



THE CONTACT

The Monthly Newsletter

April 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2, 6pm	Maundy Thursday
April 3, 6pm	Good Friday
April 5, 9am	Easter Worship
April 12, 9am	Worship
April 19, 6pm	Worship
April 26, 9am	Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA



IT'S BACK Meatball Dinner



TO GO Orders
Cost **\$12.00** *April 19th, 2026*

- 2 lg Meatballs
- Carrots
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Dinner Roll
- Banana Bars

Child Size
\$8.00
1 Meatball

Limited Orders

Please return order form to
Trinity Lutheran Church Office
204 1st St NW, New Richland
507-465-3635
trinluth@hickorytech.net
Order deadline is April 10th.

Meatball Order 2026

Name _____

Quantity _____

Please Circle Pick Up Time: 10:30 11:00 11:30 12:00 12:30 1:00

Total: _____

Please make checks Payable to Trinity Lutheran Church - WELCA

**ARE YOU WONDERING HOW TO
GET INVOLVED WITH OUR
CONGREGATION**

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY
CLEANUP**

**PLEASE JOIN US
SUNDAY APRIL 26TH
AFTER WORSHIP**

**WE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
LEAD THE CLEAN UP**



YOUTH

F.I.S.H.
(Fun in Serving Him)
After School Youth Program
Youth in grades 2-5

The FISH schedule in the coming weeks:
Tues, April 14 Tues, April 21
3:30 – 5:00pm

April Sunday School Schedule

A big thank you to all our Sunday School teachers and helpers!

The upcoming Sunday School schedule is:

Sunday, April 5	No Sunday School
Sunday, April 12	Sunday School
Sunday, April 19	Sunday School
Sunday, April 26	Last Day of Sunday School



Confirmation **Sunday, May 3rd.**

Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.



Com-

pleted Grade K-4

JUNE 23: ART FUN
(PASTOR TRISH WILL TRANSPORT KIDS)
JULY 21: NATURE DISCOVERY
JULY 28: OOY GOOEY

Please join us on

Sunday, May 17, 2026,

Graduation Sunday Worship, where we will celebrate our graduates and give thanks for God's guidance in their lives. As they begin new chapters, we invite you to be part of this special time of blessing and prayer.

Sunday School students that haven't picked up Christmas Ornaments, Please stop in office to get them. They are grouped by families.

ROOTED IN GOD

Vacation Bible School

August
3-6th
6:00-7:30 pm

Educational
& Snacks

Indoor
Outdoor
Activities



Palm Sunday



Aprils Service Project

Let's show Christ's love through simple acts of kindness! We are gathering snacks to bless the NRHEG teachers and paraprofessionals who give so much to our children each day. Individually wrapped snacks and drinks are appreciated. Your generosity is a small gesture that makes a big difference!



Some ideas include:

- * Granola bars
- * Trail mix
- * Coffee Pods
- * Crackers
- * Chips
- * Sweet Treats
- * Bottled water or flavored drinks

Upcoming Dates

- April 2 Maundy Thursday
- April 3 Good Friday
- April 5 Easter
- April 19 Meatball Dinner Pick-up
- April 26 Highway Clean-up
- May 3 Confirmation
- May 17 Graduation Sunday

Thank you for the amazing support of the Area Food Shelf of New Richland. You are making a big difference in the lives of so many in our community. You collected 240 pounds of food!! And with your help we made the goal set by the State Bank of New Richland and will receive \$5000 from them. What gifts you all are to the community!

Gail Batt, Chair

Area Food Shelf of New Richland

In Need of prayer?

Prayer is an important part of Supporting people who are ill or struggling. If you or a family member would like to be on our public prayer list, please contact the Church office. Those we are lifting up in prayer include: Amy Ferber, Gary Oppedal, Jodi Oppedahl, Karl Proehl, Jon Schultz, Brett Shultz

St. Olaf Cemetery

If you ever have any questions about St. Olaf Cemetery – questions about current plots you own or questions about purchasing new plots, please contact Ryan Tucker. He can be reached on his cell phone: 320-309-7924. Please leave a message, if needed, and Ryan will return your call.



