

Trinity Lutheran Church

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY

1st - May Day

2nd - 5th - Teacher Appreciation Week

5th - Cinco de Mayo

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Second Harvest Food Truck

8th - Mother's Day

26th - Ascension of our Lord

30th - Memorial Day

Mondays - Boy Scouts @6:30 pm

Tuesdays - Cub Scouts @ 6:00 pm

Thursdays - Quilting @ 9:00 am - Noon

Last Saturday of month - Prayer service

Sundays - Bible Study @ 9:00 am

Worship @ 10:00 am

Adult Forum @ 11:15 am

May 15th and 22nd

Purpose Statement

God calls us through our Baptism to use our unique Gifts to love God and one Another, and to follow the Example of Jesus.

Mission Statement

PRAISE

PROCLAIM the Gospel, with words if necessary

REACH out especially to the hurting and alienated

ACT through worship, Study and fellowship

INVITE and include all

SERVE our neighbor

EPLORE different ways of thinking and celebrate diversity

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Dg. 14— Act of Kindness

Dg. 15-17 – Celebrate

Dg. 18 – Keep in Contact

Bits and Pieces



SECOND HARVEST FOOD TRUCK

May 5, 2022

Fair Grounds

Helping - 9:30 - 10:00

Open to public - 11:00

Ascension of Jesus – May 26, 2022

The Ascension of Jesus is the Christian teaching that Christ physically departed from Earth by rising into Heaven, in the presence of eleven of his apostles. According to the New Testament narrative, the Ascension occurred on the fortieth day counting from the resurrection. In the Christian tradition, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, God exalted Jesus after his death, raising him from the dead and taking him to Heaven, where Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God.

April Offerings:

<u>Plate Offerings</u> <u>Simply Giving</u> <u>Monthly Offerings</u>
Needed

3rd - \$1447 \$2990.00 \$10,833

10th • \$1334 April Total Short for April

17th - \$2268.25 \$9266.35 \$1556.65

24th • \$1194.10



The Birth of Mother's Day

The origin of Mother's Day as we know it took place in the early 1900s.

A woman named Anna Jarvis started a campaign for an official holiday honoring mothers in 1905, the year her own mother died. The first larger-scale celebration of the holiday was in 1908, when Jarvis held a

public memorial for her mother in her hometown of Grafton, West Virginia.

Over the next few years, Jarvis pushed to have the holiday officially recognized, and it was celebrated increasingly in more and more states around the U.S. Finally, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation making Mother's Day an official holiday, to tapplace the second Sunday of May.

Traditions on Mother's Day include churchgoing, the distribution of carnations, and family dinners. Mother's Day is the third largest holiday in the United States for sending cards. According to the greeting card industry, it is estimated that more than 50 percent of American households send greeting cards on this holiday

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that from 1971, the Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May. However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.



Gospel readings for May

May 1st - Third Sunday of Easter - John 21:1-19

¹⁷ Jesus asked a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus had asked him three times if he loved him. So, he told Jesus, "Lord, you know everything. You know I love you." Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep.

May 8th - Fourth Sunday of Easter - John 10:22-30

²⁵ Jesus answered: I have told you, and you refused to believe me. The things I do by my Father's authority show who I am. ²⁶ But since you are not my sheep, you don't believe me. ²⁷ My sheep know my voice, and I know them. They follow me, ²⁸ and I give them eternal life, so that they will never be lost. No one can snatch them out of my hand.

May 15th – Fifth Sunday of Easter - John 13:31-35

³⁴ But I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you. ³⁵ If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

May 22nd - Sixth Sunday of Easter - John 14:23-26

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

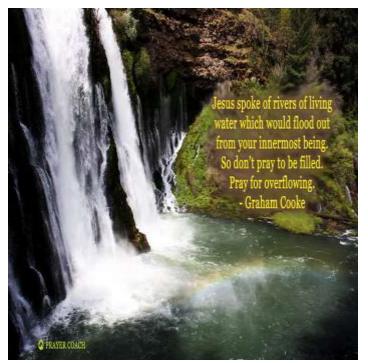
May 26th - Ascension of our lord - Luke 21:44-53

⁵⁰ Jesus led his disciples out to Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ As he was doing this, he left and was taken up to heaven. ⁶² After his disciples had worshiped him, ⁶³ they returned to Jerusalem and were very happy. ⁵³ They spent their time in the temple, praising God.

May 29th -Seventh Sunday of Easter – John 17:20-26

²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."







"Behold, I am doing
a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way
in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert."

This verse came to mind as I sat meditating on what to say for this May Pondering. And then I thought about the visioning committee that has been meeting to help Trinity look at where we have been, where we are and where God may be leading us into the future. The words of Isaiah have particular meaning for our times for is declaring what God is doing not just here at Trinity but in the world and not just once but on going when we are willing to perceive it. We recently had Jesus speaking of "living water" and we need to understand. It also is pertinent for our area as we look to the water needed for our community to keep us safe from fires and provide for the farmers.

Isaiah also reminds me that when we have a baptism it is with water but it also with the word and through this, we are made baptized children of God who does a new thing with us that springs forth through our lives. As my Professor Gracia Grindal taught us that Baptism doesn't happen because of our doing but because of the gift of the Holy Spirit and in God's time. In our lives God can make a way in the wildernesses and deserts of our lives by giving us God's Word and when we let go of our ideas that we are in charge and let God be God, new things can happen, springs can burst out with living water that will refresh, nourish and enliven us for the work into which God is calling us. Can you perceive it?

My mother taught me to be open to the Spirit, not to worry if the waters are troubled, and in all things to pray for God's guidance. Let us join in prayer this month for God to do new things in the life of God's church and in our lives so that we can perceive it. When the Adult forum starts up please plan to attend and participate with what the Visioning Committee has to share from what we shared with them earlier.

Your Church in Ministry Worship: Kay Peterson

We are beginning to consider summer but first is getting through May. We are still in Easter.

Mother's day is coming. How will you honor Mothers past and present in our congregation?

Memorial Day is also coming.

We need ushers and readers/assistants for the summer. We have an assistant for June. Please look at your schedules and pray about volunteering. Sign up please. Summer is busy with vacations so even a week or two would be helpful.

If you would like to find someone or present some special music it would be well received. Vocal or instrumental. Please show off your talents to the honor of God who gave you that talent.

Education: Jolyn Horton

Carole Dinning and Jolyn Horton attended the first meeting about this summer's **Vacation Bible School**, which will be held at Trinity July 19 - 21. The theme will be Jesus' statements, 'I am....' (Light, Good Shepherd, Bread.) The next meeting will be May 19th.

Sunday morning after church will be the first **Sunday Forum** of the year, which will last through May. Members of the visioning committee will be encouraging the congregation to consider the new church statements, and their own visions for Trinity and its future. (This has been postponed until May 15th due to a baptism reception)

We also want to reconsider **Sunday School**: how to encourage our families with children to return? How to spread the word? Class during church? during adult forum? Before the service? Who will be involved? Teachers?

Confirmation continues to meet after church on Sundays.

Spiritual Explorers Book Study with Lon Woodbury is on hold. Contact Lon if you have questions or suggestions for a book you would like to study at 208-267-7717 or lonwoodbury@gmail.com

Outreach/Stewardship:

Layette kits and work groups:

Look at TLCW report for information

Second Harvest Food Truck:

Is scheduled to be here May 5th, June 4th, and June 29th. Helping hands are always needed. Helping: 9:30 - 1:00

> PRAY FOR ALL OF Picking up: 11:00 - 1:00

OUR TEACHERS **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

MAY 2-5

Trinity Lutheran has been asked to sponsor one day of treats for teachers and staff at Valley View for TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.

Your help is requested. We need home baked muffins, rolls, scones or breakfast bars which will be served with coffee, tea and juice. People will also be needed to help serve on the morning we are assigned.

We are scheduled at Valley View on Monday morning to serve Continental breakfast. Donations are being accepted in lieu of baked goods. You can leave it at the church in the Office or put in the offering plate marked for this service.

Food Bank:

The needs right now are socks, underwear and jelly. So lets do a sock and underwear drive for the month of May. If you can't afford the socks and underwear bring a bottle of Jelly.

Property and Maintenance:

Beve Gowan

Elevator is working but still has a few kinks to be worked out.

