New Members/Transfers In:** None

**Released/Transfers Out:** None

**Baptisms:** None

**Weddings:** None

**Members Who Have Passed:** Donald Mader

How does the Church arrive at a Friday Crucifixion of our Lord?

In the entry under *Chronology* in the *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels* (Intervarsity, 1992), H.W. Hoehner offers a helpful summary of the chronology of Passion Week. He says:

"Traditionally, Jesus is thought to have died on the Friday of Passion Week." On the basis of Matthew 12:40, he says, "some conclude Jesus could not have died on Friday; Jesus may have died on Wednesday or Thursday, thus allowing for three days and three nights.

"However, when one recognizes that the Jews reckoned a part of a day as a whole day, Jesus' death on Friday does not present a real problem.

"Furthermore, the New Testament repeatedly refers to Jesus' resurrection as having occurred on the third day (not the fourth day; e.g., Matt. 16:21; 17:23; Luke 9:22; 18:33; Acts 10:40; 1 Cor. 15:4).

"Moreover, the Gospels specifically mention the day before the Sabbath (Friday) as the day of his death (Matt. 27:62; Mark. 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:14, 31, 42). Therefore, both scripturally and traditionally, it seems best to accept Friday as the day of Jesus' death."

## Serving Our Lord with Gladness- April 2021

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Steven S. Billings, **Associate Pastor/Principal:** Rev. Keith E. GeRue.

**Elders of the Month** Alan Manteufel 5pm, Crag Thomas 9am

**Altar Guild of the Month:** Paula, Reichert, Jean Zeinert, Beth Wohlrabe, Gail Burrows, & Laurel Wirth.

Worship Date/Time	Acolyte Serving	Elder on Duty	Greeters	Lectors	Ushering Crew
Apr. 1 10:30am 6:30pm	N/A	N/A	Thomas & Barbara Kester Brenda Kempf, JoAnn Schultz	Pastor Pastor	Maynard Collingwood
Apr. 2 12:00pm 6:30pm	NA	Bart Nielsen N/A	Joan Alliet, Brenda Kempf Mary Howden, Beth Wohlrabe Jane Stier, Betty Allen	Pastor Pastor	Volunteer Maynard/Collingwood
Apr. 3 5:00pm	NA	Alan Manteufel	Robert & Betty Allen	Pastor	Maynard
Apr. 4 6:30am 9:00am 10:30am	N/A	Craig Thomas	Jean Zeinert, Joan Alliet Ron & Dottie Kraus Jane Stier, Elaine Weinig	Pastor Pastor Pastor	Wohlrabe Flater/ Collingwood Weinig
Apr. 10 5:00pm 11 9:00am	N/A	Alan Manteufel Craig Thomas	Betty Allen, Jane Stier Brenda Kempf, Volunteer	Pastor Pastor	Maynard Collingwood
Apr. 14 6:30pm	N/A	N/A	Jean Zeinert	Pastor	Reinke
Apr. 17 5:00pm 18 9:00am	N/A	Alan Manteufel Craig Thomas	Betty Allen, Diane Peotter Ron & Dottie Kraus	Pastor Pastor	Maynard Collingwood
Apr. 21 6:30pm	N/A	N/A	Beth Wohlrabe	Pastor	Reinke
Apr. 24 5:00pm 25 9:00am	N/A	Alan Manteufel Craig Thomas	Betty Allen, Jane Stier Brenda Kempf, Dottie Kraus	Pastor Pastor	Maynard Collingwood
Apr. 28 6:30pm	N/A	N/A	Beth Wohlrabe	Pastor	Reinke

**Note:** Ushers - if you see your captain's name you are not obligated to usher. If you are willing to assist, please consider doing so.

A Memorial gift was given to Trinity's Roof Renovation Fund & Day School Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Thomas Howden

A Memorial gift was given to Trinity's Shut In Ministry in memory of Donald Mader

### Ladies Aid

All ladies are invited to our Tuesday, April 20 Ladies Aid/LWML meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. We will be welcoming our speaker, Lisa Strandberg, Community Engagement Director at Pillars in Appleton. Pillars is the Adult and Family Shelter on Division Street in Appleton. They are open 24/7 to serve adults and families experiencing homelessness and lack of resources. Our Ladies Aid quilting group continually supports Pillars with quilts. Gentlemen are invited! We do wear masks and social distance.

