

# SERVING IN MAY!

Elder: Dalton Bredehoeft  
 Altar Guild: Denise Emal, Pat Jenkins  
 LWML: Carolyn Greatbatch, Peggy Wagner  
 Ushers: Sat. – Ray Jenkins  
 Sun. – Brody Adreon, Matt Willoughby



## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY

May 3: Toby & Brittany VandeKamp in honor of the 8<sup>th</sup> birthday of their daughter Evelyn on May 9  
 May 10: Billy & Jessica Bacon in honor of the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday of their daughter Naomi on May 11  
 May 17: Luke & Jessica Adreon in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of their daughter Leah on May 15  
 May 24: Billy & Jessica Bacon in loving memory of Susan Bacon (May 23, 1947 – September 15, 2025)  
 May 31: Roger & Cindy Todd in loving memory of Howard & LaVonne Hamler (married May 29, 1949)

## FAREWELL LUNCHEON

A farewell potluck luncheon is planned to be held following Pastor Picard's last service here on Sunday, May 31. The worship service will begin at 9:30am, followed by a short program, and the meal beginning around 11:00am. All Trinity members – past & present – are encouraged to attend as we bid farewell to Pastor & Stacy after over 23½ years of faithful service to Trinity. (Anyone who would like to say a few words during the program following the service, please speak to Lary Willoughby or contact the church office.)



*The best portion of a man's life is little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love. ~ Wadsworth*

### May Birthdays

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| 3) Ledger Willoughby | 19) Wendy Peffers     |
| 7) Sierra Harvey     | Pastor Picard         |
| 8) Pat Jenkins       | 20) Matt Willoughby   |
| 9) Evelyn VandeKamp  | 24) Dave Thomas       |
| 11) Naomi Bacon      | 27) Wesley Bredehoeft |
| Kyler Willoughby     | 28) Doyle Schrader    |
| 13) Mary Meyer       | 29) Kaydance Clark    |
| 15) Leah Adreon      | 31) Isaiah Picard     |
| 17) Aisley Muniz     |                       |



### May Anniversaries

28) Dalton & Carly Bredehoeft '16





## **ADULT SOCIAL**

The Adult Social for May will be held at Houston's on Main in downtown Milo on Sunday, May 17 at approximately 12:30pm. Anyone wishing to carpool should meet in the west hallway following the morning worship service. A sign-up sheet is posted so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect. Please join us for a time of fun, food & fellowship with our Trinity family!

## **THIS & THAT**

**AT THIS WRITING**, the Elders are still working on arrangements for a vacancy pastor. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

**A REMINDER** that our Sunday morning worship service time will change to 9:30am on May 24. Saturday services will remain at 6:00pm. (Service times may change – watch for updates!)

**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.

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

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

**STREAMING OF** the Sunday morning Divine Service can be viewed on our website ~ [trinityknoxville.org](http://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: May 6 – ham, glazed carrots, potato salad. May 27 – savory breakfast casserole, mixed fruit, cinnamon rolls.



### **Grateful for Those Who Gave All**

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MAY HAPPENINGS

**Blood Drive:** Monday, May 4 from 2:00-6:30pm.

**Pella Bible Study** will meet on 4 & 18 at 10:30am at 1108 Washington Street. Everyone is welcome!



**Mid-week Bible Study** will resume Wednesday mornings in May at 10:00am. All are welcome as we study the lessons for the upcoming weekend.

**Trinity Altar Guild** will meet on Thursday, May 5 at 10:00am with hostesses Denise Emal & Pat Jenkins. Pastor Picard will conclude our study of the Small Catechism. New members are needed and welcome to join us!

**Trinity LWML** will meet at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 13, with hostesses Carolyn Greatbatch & Peggy Wagner. LouAnn Perkins will have the program. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to join the LWML!

**Trinity's Elders** will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00pm.

**Trinity Choir** will meet May 13 & 20 at 5:00pm. New voices welcome!

**Trinity's Adult Social** will be held on Sunday, May 17 at Houston's on Main in downtown Milo at approximately 12:30pm. Join your Trinity family for food, fun & fellowship!

**Memorial Day Weekend:** Sunday morning service time changes to 9:30 for the summer on May 24.

**Farewell Potluck Lunch** for Pastor & Stacy on Sunday, May 31, 11:00am.

### Special Dates for May 2026

- National Day of Prayer, *May 7*
- Mother's Day, *May 10*
- Ascension of the Lord, *May 14*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16*
- Victoria Day [Canada], *May 18*
- Day of Pentecost, *May 24*
- Memorial Day, *May 25*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 31*



### Christian symbol: CEDAR TREE —

A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.



*Lives rooted in God are never uprooted.*

## 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; Tammy Mahrt, who will undergo knee replacement surgery on April 30; Krissy Wagner (daughter-in-law of Mike & Peggy Wagner), Brian Perkins, Doyle Schrader, Jean Willoughby, Dave Thomas, Pete Hansaker, Bob Caswell, Marylou Nolte, Mary Meyer, Marlene Waddle, Brennon Nolte, Makayla Bell, Jane Caswell, Rodger Dop, Diane Jensen, Lois Mick, Richard Lienemann, Karen Schwanebeck, David Kline, Bryson & Willow Lefler, Ted Snow, David Stephens, and Camden Underwood.

**ELIJAH DEAN HASELHUHN**, son of Nick & Jaime Haselhuhn, became a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, March 28. His baptismal sponsors are Scott & Lauren Gangel. Elijah, who was born on February 2, is the grandson of Paul & Deb Haselhuhn.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Billy & Jessica Bacon on the birth of their first grandchild! Lila Jo McKay was born on Wednesday, April 8 to Mason & Olivia McKay of Fallbrook, California. Lila weighed 9 lb. and was 21” long. James Bacon is Lila’s proud great-grandfather.

**CORA ELAINE KINGERY**, daughter of Caleb & Tiffany Kingery, became a child of God through Holy Baptism on Saturday, April 11. Her baptismal sponsor is Hanna Rosenkranz. Cora, who was born April 29, 2025, is the great-granddaughter of Jennie Just-Lightfoot.

**KARSTEN EDWARD ROBY**, son of Jerry & Christina Roby, received the Rite of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 4. Karsten’s Memory Verse is Matthew 28:20b.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** – Thank you for the baby blanket we received for the birth of our son, Marshall Patrick Tuttle! It was such a sweet surprise on top of an already special day. We are thankful for your prayers for our growing family and your celebration of life! Thank you!

*Delanie, Dylan, Walker (21 months), Marshall (born 3-19-26)*

(Interesting note: Dylan is the grandson of the late Herb & Marilyn Krause)

**IT IS WITH MIXED FEELINGS** that I will be moving from Knoxville; therefore, our church. I have enjoyed my many years here and I was thankful when Leora invited me to this church when I first moved to town. Pastor Hodges was my first pastor who later baptized me into the Lutheran family. Thank you to those of you who sent Mom cards. She sure enjoys them and recently turned 103! Thanks also for your support in good/bad times. Sadly, I must say goodbye, and hello to Waverly, IA. It’s exciting to move but sad, too, to leave friends. ~ *Jan Solberg*



**THANK YOU** for the cards, visits, and prayers. Recovery is slower, because of stay in hospital, but I am walking better every day. ~ *David Thomas*

**NEED HELP** cleaning, making meals, errands, other small jobs? PM me at 319-899-4916. \$\$ depending on job. ~ *Deb Faas*

## OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE

2026 weekly budget amount:	\$4,920.40
March 28 & 29:	\$ 4,477.00
April 5:	\$ 6,304.00
April 11 & 12:	\$ 4,965.00
April 18 & 19:	\$ 3,621.00
Offerings via Zeffy:	\$ 500.00
Church Use:	\$ 50.00
Lawn Mowing:	\$ 350.00
Lent:	\$ 130.00
Maundy Thursday:	\$ 817.00
Good Friday:	\$ 617.00
TOTAL:	\$21,831.00



4-week budget amount: \$ 19,681.60  
Budget overage this month \$2,149.40  
Budget overage year-to-date \$547.60  
Non-Budget: Donation to Youth Group \$200.00  
Ron Wauters Memorial \$70.00  
Sue Boyer Memorial \$2,125.00

### 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.



### The Taste of Our Words

I try to watch the words I say,  
And keep them soft and sweet;  
For I don't know from day to day,  
Which ones I'll have to eat.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN ALTAR GUILD

Trinity Altar Guild met at 10am on Tuesday, April 7, with 8 members present (Pastor, Deb, Pat, Joyce, LouAnn, Peggy, Jennie and Cindy).

**Closing:** Deb read a poem written by Peggy White. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00am, with hostesses Pat & Denise. Pastor will conclude our study of the Ten Commandments in Luther's Small Catechism.

**New Business:** We ordered six new compote dishes for use in the kitchen. \* A 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house for Mike & Donna Harvey (Thelma Buntenbach's daughter), who live in Shenandoah, will be held at Trinity in September, as Knoxville is a more central location for this celebration. We will help out as needed.

**Old Business:** Thank you to everyone who helped with the potato bar supper during Lent. We made over \$100, which was used to purchase kitchen supplies. \* Thank you to those members who helped strip the altar on Maundy Thursday.

**Business Meeting:** Deb read the treasurer's report from Katie: she paid for flowers. Our balance is \$1,981.59. Pat read the minutes of the March meeting, which were approved.

**Bible Study:** Pastor gave the study from the Small Catechism on the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment – Honor your father and mother. It is such a unique relationship between parents & children. There comes a time when kids want more freedom and parents want them to be more responsible. Within the family there is a "hierarchy" of order. What does the word "honor" actually mean? Not to bow down and worship, but respect and do what is good for them. Sometimes the kids don't sever the ties they have with parents and become responsible adults. It is more about God telling the kids what is good for them.

**Refreshments:** Pastor said a prayer for the peach cobbler that was in the oven as we held the meeting in reverse. Delicious peach cobbler was served by hosts Pastor & Stacy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Jenkins, Secretary

## TRINITY LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Trinity LWML met on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00pm, with 9 members in attendance. Hostesses Donna Schrader & Katie Snow provided refreshments. Lauren Gangel gave the program titled "ICYMI" (in case you missed it), which featured several acronyms.

**Business Meeting:** President LouAnn called the meeting to order. Lauren read the minutes of the March meeting and they were approved. Cindy gave the treasurer's report: she has deposits for mites as well as donations for the funeral lunches of Ron Wauters and Sue Boyer. She has paid the Fareway bill for the funeral lunches. Our current balance is \$1,974.86, of which \$91.90 will be sent in for mites. Peggy presented a bill for postage of \$62.40. LouAnn needs \$300 for LWR shipping.

**Cards:** Peggy sent out 9 thinking of you cards and 2 sympathy cards.

**Old Business:** The Zone Rally will be this Saturday at St. Paul, Lacona. Registration begins at 9:00, with the meeting starting at 9:30. The program will be by "Phil's Friends." The day will end with lunch. \* The LWML district convention will be June 12-13 in Iowa City. We will pay the \$148 registration fee for LouAnn, our delegate. Peggy Wagner will be attending as the Marshalltown Zone vice-president, as President Tammi Christensen will be awaiting the birth of her grandchild.

**New Business:** Pastor Picard's last day will be May 31. We will plan a potluck sometime in May. \* The Lutheran World Relief pick-up will be on April 18. \* The next blood drive will be Monday, May 4. The rummage sale is tentatively scheduled for August 7 & 8. We will check with Kathy to see if that date works for her.

**Next Meeting and Closing:** Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00pm, with hostesses Carolyn Greatbatch & Peggy Wagner. LouAnn will have the program. LouAnn closed the meeting by reading "New Growing Season."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lauren Gangel, Secretary

## 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 four of the messages in May.



### May 3: "Planning is Everything" Psalm 146:3-4

Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise.

### May 10: "The King Who Reigns" Luke 24:36-53

#### Guest Speaker: Dr. Jason Broge

If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good.

### May 17: "Don't Despise Small Beginnings" Acts 1:14

Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound.

### May 24: "Misery Loves Company" Acts 2:38

It's often said, "Misery loves company." Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy.

### May 31: "A Friendly Recommendation" Genesis 1:26

What happens when you find out that acquiring everything you've ever wanted... still isn't enough?

## An A-Plus Answer

Twelve-year-old Daniel was doing his best to test the patience of his mother, the Rev. Ann Lewis. He pushed back on every request, and the tension in the room kept rising as he refused to cooperate.

Finally, his mother reached her limit. Looking at him firmly, she said, "Daniel, you have tested me to my limits."

Without missing a beat, Daniel grinned and replied, "Yes! And you get an A-plus!"

*"My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it." ~ Mark Twain*

## Everyday Wisdom for the Journey

A real friend is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out.

—Walter Winchell

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The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.

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The secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered that I was not God.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

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Doing the tough things today prepares us for the big things tomorrow.

—Zig Ziglar

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Don't keep God in a box; include him at the table.

—Focus on the Family

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Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.

## **An Unusual Answer to a Mother's Prayer**

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, felt her “worry button” get pushed when her daughter, Esther, called from college with an unexpected plan. Esther explained she wanted to go camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. She needed quiet time to think and asked her mother for Bible verses to read as she prayed about her future.



Linda knew Esther felt strongly about going, even if it made her uneasy. After the call ended, Linda dropped to her knees and began what she later called “a dialogue with God.” She closed her prayer with a simple surrender: “I guess you want me on my knees that weekend.”

And that is exactly where she stayed.

The morning after Esther's first night at camp, she called home. She was safe, she said, and no one had come near her tent. All night long, however, a skunk had wandered nearby, circling the campsite.

Later, Linda reflected on the moment with quiet confidence. “There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent,” she wrote, “while the power of prayer, in the form of a black-and-white critter, was circling it.”

*Remember that when you talk, you only report what you already know; but if you listen, you may learn something.*