Front porch roof has been fixed.

Water leak in men's bathroom is still being addressed. Hopefully soon we will have an answer on how to fix it.

We have a new copier/printer in the office. Beve says it is working great!

Comparing pricing for Fiber Optics and the options that come with it.

We need to paint the church building and fix the sidewalks. You will be informed when a plan is in place.



YOUTH: Riley Thompson

There are plans for a monthly youth Game night to help attract a larger, more diverse youth Group. We will meet every third Thursday of each month.

Scout Troop 114B is going strong. In April they had a weekend trip to Robinson Lake and are making plans for a week at Scout camp.

Cub Scouts had their Pinewood Derby in April.

Trinity wants to form a youth committee. Please consider being on this committee if you feel this is one of your gifts.

TLCW: Carole Dinning

We have had quite a few funerals lately with lunch after. With this we have discovered that our workgroup lists have shrunk and we need help. We now have only two work groups and need more helpers: callers, people to set up, serve and clean up. If you are not already on a work group and are willing to help, please call Beve Gowan 208-267-5162.

Layette Kits are needed to be sent out with the quilts. You can find what is needed in the this years TLCW hand book. Pick one up in the narthex.



Vision Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church proclaims the Good News of Jesus, striving to serve all by providing a safe place to grow into the people God intended through worship, study and interaction – Wholeness, not Sameness June 17 - 19, 2022 Region 1 WELCA Gathering Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Workshop leader –
Prairie Rose Seminole



Lakeside, Montana EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Prairie Rose Seminole (Sahnish/Arikara, Northern Cheyenne) will be leading three workshops on Saturday. Prairie Rose is currently engaged as the Indigenous Fellowship recipient with the National Parks Conservation Association. Along with this fellowship through 2024, she is involved with building Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion curriculum with Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Minnesota State University Moorhead. Seminole resides in, and has been involved in the ND political landscape over 20 years and has served in appointed public office - dedicated to building inclusive movement, shifting the balance of power to create real positive change for Indigenous people and communities. Seminole most recently served as the American Indian Alaska Native Program Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serving

American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Seminole continues to serve within the Church and around the United States as an educator and advocate, deconstructing colonial systems of oppression, and establishing restorative practices building community.

Julie Long, a retired ELCA pastor, will serve as our music and worship leader. Julie attended seminary through the T.E.E.M. program (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) of the ELCA, after retiring from a 30-year career in Forensic Science at the Montana State Crime Lab. After she was ordained in 2014, Pastor Julie served nearly 10 years at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Broadus MT, first as a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) and then as their "called" pastor. She retired in November 2021 and returned to her home in Missoula. Julie is a "cradle" Lutheran, born and raised in Wisconsin. She has been active in music ministry throughout her life as a vocalist, pianist, organist and choir director as well as volunteer and staff positions in music and worship leadership and planning.

Our schedule provides plenty of free time to explore Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Camp staff will be leading hikes and providing pontoon rides. We will also be assembling personal care and fabric kits to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief. You can download instructions about what to bring to fill those kits at https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits/instructions and https://lwr.org/kits/fabric-kits/instructions.

Cost: Early Bird-By May 15: \$225.00

 $$240 - May 16^{th} to June 2^{nd}$

Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. on Friday

Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m.

Find registration forms on desk in Trintiy's Narthex

Questions: ask Carole Dinning, cdinning@frontier.com or call 208-610-4885



Live neither in the entanglements of outer things nor in inner feelings of emptiness. Be serene in the oneness of things.

Master Seng Tsan Buddhism

If you have questions about the Pastoral Care Team or are interested in joining, please contact

Christianity

Andy Hinderlie, Pastor (208-267-2894) or Denise Thompson, Spiritual Director/Companion (208-304-6337). Spiritual Direction/Companioning and Listening Sessions are available by telephone, Zoom, and FaceTime.

Please call Denise for more information.