From the School Principal  
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"  
Mark 16:1-8

Alleluia! Christ is risen! [*He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*] Alleluia!

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (LSB #461) we just sang. We know . . . but those women did not. They went that morning looking for a dead body; *expecting* a dead body - a corpse which still needed its final preparation for a proper burial, for there hadn't been enough time on Friday. Everything happened so suddenly they didn't even have the spices at that time. Now they had bought them and went to that awful place.



They didn't know how they would get to that body - who would roll that enormous stone away, or even if the soldiers would allow such a thing. Even when they get there and find the stone already rolled away, and an angel, appearing as a young man sitting in the tomb tells them the good news of the resurrection, they were too confused to rejoice; they were too astonished to understand or think straight. They simply did not know what was happening or how to put all the pieces together. Death they knew, death gripped their minds and hearts, death and its sadness and grief.

You've been there. You know exactly what they were going through. When you get that phone call telling you a loved one has died. When you stand at the side of a hole in the ground and watch your loved one lowered into it. When you hear of another massacre of Christians in the name of a false god. Death grabs you by the throat. Sometimes its sudden and sometimes drawn out. Sometimes it's expected and sometimes not. Sometimes the dead one is old and wrinkled and sometimes so young. But it always grabs you by the throat. Like those women, death we know, death grips us, death surrounds us, death and its sadness and grief.

But today we look death in the face - death in all its horrible, destructive terror - and say: *I know that my Redeemer lives!* As those women and the disciples would soon come to realize, Jesus' tomb was empty not because some grave robber or gardener had come and taken His lifeless body somewhere else, but because death could not hold Him. Death could not hold the one who (as Isaiah said) **swallowed up death**. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), and so when Jesus paid the wages of sin in full, atoned for sin in full, then death was stripped of its power and Jesus rose to life again. Death is no longer the terrible, final, unconquerable end for all men and women - **it is now a servant of Jesus Christ!**

Should the women and disciples have known this? At least of Jesus' resurrection? Perhaps. This was all ***in accordance with the Scriptures***, Paul said. Predicted and spoken of in the Old Testament. The resurrections of the dead foreshadowed this. The sign of Jonah pointed to this. The Psalms and Isaiah and other prophets spoke of this. Jesus Himself told His disciples *three times* that He would die *and rise again* (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). This was God's plan all along, now, finally, accomplished. Sin, death, grave, Satan, and hell all now lay defeated. ***For Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

And so notice how St. Paul now talks of death. He says that Christ ***died*** and ***was buried***, but after that he says that now ***some have fallen asleep***. For that's what death is for us now. It's finality defeated; it has been transformed into a sleep for us. And so as we sing in one of the evening hymns in our hymnal: *Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as little as my bed* (LSB #883 v. 3). When you're united to Jesus, you fall asleep in death and wake up in Paradise.

And you are united to Jesus. For as we remembered last night, your baptism united you to Christ in His death and resurrection. He joined you in your death to provide for you a resurrection. And He promised it to you in those waters when He gave you His forgiveness and promised you everlasting life. And so when faced with death you can say: *I am baptized!* Death does not own me, Christ does. *I am baptized!* Death is not the end, life is. *I am baptized!* My sin cannot condemn me for Christ forgives me. *I am baptized!* And there is no hell strong enough, no grave deep enough, and no devil terrible enough to separate me from my Redeemer. *I know that my Redeemer lives!* His grave is empty, and so will mine be.



What comfort this sweet sentence gives, the hymnwriter then added. Comfort not only to face death but to live life. To live not afraid of what tomorrow may bring into my life, but knowing that if I have a Redeemer, a Savior, who has taken care of my greatest need, then He will be with me in all my other needs as well. Or as we've been praying in the Great Litany all through the season of Lent: *In all time of our tribulation and in all time of our prosperity* (LSB p. 288). Now we usually don't think of needing our Savior's help in our times of prosperity, though we may acknowledge Him as the Giver of such times and gifts. But maybe it is especially at those times that we need Him and His presence most of all, for how easily can ease and comfort and wealth and success cause us to forget about Him and cause us to cling to these things as false gods; as if our lives depended on them.



But as we remember today, our lives depend on no one but Christ alone. Our life now and our life forever. Our life from birth and our life after death. Or again, as the hymnwriter put it: *He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death* (v. 7).

Daily breath. He gives it and one day He will take it away. He is the Lord and Giver of life, we confess in the Creed - only He. We think we are. We try to control it. We want to define how we live and when we die. But that is not up to us. Your Lord created you here and now, to be His blessing to those around you, and in His time, He will close your eyes in the sleep of death, gather you to Himself, and give you rest. His empty tomb preaches that to us today. For it wasn't Pontius Pilate, the Jewish leaders, the Roman soldiers, or the sealed tomb that had control of Jesus' life and death. He did. He had the authority to lay down his life, and He had the authority to take it up again (John 10:18).

And because He did lay down His life for you on the cross and today take it up again in His resurrection, you have nothing to fear. That was the message of the angel to the women: **Do not be alarmed**, though they were. And we sometimes are too, and how much joy and life that fear robs us of! Jesus has come to restore that joy and life, that no matter what this world and life throw at you, no matter how difficult things become, no matter what doubt, despair, or uncertainty descend upon you, you can look it all in the face, in its terrible face, and say: *I know that my Redeemer lives!*

And one day, you and me, we're going to be like Israel when they arrived at the *eastern* shore of the Red Sea. On the western side, they were filled with fear and dread because they saw Pharaoh and his chariots and army come to get them. But once they passed through the sea to the other side and looked back and saw the waters of the Red Sea crash down on Pharaoh and his army and utterly wipe them out, they rejoiced with this song:



***I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation*** (Exodus 15:1).

That's *our* song - of faith - now, because of Christ's triumph. But one day, when we get to the other side of eternity, we're going to look back and see how Christ has completely swallowed up all *our* enemies. And that truly, all along, we had nothing to fear.

And that you might the more confidently believe that, your Lord comes to you today, here in His Body and Blood for you to eat and drink. Not His *dead* Body and Blood, but His *living* Body and Blood, born of the virgin Mary, hung on the cross, laid in the tomb, and now risen from the dead, He puts here for you now by the power of His Word. A

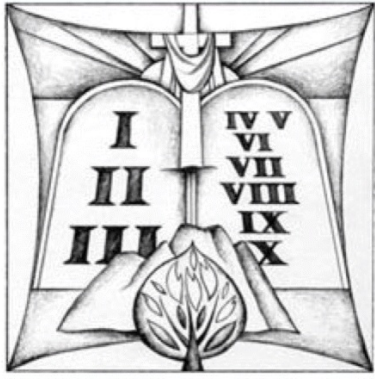
feast even better than Isaiah's rich feast of the best of meats and the finest of wines. Better than any feast to enjoy now for a time. For this is a feast that gives forgiveness of sin, life from the dead, and salvation from the enemy. That you may know. That you may believe. That you may be confident. That you have no fear. That your song - not just on Easter, but every day - may be: *I know that my Redeemer lives!*

I know . . .

For Christ is risen! [*He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*]

Yes, He is risen indeed, **for you**.

**Yours in Christ, Pastor GeRue**



# Catechetical Comments

A Series

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

This month we continue our look at The Close of the Commandments:

*What does God say about all these commandments?* He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” [Ex. 20: 5–6]

*What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Question 76: *Can anyone, then, be saved by the Law?*

No; the Law condemns everyone.

The *Catechism 1991* answers the question: “Can anyone, then, be saved by the Law?” by saying: “No; the Law condemns everyone.” In support of this it lists the following Scripture passage:

**Gal. 3:10-11** – All who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law.

No one escapes a reading of the Law unscathed; God’s Law condemns each and every one of us, for there are violations of the Law in everyone’s life every day, violations of at least several of the Commandments, if not all of them in one way or another. Someone may say, “I’ve never murdered anyone,” and yet, have you hatred in your heart toward another human being? Before you answer that question too quickly, think of the last person who sinned against you egregiously. Or how about your political opponents? All one needs to do these days is mention names like Donald Trump, Joe Biden, or Nancy Pelosi and normally amiable and civil people begin to foam at the mouth. Such hatred, Jesus says, is tantamount to

murder (Mat. 5:21-22). Or someone may say, “I’ve never committed adultery,” and yet, have you ever looked at someone lustfully? You can hardly avoid it in our society. Just checking out at the grocery store you’re accosted by lustful images on the magazine rack. And television commercials for everything from bath soap to underwear flash lustful images into our minds, like it or not, and this lust, Jesus says, causes a person to be guilty of adultery (Mat. 5:27-28).

