

March 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to the Trinity Church newsletter. This publication will be sent out at the beginning of each month. We appreciate your comments by emailing us at: trinityugoffice@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

- **March 11** WOW Meeting - Ladies please join us! 7pm
- **March 17** Outreach Bowling 3-5pm at Old Settler's. Sign-up now!
- **March 24** Palm Sunday service
- **March 31** Easter services with breakfast between services

Lenten Sermon Series

(Worship is at 7 pm)

**GOD
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TRIAL**



Pastor Pomije will lead us in the Lent Services

Dinner: 5:45pm - 6:45pm

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| March 6 | Sermon: Misconceptions
<i>Dinner hosted by Sunday School Teachers - Tacos</i> |
| March 13 | Sermon: Truth
<i>Dinner hosted by WOW - Baked Potato Bar</i> |
| March 20 | Sermon: Sympathy
<i>Dinner hosted by WOW - Roast Beef Sandwiches</i> |



MARCH 24

Sunday School children will be singing in the
9:00am service

Easter for Kids event for all Sunday School
children after service

Maundy Thursday / Good Friday / Easter Services



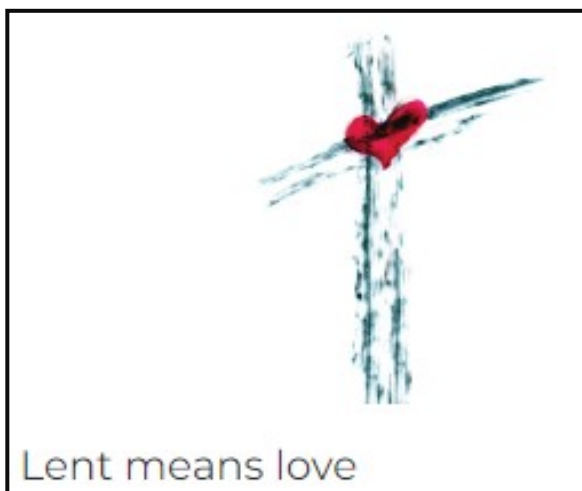
March 28 Maundy Thursday 7pm
Sermon: Respite

March 29 Good Friday 7pm
Sermon: Evidence



March 30 Sat evening Easter 6pm

March 31 Easter Sunday
7am & 9:30am

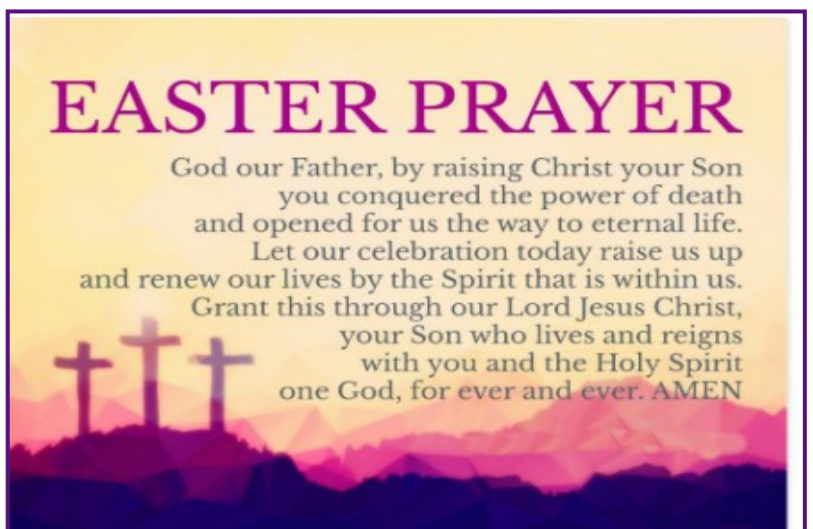


EASTER PRAYER

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever. AMEN



Parent's Night Out — Babysitting Event Feb 16

We had 32 children in attendance! A large number of children were from our local community, as well as our own congregation. Crafts, pizza & movies to entertain all ages. This is a great outreach event for our church!

A huge THANK YOU to the adults & teen volunteers that dedicated their evening to make this a fun event for everyone!

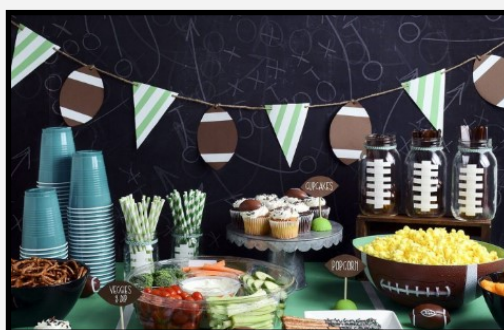
Super Bowl Party Big Winners -

Sarah Bilski

John Osenga

Lisa Woelbing

Tyler Bilski



CONGRATULATIONS!

Money raised at this event will be used for outreach events.

College Choir Tour

Friday, March 8 7pm

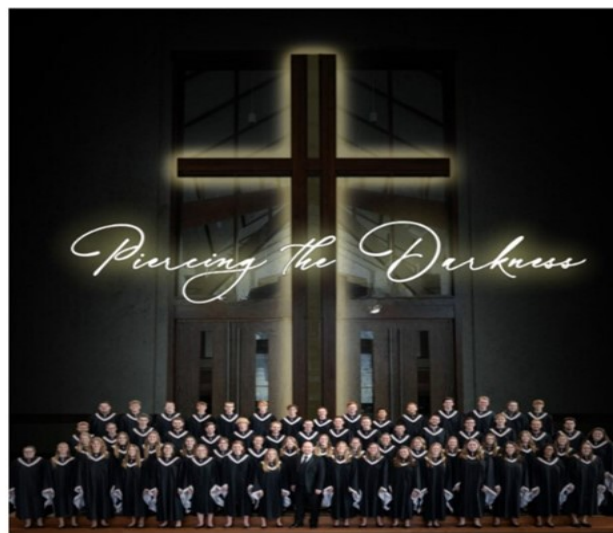
Christ the Lord Brookfield

Saturday, March 9 7pm

St. Paul's East Troy

Sunday, March 10 10:30am

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel
Madison



HIGHLIGHTS FROM VOTER'S MEETING

February 4, 2024

From Pastor's Report - Membership

- Gained 20 communicant members. Lost 12 members. Net change: gain of 8. Total of 193 communicant members, 86 non-communicant members, 272 total members.

