



Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world.

RUNNING TO EASTER

Ever notice how much running there is in John's Easter morning account? Hold on to your inhalers. This is a breathless text. There's heavy breathing and sweat all over, as everybody is running, even sprinting. And of all places, they're running in a cemetery. No one runs in a cemetery. Ever run through a cemetery? We tend to walk lightly and carefully, often with the weight of grief and memories on our shoulders. Only suspects chased by police officers run through cemeteries. I've seen it on television.

But on Easter morning, there's a track meet at Jesus' tomb. Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty. She runs to find Peter and John. They, in turn, run to the tomb—love how John shares that he got there first, he's fitter and faster, probably a bit younger, but Peter was the first to walk inside. Then back to where they were staying. Think they walked/stopped at Culver's on the way? Not a chance. And at the very end of the account, after Mary saw the risen Lord, we're told that she ***"went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord!'"*** (John 20:18) Think she walked/stopped at Starbucks for a latte? Nope.

By the time all the running stopped and the dust settled, and it was clear that Jesus had risen from the dead, there was – as there is in our hearts – joy and happiness and confidence! This is no "April Fools." The resurrection of Jesus Christ is real!

What a bitter pill for Satan to swallow. He had such high hopes. He was convinced he would prevail. But Satan either overestimated his power or underestimated the power of Almighty God – probably both. To the casual observer, it sure didn't look that way on Good Friday. God's Son died, giving up his life in a torturous, painful death. But on Easter morning... Surprise, Satan! You lose!

And thanks to Jesus, we win! Sins forgiven. Death defeated. Hope restored, Eternal life assured. For you. This was not a surprise. This was God's plan, God's pure grace. For you!

Easter is a day of good news, the greatest news. But – surprise – it's also bad news. How's that?

- This is bad news for all the pessimists out there: Christ is risen.
- This is bad news for all the diehard atheists out there; Christ is risen.
- This is bad news for Satan, and death, and all the powers of hell: Christ is risen.
- This is bad news for us who think that the world's against us, that things never go our way: Christ is risen.
- This is bad news for despair addicts and anxiety junkies: Christ is risen.
- This is bad news for those who think God doesn't care: Christ is risen

He cares, he lives, he sustains, he sees us through all of life and death to eternal life. The same for our loved ones too, who are already with Jesus by grace.

We don't do a lot of running today on Easter, certainly not as much as was done on the first Easter. People walk into church, grab a bulletin, talk a bit and calmly sit down. Sometimes children are running and parents run after the running children. But adults don't run into the building, don't run toward Easter. So calm, so proper, so, well, Lutheran.

In fact, it isn't consider good Lutheran etiquette to run anywhere near or in a church service. Which is why the children's messages make us nervous sometimes. Outside, we're calm; but inside, may your heart be racing and faith soaring! Jesus lives!

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Corinthians 15:57)

He lives!

Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

PRAYERS

Please keep the following members and friends of Trinity in your prayers and your words of encouragement to them:



Helen Anderson
Wendi Bennett
Tom Driscoll
Carolyn Johnson
Nancy Kreamsreiter
Jan Krueger
Family of Laura Lee
Sheila Lemke
Harvey Sadler
Peggy Schuenemann
Collette Skon
Brandon Trapp
Bob Tupper

If you would like to be included on this prayer list in future newsletters please contact the church office.

OTHER AREA SERVICES

Zion, Rhinelander
Services on WCYE 93.7 FM
at 9:00 am

Christ, Eagle River
Services on WERL 950 AM
at 10:00 am

Time of Grace—Sundays
WSAW Wausau 6:30 am
FYI Network 6:30 am
Cowboy Channel 8:00 am
American Forces Network
10:00 am

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Sundays at 9:00 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm

Online at
www.trinityminocqua.org
or our YouTube channel



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Left to ourselves, we are spiritually poor and barren. Through the poverty and suffering of your only Son and the sanctifying operation of your Holy Spirit, you make us rich in spirit and fruitful in life. As you continually give us power to get wealth, so give us the wisdom and generosity to give a good portion of your gifts back to you. Make us and all members of our congregation good stewards of our earthly treasure that we and many others may enjoy your heavenly treasures. Give us a healthy national economy that we may labor and have the wherewithal to give to you willingly, cheerfully and regularly. Lift our eyes to the fields white already to the harvest and fill our hearts with love to send reapers to the uttermost parts of the earth. Let your blessing rest on us and all our efforts for you, for without you we can do nothing. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The Easter season will find us working through the theme: *“Resurrection Reality”*

- April 7/8 = **Resurrection Reality: The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace**
Sermon Text: 1 John 1:1-4 Sermon Theme: “Proof of Life”
- April 14/15 = **Resurrection Reality: We Have a Meaningful Message to Share**
Sermon Text: Acts 3:12-20 Sermon Theme: “This is the Theme of a Christian’s Life”
- April 21/22 = **Resurrection Reality: The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding**
Sermon Text: John 10:11-18 Sermon Theme: “Counting Sheep: The Good Shepherd at Work”
- April 28/29 = **Resurrection Reality: The Living Lord Produces Active Faith**
Sermon Text: 1 John 3:18-24 Sermon Theme: “Love Without Limits”

Worship Online: Sunday worship is recorded and posted online at our church website. You can also find the worship folder and a printed copy of the sermon there. Printed copies of each week’s sermon can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Find us on *YouTube*® by searching the handle *@trinityminocqua*. Please subscribe and share! **We’re streaming our Sunday services live!**