We could go on through each Commandment and uncover the sneaky ways Satan tricks us into breaking God’s Law over and over again. As Paul writes, “It is evident that no one is justified before God by the law” (Gal. 3:11a).

What becomes, then, of a person who has fooled himself into believing he can rely on his own good works – his own keeping of the Law – for salvation? He is under a curse, as Paul writes (quoting Deu. 27:26), “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” What does it mean to be under a curse? The word in Greek means “to be exposed to divine vengeance.” And what is vengeance? Punishment. Retribution. In other words, condemnation and hell. Those who wish to justify themselves by their keeping of the Law actually accomplish the opposite, for they fail to realize that the Law must be kept perfectly or it isn’t kept at all. Much better, then, to live under grace!



Humbly in His service,  
Rev. Steven S. Billings  
Senior Pastor



## WELCOME TO WELLNESS PLUS: TOOLS FOR BETTER HEALTH!

### Classes to help you live your best life

We offer a variety of interactive, researched tested, proven classes to increase your health and well-being.

- Healthy Living with Diabetes
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- Mind over Matter- Bladder Control Class
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- Stepping On for Falls Prevention
- Strong Bodies
- Tai Chi for Falls Prevention

For more information on any of these classes,  
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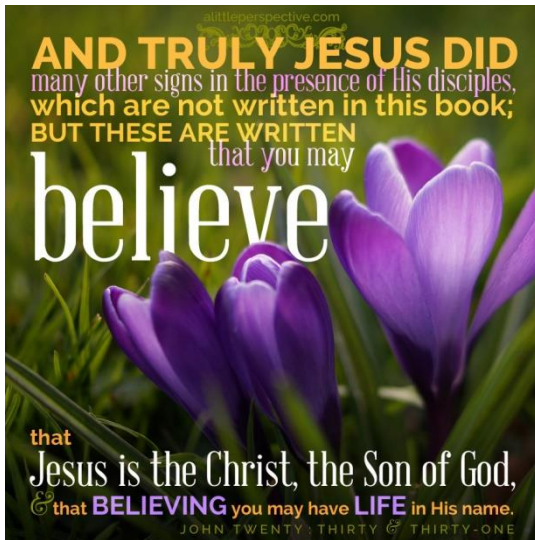
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## LWML Zone 11 Spring Rally

Trinity Oshkosh

Saturday April 17, 2021

9 AM registration

**(For your safety, no food or drink will be served.)**

Pastor Jerome Stecker, our Zone Counselor, leading the Bible Study, will focus on John 20:30-31

- “That You May Believe. That you May Have Life”
- Why did the Holy Spirit give us the Bible?
- What is the impact of the Bible for faith, life and eternity?

Gifts from the Heart Ingathering will be for  
Bella Medical Clinic, Oshkosh



Serving those affected by unplanned pregnancy through caring support, education and community outreach, while respecting all human life . Bella Medical Clinic is a non-denominational **Christian** organization and seeks to assist its clients in their relationship with God. <https://bellamedicalclinic.org>

Gifts from the Heart Ingathering list of most need items is provided. Please consider going together with friends or as a group to purchase larger items.



Thanks to Thrivent Action Team, we were able to purchase two Pack N Plays.

Please RSVP to help us know how to arrange seating  
Mary Lou Thur [mmthur@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmthur@sbcglobal.net) 920-267-8311

## **Gifts from the Heart LWML Ingathering for Bella Medical Clinic April 2021**

Bella Medical Clinic serves those affected by unplanned pregnancy through caring, support, education, and community outreach, while respecting all human life. Bella is a non-denominational Christian organization and seeks to assist its clients in their relationship with God.

### **The Most needed items are:**

Baby Bottle drying racks  
Boys and Girls clothing newborn – 2T  
Socks for 12-24 months  
Floor Play Mats  
Toddler Shoes Sizes 4-7  
\$10 Kwik Trip Gas Cards  
\$10-20 Gift Cards to Target, Walmart or Amazon  
Lavender Baby Wash and Lotion  
Small and Medium Pullups  
Health and Safety Baby Kits  
Breast Pads

LMWL Zone 11 Rally, Trinity Oshkosh  
April 17, 2021 9:00 AM

Please place Items in the Bassinet in the  
Narthex.

Trinity LWML ladies will transport items.  
Thank You Trinity!!



## Stewardship Talk

As the Board of Stewardship continues the message of sharing: time, talent, and treasure, we would like to highlight the Ladies Sewing Group.

There is a quote that goes, "the best kind of sleep beneath Heaven above is under a quilt handmade with love" and so it is with this group of ladies as these quilts are truly made with love. You've probably seen the results of the ladies' handiwork - the completed quilts draped over the back of pews for all to view, waiting to receive a blessing before being disbursed to those in need.

This past year, even with the restraints mandated by COVID 19, the group completed 205 quilts. This was possible with the ladies meeting at church and also working from home. The completed quilts were sent to World Relief and Pillars. World Relief is an international organization that focuses on addressing the root causes of poverty and vulnerability that often stem from harmful beliefs and practices. Pillars, located in Appleton, works with the homeless providing shelter, support, and solutions to address housing needs in our community. Supporting these organizations allows us to follow God's words found in Proverbs 14:31 "Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his maker but he who is generous to the needy honors him".

It is unfortunate that we do not have direct contact with the recipients of the quilts; we pray that when under the quilt they feel not only it's warmth but the love that went into it. Furthermore, we wish the recipient to feel the hope that comes with the quilt.

HOPE that things will be better

HOPE that there are people who care and are willing to help

HOPE that with faith in our Lord Jesus Christ all things are possible.

The ladies usually meet on Mondays in the small fellowship hall. They sort fabric, sew blocks of fabric together to make the quilt top, then assemble and "tie" the quilt. The nimble fingers of these ladies can "tie" a quilt in fifteen minutes; if you know anything about quilting you would know that this is a remarkable time, and a fine example of teamwork.

If you feel you would like to share your time, talent, or treasure with this group you can contact Ilene Anderson or Elaine Weinig. All are welcome and no previous sewing experience is needed.

Some people can give time, some people can give talent and some people can give money. They are all valuable, and if you can't help please pray for this group and their work for God and others.

In closing, we thank God for our Ladies Sewing Group for sharing God's love one stitch at a time.





The lilies, which decorate our Sanctuary, have been  
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YEAR 1, MARCH 2021

# CALLED TO GO: KYIV, UKRAINE

*The newsletter of Amanda Groshek  
(teaching English, sharing Jesus)*



The twelfth graders mentored the ninth graders as they prepared for Poetry Slam.

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## DEAR PARTNERS IN THIS MISSION...

### A brief note

This month has flown by: prepping for Poetry Slam with the ninth graders, a long weekend in Lviv with friends, Poetry Slam, sharing about Taiwan (and a bit about Chinese New Year traditions) with an international young adult fellowship group, Spiritual Emphasis week, Teacher Appreciation week... and, of course, regular classes continue as well.

There has been so much snow, to the point that it was being hauled away by the truck load from parking lots around my building, and then the weather warmed up, so that the field I have to cross to get to school and home was a slippery, squishy mud pit, only for it to be snowing again today when I left my flat this morning and also when I left school at the end of the day.

There have been some exasperating moments in classes but also a lot of moments of laughter and understanding. Several of the first graders, and sometimes some of the second graders, and I have taken to reading stories together in the morning before the bell rings and it's time for them to go to their classrooms. There's a new fifth grade student that recently joined our class. And the ninth graders are always impressed when there's crossover between their classes -- lit, math, Bible, history -- or crossover with pop culture stuff, too.

It's crazy to think that there are only a few weeks until Spring Break and there are only about two and a half months of school left this year!

Thank you for your continued partnership with this ministry of education and sharing the love of Jesus!



You know there's a lot of snow when it's being carted away by the truck full!



Two friends and I spent a long weekend in Lviv, Ukraine

## WHERE DO WE FIND OUR VALUE?

### Glimpses into the 9th grade classroom

*Where do we find our value?*

This is a question that has crept into both the 9th grade E.L.L. (English Language Learner) classes and also the English Literature class.

The 9th grade E.L.L. students recently finished a unit entitled 'Affluenza,' a combination of the words 'affluent' and 'influenza' and it looked at the question 'Can money buy happiness?' We talked about how there is nothing wrong with wanting a nice house or fancy cars or a high paying job or in caring about how one looks; however, I pointed out, ultimately, if we look for our value and worth in those things we will never be satisfied.

I shared with the students one of my favourite Bible verses right now. Ecclesiastes 3 says: "I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God." Contentment, peace, joy... all

of these things come from our relationship with God. Yes, God gives us many gifts and there is nothing wrong with enjoying those material possessions that we have that we enjoy. But they are gifts from God. Our value is in Him.

And then, interestingly (God works in many ways), this same question came up in our literature class, and we had a very similar discussion, which made some of the E.L.L. students smile.

The ninth graders are currently reading 'Fahrenheit 451' and at one point in the novel, the main character says, "We have everything we need to be happy, but we aren't happy. Something's missing." Possessions can't bring us satisfaction and happiness. That comes from God.

Although I hope that my students always strive to do their best and reach their goals, I also hope that they always know exactly where their value comes from, that they are greatly loved children of God.



Before school, the first graders (and sometimes the second graders) and I will read stories together.

### *Prayer Requests:*

- *Prayers of thanksgiving for a fun and successful Poetry Slam. The students did a great job!*
- *Prayers of thanksgiving that classes have been in person since the end of January. Prayers that the health of everyone will continue to allow them to be in person. Also just prayers for health for students, staff and people all around the world.*
- *The students will be participating in a sort of community outreach project in April. Prayers for the planning and preparation going into that, and that it would be a blessing for the community and also the students.*





# Musings from MATONGO

NEWS FROM REV. DR. WALTER & ROBYN STEELE



March 2021

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## STEELES IN AFRICA

—The semester is half over, midterms are being graded.

—Walter is busy, as Academic Dean, putting together the seminary teaching schedule for next semester.

—He is also working with the Principal to develop the curriculum for the new Bachelor in Theology program. We are seeking independent accreditation.

—Walter has been asked to participate in a remote PhD Seminar about Lutheran Pastoral Theology and Practice. The seminary sponsoring this seminar is in Dallas. It will be good to share the joys of Lutheranism with other Christians.

—We really need to replace the picture above. Walter's hair is shorter and the handlebar "stash" is gone. Robyn's hair is longer—as attested to by the picture to the right.



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## Enough about Walter! Let's Hear About Robyn!



### Robyn helping a Deaconess Student with Her Business Plan for Home Economics

Future deaconesses in the Lutheran churches of East Africa are taught and trained at Matongo. Alongside classes in Bible and Theology, they also take general education courses. One such course is Home Economics—a field close to Robyn's major in college.

When these ladies graduate and are placed in congregations, they must supplement their income with practical skills they learn here. In addition to seamstress classes, they gain skills that will enable them to make a living. This frees them to do the diaconal work they have been called to do.

Robyn has been participating in the Home Economics class, learning from them aspects of culture unique to this part of Africa and helping them think through aspects of owning a home business. For several years, Robyn herself has a dietetics and nutrition business of her own, so she uses that experience to help her reflect on things that may or may not work in this environment.

In the picture above, she is helping one such women on the back veranda of our home on campus. Our home is frequented by students who come by for counsel and for assistance in their various courses. It is a joy to be part of their lives. And since Robyn, unlike Walter, has no "official" position as a teacher at the school, she can be a resource for them without any fear of them getting a "bad grade" from her.

We thank you for supporting the Lord's work here at Matongo as we joyfully get to tell them the Good News about Jesus!



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *We are looking to finally purchase a vehicle, which will enhance our ability to minister to churches in the area.*
- *We still await the official issuance of Robyn's "dependent's pass." Yes, this process has moved very slowly.*
- *For continued good health and for strength from God to do the work.*
- *For wisdom as Walter puts together the new Bachelor in Theology curriculum.*
- *For our team here, as we work together in this land.*
- *Thanksgiving for the gifts of support that enable us to stay on the field, so we can bring the Good News of Jesus to those who do not know him and to strengthen those who do.*

About 12 hours north and east of Matongo, in the central north of Kenya live the Samburu people. They are among the hardest people to reach with the Gospel, due in part to their remote location and their semi-nomadic lifestyle. We had the privilege of accompanying one of our team members as he visited a vicar, who is ministering among his own people north of Wamba, in the Samburu region.

After the Divine Service, Robyn spent some time with the children and the women. The children to the right were fascinated by her cellphone as she captured their faces in photos.

The women pictured below are in the tradition dress of Samburu women. We thank God for our time among them that Sunday.



Robyn brought joy to these Samburu children

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Robyn met several women while we were among the Samburu

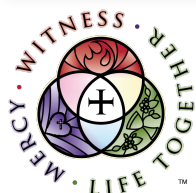
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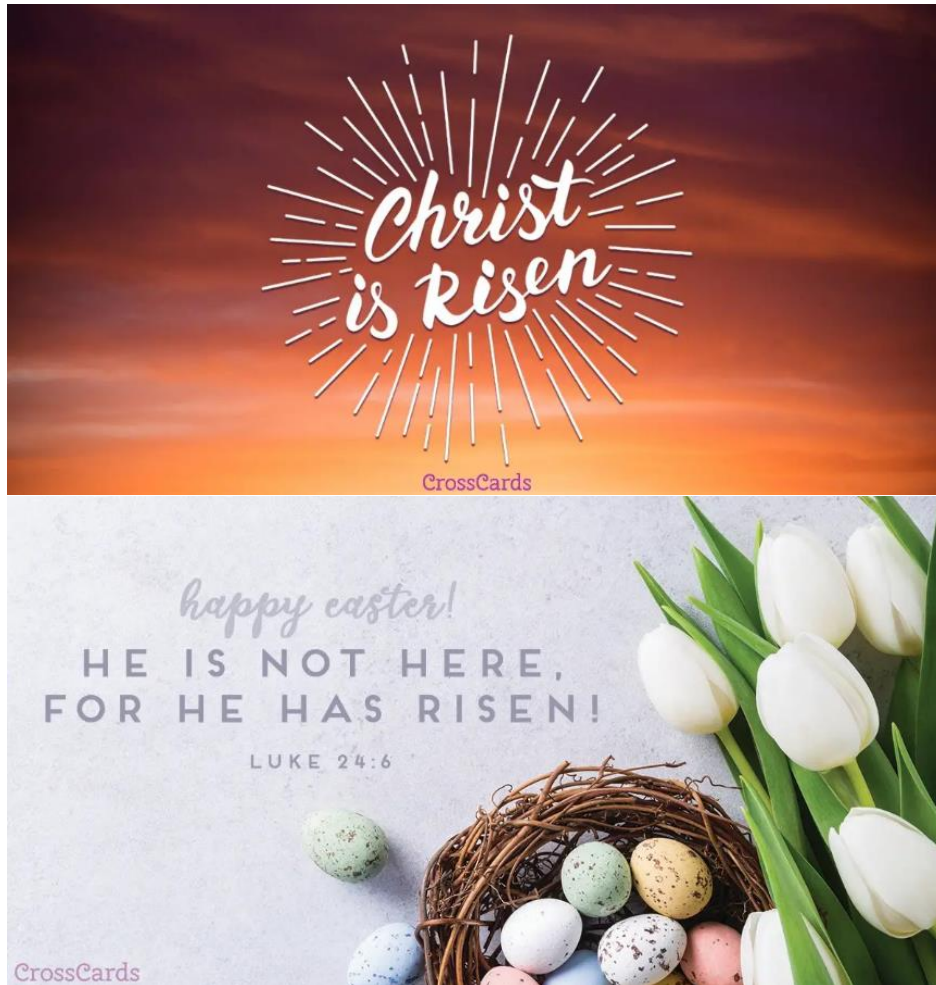
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Greetings Partners,

May you be filled with the joy that Easter brings as we remember the suffering Jesus went through, and how He carried the sins of everyone to the cross where He paid the penalty for our sins. Before Jesus died, He said, "IT IS FINISHED". On the third day Jesus rose from the grave winning the victory for us over sin, death and the grave. As Christians we know this earthly life is only temporary and when we leave this earthly life, we join Jesus in our permanent home with Him in Heaven.

**CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED, HALLELUJAH!!**



Peace, Hope, Joy, Love be with you,

David Pfeifer