We'd love for you to read at our service next Sunday. Would you be willing?

New Richland Ministerial Association
Presents

Conversations Around Dementia

Learn valuable information on key topics of concern
affecting families living with memory loss.

Hosted by:
Trinity Lutheran Church
204 1st St NW, New Richland

TUES: APRIL 28
6:30PM-8PM



Presenter: Dustin Lee
President/CEO



RSVP to Trinity Church by April 26 - 507-465-3635

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Stages of Journey
- Prevention
- Interventions
- Communication
- Support
- When is it Time
- Q & A
- Free Book: Creating Moments of Joy



A joyful reminder to our families: if you have welcomed a new little one into your home, we would love to celebrate the gift of baptism with you! Please contact the church office to schedule your child's baptism. We look forward to sharing in this special milestone with your family.

Trinity Lutheran Quilters

The quilters meet on
Mondays
9:00—11:00 am.
More hands are always
welcome!

DAILY DEVOTIONS

The Daily devotional book for April, May, June is located on the back table as you enter the worship center. Please take one for yourself and for others to help you find prayers to start and end each day, prayers for special occasions, all designed to keep you in daily union with God.

PASTOR TRISH'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Though it may vary week to week, Pastor Trish's schedule will usually be: *Working in New Richland*

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

Working from home ~ Monday Days Off ~ Friday and Saturday

Pastor Trish may be reached seven days a week
calling or texting

507-380-8036 Or email reedstro@gmail.com

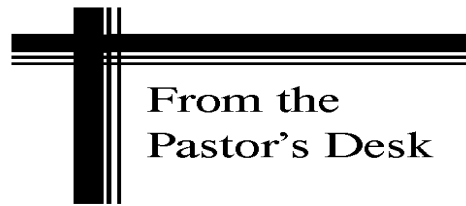
Thrivent members! (anyone owning an in-force insurance policy or other product) Thrivent is a fraternal benefit company. That means they must distribute certain amounts of profits to charitable causes. You, as a member, can help direct those funds to help

Trinity in two ways:

- Choice dollars. These can be simply directed to Trinity. You do this once a year.
- Action teams. You could get up to two \$250 grants per year for projects at Trinity. The grants have been used to purchase items for FISH, quilting, Sunday School, kitchen items and more.

Please contact the church office for ideas and for more information on

- applying. It is a quick and easy way to provide for Trinity at no cost. Thanks!



PASTOR'S NOTE

As we turn the calendar to April, I think there's cause for celebration at Trinity. Want to join me? It begins with Easter Sunday, of course, a day when we will gather for worship and praise and celebration of Christ's victory over death. As I think about the families of Trinity who will likely be gathering for family meals after church, I am also reminded of how our congregation gathers as one large family – one as the body of Christ.

We will be celebrating Easter throughout April – 50 days of celebration! Not only will we have stories of Easter celebration in worship, but our FISH students will also be learning more about Easter during their time together, including a post-resurrection story of Jesus and his disciples. FISH will be wrapping up for the school year in April, so we celebrate another year of gathering, learning and playing together.

On April 19 we will welcome our CRU missionaries, Mallory and Geoffrey Luzuriaga-Loge. You will remember that we voted at our annual meeting in January to provide ongoing support to their ministry, and on the 19th they will be at Trinity to share their story with us. We will also do a free will offering for them on that day.

Then, as we get toward the end of the month, we will celebrate a baptism on April 26 and celebrate Affirmation of Baptism with our 8th graders on May 3. (More on that next month!). But our confirmation students will be wrapping up their learning in April. We had a retreat at Gustavus on that beautiful Saturday in March, and to their credit, they stayed involved and interested in learning about the “five baptismal promises” they will be making, even while the weather outside was sunny and warm. On our last Wednesday together, we will gather with their families and celebrate their learning and transition to confirmed membership. Keep them in your prayers, please!

Your call committee will also be busy in April, and as they meet pastoral candidates and discern a possible match, please keep them in your prayers as well. It's too soon to say that our time together is coming to an end, but there is recognition that, depending on how interviews go, we may soon be having that conversation. It's always bittersweet for me to think about leaving after spending time with you, but more importantly, we can all look forward to a wonderful celebration when it's time to welcome your new pastor!

And finally, SPRING is always worth celebrating. We keep our farmers and others who work the land in prayer as spring work ramps up. Enjoy the signs of spring and new life as it appears all around us. Happy Easter, happy resurrection!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTE

March 11, 2026

Members Present: Kelli VanHal, Valerie Christensen, Bonnie Isder, Jon Meyer, Trudy Berg, Natalie Roeker, Becca Solberg, Pastor Trish Reedstrom, David Chicos, Pam Goehring

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order by Natalie Roeker.

Open Forum - Brandon Wayne spoke to council members about the Ameriprise Funds. He reported that roughly \$21,700 is in the cemetery fund, and \$250,000 in the main fund, which \$110,000 would be easily accessible.

Reports

February Minutes - motion to approve by Jon Meyer, 2nd by Valerie Christensen - Approved

February Financials - motion to approve by Jon Meyer, 2nd by Valerie Christensen - Approved

Education and Youth - Sunday School children will begin practicing singing at Palm Sunday Service. VBS is scheduled for August 3-7.

Property and Management Report - The back sidewalk will be repaired this spring and should cost less than \$7000.00.

Worship and Evangelism Report - Worship music is selected through May. Natalie will reach out to find special music for upcoming services. Discussed having outdoor worship this summer.

Stewardship Report - Counters secured until next council meeting.

President's Report - Terry Hanson informed council is able to use money from endowment funds for large projects.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Trish thanked Marlene Tappe for attending the conference assembly in February. Marlene is also willing to attend the Synod Assembly as a delegate for Trinity. We would like to have a male member attend this as well. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026, in Mankato.

Confirmation will resume after Easter.

Bible study has had a good turnout.

Call committee will soon begin interviews. A motion was made by Jon Meyer to pay those interviewed \$100 plus mileage. Motion 2nd by Trudy Berg. Motion approved.

Old Business - nothing to report

New Business - Highway clean up tentatively scheduled for April 26.

Motion to adjourn made by Jon Meyer, 2nd by Kelli VanHal. Approved The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Council will be on April 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Becca Solberg

Funding our Ministry



NEED OFFERING ENVELOPES? Please contact the church secretary when you need more envelopes. If you have any questions about your contributions, please feel free to call Mary Berg, Financial Secretary.

Ways to Give to the Ministry of Trinity

Prefer to use your phone? A QR code is available

just open your camera and scan!

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

Your giving helps support



Online with Vanco Giving

Online giving is a safe and easy way to support Trinity Lutheran Church. You can schedule new gifts at any time and modify or cancel gifts prior to the date they are scheduled. You can also view your contribution history. An authorization form is in this contact or on the ledge at the back of the church.

Cash or Check

Place your check or cash in the offering during any service.

Securities

Appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds) donated to Trinity may provide significant tax benefits to the donor. Gifts of securities may need additional time to process. Plan ahead to make sure transfers are completed by the end of the tax year. Contact Terry Hansen 507-461-2085 to arrange a gift.

Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

Here is your chance to make a significant gift to Trinity and also protect your estate for your family, loved ones and other organizations. Contact Terry Hansen at 507-461-2085 to receive more information about this Fund.

February 2026	Average Attendance in person was: 60 per worship	Giving \$10,161.00	Expenses -\$12,011.95	Year to Date Giving vs Expenses: \$23,268.59 -\$23,136.76 <hr/> \$548.83
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Thanks for your attendance in Person or Live Streaming as we continue to be the church apart and together. The Funding Ministry and Church Council appreciate you generous support. Your faithful Stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Trinity Lutheran.