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Bible study opportunities:

- **Wednesday “Lunch Break” Bible study** (Wednesday, 12-15 – 1:15 p.m.) New topic begins April 3rd – “The Book of Judges: God’s Grace in the Midst of Disorder”
- **Pastor’s “Wednesday Encouragement” blog**, continues to be found on Trinity’s Facebook page and on our church website. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- **Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School)** – Sunday School is for children PreK3 through 4th grade. Adult Bible Study begins a new topic on April 7th – “Christ: He Is My Lord.” This Bible study course uses Old and New Testament Scriptures to detail the person of Christ (true God and true man), the humiliation and exaltation of Christ (Prophet, Priest and King) and the work of Christ (redemption). Expect a doctrinal deep dive with plenty of opportunity for discussion and application.

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Follow us on Instagram ([trinitylutheranminocqua](https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranminocqua))

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(Trinity Minocqua)



- **High School Teen Group** – April Meeting set for Wednesday, April 3rd from 6:15-8:00 p.m. Expect dinner, devotion, and diversion (games)! 
- **Spring Speaker Event** – Wednesday, April 10th, from 5:15-7:00 p.m. Expect devotion, dinner, and a presentation by the Oneida County Sheriff's Department entitled, "Drug Trends and Identification." Look for registration information in the fellowship hall.
- **Trinity Book Club meets Tuesday, April 16th, from 12-1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing the book, "Angels of the Pacific" by Elise Hooper. 
- **Fellowship Friends Gathering** will meet again on Tuesday, April 23.
- **Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We're putting content on the page several days each week. December saw plenty of extra content posted due to extra events at both church and school. The Wednesday blog post can be accessed in three ways (church website, Facebook, email from church office). You can follow our "Where's Marty?" campaign on Facebook and on Instagram at... trinitylutheranminocqua.

Upcoming LWMS and WELS Women's Ministry Events

The Northwoods Chapter of LWMS will hold their **Spring Rally on Saturday, April 27**. The meeting will take place at Zion Lutheran Church in Mercer. The even will begin around 8:30 am and conclude with lunch. If you would like to attend and carpool, look for a sign up sheet to do so on the table n the next couple weeks.



We encourage you to check out the table in the fellowship hall that has information on the upcoming **LWMS National Convention** being held in Sioux Falls, SD at the end of June. Registration information is available as well as a lot of other information pertaining to LWMS. We encourage you to check it out.



Registration is now open for the 2024 **WELS Women's Ministry Conference** on July 28-30, at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI. This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, the key notes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. The foundation of the conference is Luke's account of the spread of the kingdom of God through God's chosen apostles and everyday believers. Learn from these early Christians how you too can be emboldened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the Word!

Registration runs through May 31. Learn more at welswmconference.net.

Flower Chart There are still dates available! If you would like to donate flowers during the year, you can sign up in the binder to the right of the picture window in the welcome center. There is the availability of two bouquets per week. Bouquets are \$30 each and you can take them home after Monday worship. Payments can be made in the box by the binder.

Congratulations to our Trinity Tigers basketball team for finishing in 5th place in their division at the Luther Prep Tournament in early March. We are proud of you!

April begins with a day off. Our students will resume classes on Tuesday, April 2 after a brief Easter break.

A fun event that will take place in April will be our Entertainment Evening. This evening concludes our Spirit Week. Plan to see the students in their musical, "It's Saturday" which will be held in the school gym on Friday, April 26 at 6:00 pm.

Please continue to keep Trinity Lutheran School in your prayers. This is **YOUR SCHOOL**. Please feel free to participate in any of the activities at Trinity.

Upcoming Dates

Trinity Seedlings
Friday, April 5
8:30-9:30 am

Students Sing for Christian Education Sunday
Sunday, April 21

Entertainment Evening
Friday, April 26
6:00 pm

Midweek Chapel
Wednesdays at 8:15 am
April 3, 10, 17, 24

Midweek Chapel: Our midweek chapel services are held on Wednesdays at 8:15 am during the school year. This year, the students will give their chapel offerings to the WELS Campus Ministry.

We invite you to join the students for chapel each week.



Trinity Lutheran Church & School
SPRING SPEAKER EVENT
Wednesday, April 10

We will have a presentation by

**Oneida County
Sheriff's Department**

**“Drug Trends
and Identification”**

There is no cost to attend.

Registration begins at 5:15 pm with Welcome & Devotion, Dinner,
Presentation and Conclusion of Event at 7:00 pm.

Childcare is provided at no cost during the presentation.

Registration forms in fellowship hall—Due by Monday, April 8.



Fellowship Friends

**Tuesday, April 23
1:00-3:00 pm**

This month, we will focus
of gardening in the
Northwoods.

Everyone is invited to join
us for this time
of fun and fellowship!



TRINITY LUTHERAN

**BOOK
CLUB**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

12:00-1:00 pm

We will be
discussing the book,
“Angels of the Pacific”
by Elise Hooper.

Feel free to join us!



Planting Jesus in the Hearts of Toddlers

Next meetings:
April 5 and May 3

For children ages 1-3

8:30-9:30 am - First Friday each
month during the school year

There is no cost to attend.
Children must be accompanied by
a parent or caregiver.

Questions? Call the church office
at 715-356-2255 or contact

Sue Ziebart.