Treasurer

- 2023 year-end reports reviewed. Checking account balance reduced to \$25k after transferring remaining amount to the Gift Trust Fund. Noted that net combined accounts value at year-end was \$246k.

Financial Secretary

- End of year giving statements were sent electronically by e-mail.

Board of Elders

- The Peter Plan is being utilized with calls & letters. It is being well received.

New Business

- Discussion regarding formation of a Hymnal Committee to evaluate the new hymnal.
- Nominations for the vacant council position were called for three times. Craig Croninger accepted nominations for the vacant position.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2024

Pastor's Report

- Choir will be singing for Good Friday & Easter Sunday services.
- Catechism class is studying the Apostles Creed.

Committee Reports

- Women of WELS (WOW) for a secretary.

Maintenance Committee

- Spring clean-up/Arbor Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 5.
- Cemetery clean-up will be scheduled in the spring.

Old Business

- Ken Levake will continue taking care of the church website.

Spring Ahead!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

MARCH 10 2:00am

Spring begins on March 19

March 1

Sunrise 6:28am / Sunset 5:43pm

March 31

Sunrise 6:36am / Sunset 7:18pm

Pastor's Corner —

Worship

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14th. Our sermon series is called "God on Trial." This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before humankind in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth. There will not be a rotation of pastors this year due to the vacancies at Peace in Wilmot and Faith in Antioch.

A worship Committee is being formed to closely examine the new Christian Worship hymnal so they can make a well-informed recommendation for the congregation. If you would like to help serve on this committee, please let me know.

Adult Bible Study

We are currently working through John's Revelation, chapter by chapter, in our Bible study group. It is a chance for us to discuss and better understand the confusing imagery of these visions. Ultimately, we take comfort in seeing God seated on his throne and ruling over all things with wisdom and love.

Catechism Classes

We are wrapping up our study of the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed. This Article, along with Luther's explanation, paints a clear picture of God as our Creator and Preserver. Give thanks to the Lord because he so graciously and generously provides for our daily needs.

Adult Choir

Our choir season will resume Feb. 17th and continue until Easter. We will practice two pieces which we will sing for Holy Week. (Good Friday and Easter) Practices take place every Saturday from 5-5:45. (Before Saturday evening worship) Even if you won't be here for Easter this year, I would like to invite you to come and go as you are able. This is a great fellowship opportunity around an activity so many of us enjoy.

Council Meeting Devotion - February

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5 EHV)

The Greek word which is translated as comfort in these verses has a few different "flavors" of meaning. It can depict a certain peace of mind that comes from knowing you are handling things the right way. Words of assurance from a trusted counselor or encourager often provide great comfort. This word can express the image of a parent or teacher admonishing and correcting children. Their words implore you to change, to do better. It is a comfort knowing someone cares so much about you that they don't want to see you heading down the wrong path in life. And, of course, this word can convey the comfort you receive when someone cheers you up when you are feeling down. They tackle the burdens of life with you...side by side.

This same Greek word was used by Jesus to describe the work of the Holy Spirit. As part of his final words of encouragement to his disciples before he was arrested and crucified, Jesus said, "I have told you these things while staying with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you." (John 14:25-26) Paul's words of thanksgiving reflect that very same promise Jesus gave to his disciples. **The Father of compassion and the God of all comfort** will be there to comfort us during times of trouble and distress.

When we suffer because of the name of Christ, we find some comfort in the company we have; apostles and martyrs who received similar treatment for the sake of the gospel. If we suffer for the sake of Christ, let it be because we are walking with our Savior. With him by our side, we will have the strength to keep going. His word will continue to admonish and urge us along the way we should go. Listen to his loving guidance. In every grief or pain, turn to your Counselor and he will comfort you. Indeed, we have an amazing friend in Jesus. Don't struggle alone. Carry your concerns to him in prayer and your Counselor will give you comfort.

The value of the comfort we receive is doubled when we, in turn, bring comfort to others. God **comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.** When you regularly gather for worship, you provide comfort and reassurance to your brothers and sisters in Christ. Your life experiences can be a powerful tool to help other avoid temptation or to guide them along paths of righteousness. When they are tempted, they may recall your words and actions, which say, "This is the way. Walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21) Perhaps you can better empathize with someone because of your own personal struggles. Perhaps you will know what to say in order to comfort and cheer their sunken hearts. **For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.**

- Pastor Justin Pomije

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:15am -SS & Bible Study	4	5	6	7	8	9 5-5:45pm- Choir Practice 6pm- WORSHIP
10 9am- WORSHIP 10:15am -SS & Bible Study	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:15am -SS & Bible Study 3- 5pm BOWLING	18 7pm WOW Meeting	19 7pm Catechism	20 5:45pm dinner & 7pm WORSHIP	21 6:30pm Council Meeting	22	23 5-5:45pm- Choir Practice 6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion
24 9am- WORSHIP 10:15am -SS & Bible Study	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
EASTER SUNDAY 7am & 9:30am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 8am- Easter Brunch				Maundy Thursday 7pm WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion	Good Friday 7pm WORSHIP	5-5:45pm- Choir Practice Easter Vigil 6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion