

SERVING IN APRIL!

Elder: Larry Boyer

Altar Guild: Pastor & Stacy Picard

LWML: Donna Schrader, Katie Snow

Ushers: Sat. – Neil Willoughby

Sun. – Steve Boles, Randy Myers



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR APRIL

April 5: Lary & Kathy Willoughby in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary on April 2

April 12: Randy & Denise Emal in honor of their granddaughter Hattie Mecham's 7th birthday on April 16

April 19: Scherry Robuck

April 26: Karen Willemsen in loving memory of her mother, Edna Baumgarten (4/21/1924 – 12/1/2016)

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE!

Our next blood drive will be held on Monday, May 4 from 2:00-6:30pm. You are eligible if you last donated on or before March 9, are at least 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in general good health. Sign-up sheets are posted – please sign up today and share the gift of life!



Special Dates for April 2026

- Holy Week Continues, March 29-April 5
- Maundy Thursday, April 2
- Good Friday, April 3
- Easter Sunday, April 5
- Earth Day, April 22
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 22

A Hymn Mix-Up with a Message

C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn't have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled "Just As I Am, Without a Clue."

Whether it's "without a clue" or "without a plea," the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.





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| 1) | Brian Hammann | 18) | Deb Haselhuhn |
| 3) | Steve Boles | 19) | Scherry Robuck |
| | Hannah Harvey | 21) | Taryn Peffers |
| 6) | Luke Adreon | | April Verwers |
| | Dave Smith | 22) | Jennie Just-Lightfoot |
| 8) | Nancy Smith | 24) | James Devin |
| 12) | Justin Devin | 27) | Anne Hlavacek |
| 14) | Rodger Dop | | Brooklynn Lundeen |
| 15) | Gary Langebartels | | Nettie Mahrt |
| 16) | Hattie Mecham | 29) | Cora Kingery |

April Anniversaries

- 2) *Lary & Kathy Willoughby '77*
24) *Rory & Jen Worthington '82*



Christian symbol: PEACOCK



The beautiful peacock is likely one of the lesser-known Christian symbols. Based on an ancient myth that its flesh doesn't decay after death, early Christians appropriated the bird as a symbol of immortality. The molting of its tail feathers each year to be replaced with supposedly more beautiful ones led to use of the peacock as a sign of resurrection and glorification.

Additionally, the eye-like pattern in the peacock's tail feathers made it a symbol of conscience and of God, who sees all. However, the peacock also represents arrogance as it struts to show off its plumage. During the Baroque period, the peacock was often part of artwork at the 10th Station of the Cross, depicting Jesus stripped of his clothing — atoning, according to some teachings, specifically for our sin of vanity.

Early Christians believed peacocks shriek when they catch sight of their feet, which they consider ugly. Christians took this as a reminder that we, too, should lament our spiritual imperfections that detract from the beauty of life lived in Christ.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday worship service, with Holy Communion.

Friday, April 3, 7:00pm: Good Friday worship service. Trinity Choir will practice at 5:45pm.

Saturday, April 4, 8:00pm: Easter Vigil service.

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service, with Holy Communion and special music by Trinity Choir

8:00am – Easter breakfast by Trinity's Elders

9:00am – Children's Easter Egg Hunt

9:30am – Easter Service, with Holy Communion and special music by Trinity Choir



APRIL MEETINGS

Trinity Altar Guild will meet Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00am, with hosts Pastor & Stacy Picard. Pastor will continue our study of Luther's Small Catechism. New members are always welcome!

Trinity LWML will meet on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00pm, with hostesses Donna Schrader & Katie Snow. Lauren Gangel will present the program. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend!

Trinity's Elders will meet on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00pm.

Trinity's Quarterly Voters meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, April 26. All Trinity members age 18 & over have voting privileges and are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on April 8 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. Please join us!

Pella Bible Study will be held at 10:30am on April 13 & 27 at 1108 Washington Street. Everyone is welcome!

*"In the spring, I have counted 136 different
kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."
-Mark Twain*

OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE

2026 weekly budget amount:	\$4,920.40
February 28/March 1:	\$ 8,325.00
March 7 & 8:	\$ 3,917.00
March 14 & 15:	\$ 2,271.00
March 21 & 22:	\$ 4,139.00
Offerings via Zeffy:	\$ 700.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 20.00
Lent:	\$ 2,283.00
TOTAL:	\$21,655.00



4-week budget amount: \$ 19,681.60
Budget overage this month \$1,973.40
Budget shortfall year-to-date \$1,601.80
Non-Budget: Donation to Youth Group \$400.00



ONLINE GIVING WITH ZEFFY

Zeffy is a secure online giving option for those who prefer to give electronically. Online giving is optional – traditional envelope and check giving will continue as usual. To give online with Zeffy:

1. Open the giving page. Scan the QR Code, or visit: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/weekly-offering-3>
2. Enter the amount.
3. Enter your contact information. This ensures your gift is credited correctly.
4. Select the fund. Choose one fund (Sunday Offering, Mowing, etc.).
5. Review the Zeffy support option. Zeffy does not charge the church fees. You may choose to add a contribution to support Zeffy (this is optional). Change to \$0 as a donation to Zeffy if not giving to support Zeffy.
6. Complete your donation using the payment options provided.
7. You will receive a confirmation email for your records.

For questions about online giving, designations, or records, contact the church office or Financial Secretary Lauren Gangel.

THIS & THAT

A FOUR-WEEK bereavement group will start on Sunday, April 12. This will be held in the west-wing classroom during the Sunday school hour. Please let Kim Pickett know if you're interested in attending.

IF THERE ARE ANY graduates in the congregation this year – high school or college – please let us know in the church office.

TRINITY'S QUARTERLY Voters meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, April 26. All Trinity members age 18 & over have voting privileges and are encouraged to attend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! We are in need of volunteers to help with the Sunday livestream of our services. Volunteers will be trained. If interested, please contact Henry Picard or Julian Bacon.

LUTHERAN WITNESS: New and renewal subscriptions are now due. The cost is \$23.50/yr (\$1.95/issue). Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, note that it is for Lutheran Witness and place it in the offering plate no later than April 26. Thank you.

TRINITY CHOIR rehearses each Wednesday at 5:00pm. New voices are needed & welcome!

MORE VOLUNTEERS are needed to clean portions of the church each week. A sign-up sheet is posted. Thank you!

IN CASE OF cancellations due to any reason, please sign up for text notifications. Simply text Tlctext to 84483. There is no charge.

STREAMING OF the 10:30am Sunday morning Divine Service begins at 10:25am. You can watch on our website ~ trinityknoxville.org; follow the link on the church's Facebook page; or on our YouTube channel.

ON THE FIRST Sunday of each month, drop your spare change into the large LWML Mite Box on the piano. Thank you!

COOKING FOR A CAUSE, First United Methodist Church's free sit-down meal, is held the first and last Wednesdays of each month, serving from 5:00-6:30pm. Upcoming menus: April 1 – chili, cornbread, drink; April 29 – chicken tetrazzini, lettuce salad, rolls, cookie, drink.

WITH OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

WITH OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS: We remember in our prayers: Mothers bearing children; the well-being of homes & families; military families; Brian Perkins, Dave Thomas, Pete Hansaker, Bob Caswell, Marylou Nolte, Doyle Schrader, Mary Meyer, Marlene Waddle, Brennon Nolte, Makayla Bell, Dottie Solberg, Jane Caswell, Rodger Dop, Diane Jensen, Lois Mick, Richard Lienemann, Karen Schwanebeck, David Kline, Bryson & Willow Lefler, Ted Snow, David Stephens, and Camden Underwood. *Please keep us updated!*

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to Cherie Wauters at the death of her husband, Ron Wauters, who passed away on Friday, March 13 at the age of 77. His funeral was held at Trinity on Saturday, March 21.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY is also extended to Larry Boyer on the death of his wife, Sue Boyer, who passed away on Thursday, March 13 at the age of 79. Her funeral will be held at Trinity on Wednesday, April 1.

RECENT TRANSFERS: Jon & Marianne Kreutner transferred to Trinity from Trinity Lutheran Church in Vinton, Iowa. Warren & Sandy Winkel have been regularly attending Trinity since 2001, and recently officially transferred their membership to Trinity from The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom, Minnesota. Welcome to all!

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS: Please make these updates in your 2026 church yearbook: James Bacon, 306 N. 2nd St.; Justis Bacon, 1210 N. 9th St. #36, Indianola, IA 50125; Duane Weilnau, 641-891-4509.

THANK YOU to the women of Trinity who helped with the baby blanket project, funded by Thrivent Action Teams and headed up by Dawn Meyer. On February 26, Jan Ebert & Cindy Todd delivered 6 blankets to Birthright in loving memory of Linda Haselhuhn, who was a dedicated Birthright volunteer. Dawn Meyer, Carolyn Greatbatch and Peggy Wagner delivered 24 baby blankets to the OB department at Pella Regional Hospital on February 27. Special thanks to those who cut, edged, rolled, tied & tagged the blankets. This was truly a labor of love for babies and mothers.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to be a part of Trinity's Prayer Chain please contact the church office and you will be added to the list. You can get more information about the prayer chain in the church yearbook.

God formed us; sin deformed us; Christ transforms us.

TRINITY LUTHERAN ALTAR GUILD

Trinity Altar Guild met at 10am on Tuesday, March 10, with 10 members present (Pastor, Deb, Katie, Dave, Pat, Joyce, LouAnn, Peggy, Jennie and Cindy). Pastor opened with prayer. Yummy green refreshments were provided by our hostesses Deb & Katie. Pastor Picard presented the program on the Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean to you? As Lutherans, we were taught to go to church and keep the Sabbath holy. The Jewish were taught to keep the whole day holy – do no work, as was once the practice in Pella. The spirit of this commandment should be to quit being in a hurry. We have plenty of time – take your time to get things done.

Business Meeting: Chairman Deb called the business meeting to order. Pat read the minutes of the February meeting which were approved. Katie gave the treasurer's report. We made \$681 on the ham & bean lunch. She has paid Candi's. Our balance is \$2,085.83.

Old Business: Deb reviewed the ham & bean menu and will make some adjustments for next year: make double (not triple) batch of mulligatawny soup, reduce amount of cornbread, only one batch of rolls, reduce number of pies, get ½ gallon of milk instead of a gallon, reduce relishes, be more specific on cans/jars of olives, etc. It was very helpful to receive \$250 Thrivent Action Team money.

New Business: Deb sent a thank you to Sandy Winkel for making six new banner bags. * We will host a baked potato bar supper at the last Lenten meal on March 25. Members signed up for salads & desserts.

Closing: Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00am, with hosts Pastor & Stacy. Pastor will continue our study of Luther's Small Catechism. Deb closed the meeting by reading a poem written by Peggy White.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Jenkins, Secretary



Christian symbol

LATIN CROSS — The Latin cross is the simplest and most common form of the Christian cross, possibly dating from the second or third century. Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians typically display a crucifix — an image of Jesus hanging on the cross — to remember his death for the sake of the world. Protestant churches often favor the empty cross, commemorating Jesus' resurrection.

TRINITY LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Trinity LWML met on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00pm in the west classroom, prior to the Lenten service. Seven members were present. There was no program.

Business Meeting: President LouAnn called the meeting to order. Cindy read the minutes of the February meeting and they were approved. Cindy gave the treasurer's report: she deposited mites, dues & birthdays, plus \$86.00 for the Ash Wednesday soup supper. She paid \$252.43 for mites. Our current balance is \$1,416.51.

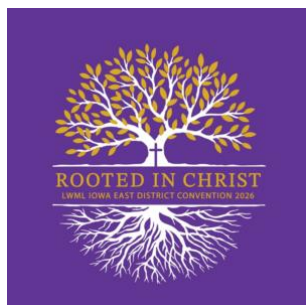
Cards: Peggy sent out 6 thinking of you cards, 2 get-well cards and 2 sympathy cards.

Old Business: The Ash Wednesday soup supper went well – thank you to all who helped. * The District Convention will be held June 12-13 in Iowa City. Registration is \$148. Hotel is \$99 plus taxes. Registration is online only.

New Business: The speaker at the Spring Zone Rally at St. Paul, Lacona on Saturday, April 11 will be a Zoom presentation from Phil's Friends. The rally will conclude with a noon lunch. * LouAnn gave the 2025 Lutheran World Relief report. * The Marshalltown Zone needs a new vice-president, which will be voted on at the fall rally. * Jan Ebert & Cindy Todd delivered 6 baby blankets to Birthright in loving memory of Linda Haselhuhn. Carolyn Greatbatch, Peggy Wagner and Dawn Meyer delivered 24 baby blankets to the OB Department of the Pella Hospital.

Next Meeting and Closing: Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00pm, with hostesses Donna & Katie. Lauren will have the program. The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm with all members joining in the LWML Mite Box Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Todd, for Lauren Gangel



YOU DON'T NEED A GREEN THUMB to cultivate strong roots of faith. You need Christ, your sure foundation. Cultivate your roots of faith and attend the 2026 Iowa East District Convention, June 12-13 at The Graduate Hotel in Iowa City. The theme for the weekend event is "Rooted in Christ," based on Colossians 2:6-7. Join your LWML sisters and feed your roots with fellowship, Bible study, inspirational speakers, servant events and more. For details and to register online only, visit the IED convention website at <https://lwml-ied.org/2026-iowa-east-district-convention>.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

"The Lutheran Hour" can be heard on radio station WHO, am1040, each Sunday morning at 7:30am. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler will present several of the messages in April.

April 5: "You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone" 1 Corinthians 15:26
Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become life's servant.

April 12: "Early Adopters" 1 Corinthians 15:20
The risen Jesus is the "display model" of what we will be, through faith in Him.

April 19: "Not in Vain" 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain.