Gift of Prayer

For Health and Healing

Betty Engberg, Natalie Ladford, Debbie Stephens, Marilyn Erickson, Anna Mae Spalding, Ryan, Verla May Saboe, Bob B., Ed Gould, Dennis Bauer, Inge and Doug Kidger, Julie Johnson, Karen Mcfadden, Janie Austin Altman, Joanne Barany, Briana Pereira, Lera Mutovina, Kevin Richter and family, Rikka Estenson, Ira and Lois Snyder, Jen Meyer and preemie grandson, Ed Dusang, Trish Johnson, Cheryl Myers and Merle Dinning, Tom Rounds and Stephanie Stephens.

Let us know if someone needs to be on the list or should be taken off.



For Trish Mayo and her family on the loss of her mother Katy. For the family of Tom Bennett who passed away April 21, **2022**.



For Our Homebound:

Anna May Spalding, Helen Dillin, Myrna Watkins, Sammy Day, Bob & Hollyce Neumeyer, Bev Plato, Beulah Anderson

God of comfort and strength, we lift up to you the people of Ukraine. Be with them and be with world leaders who seek to bring peace to the region. Help us be your light to a fractured world. Give your comfort and aid to those who have suffered from recent tornados, fires, and violent storms. May they feel peace and renewed strength knowing that you are with them in all circumstances.

Amen



YOU GOT THIS!

Don't Wait for sleep to Start dreaming

Throw kindness around

Smiles are free so share them

Don't talk about it, just be about

Live your life every day with no regrets. It'll be worth it!

Every moment matters, including this one

Inhale the future, exhale the past!

BE FEARLESSLY AUTHENCTIC! After every storm there's a rainbow, no matter how long it takes to show up.

Those of you that know me well know that I am addicted to Dark Chocolate Dove Promises. I promise myself that I can quit when I wish but I just don't want to right now!

If any of you have eaten any of these melt in your mouth chocolates you will know that while you are feeling guilty for eating them they have advice or uplifting sayings printed on the inside of the foil that they are wrapped in. So maybe it isn't all bad! While I am adding the calories I am being positively

stoked as well.

Compliment someone. You'll feel better than they do!

ALWAYS TIME FOR LOVE!

Life happens between an inhale and an exhale!

BE(YOU)TIFUL

A smile is the quickest way to brighten a room.

When life is quite going right, go left.

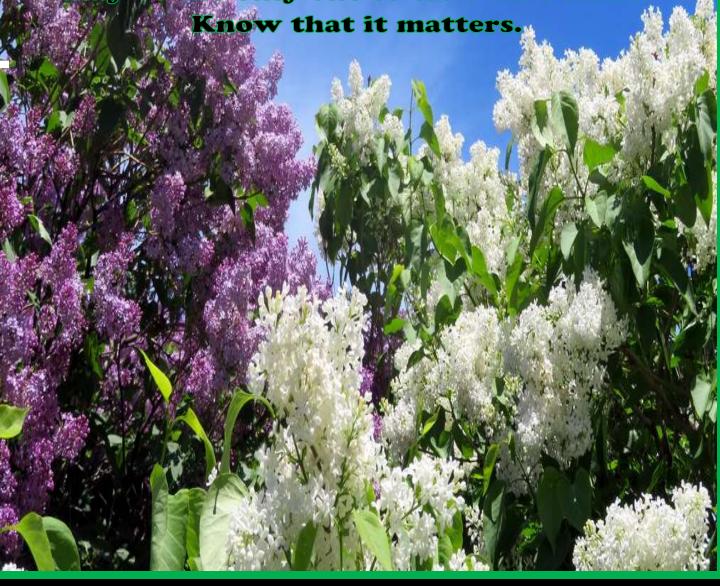
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Be an Advocate

Stand up for someone,

or something. Sometimes, it's not easy to do the right thing, but if you want to show that you care, you have to put a stop to any form of injustice. You may be the only one to take that stand.





"May" is likely named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin *maiores*, "elders," who were celebrated

"Just for Fun" Days

May is **Get Caught Reading Month** and **National Good Car-Keeping Month**.

- May 1: School Principals' Day
- May 2: World Tuna Day
- May 4-11: Root Canal Awareness Week
- May 8: No Socks Day
- May 14: Dance Like a Chicken Day
- **May 28:** Slugs Return from Capistrano Day
- **May 1** is <u>May Day</u>. Mark the return of spring by bringing in branches of forsythia, <u>lilacs</u>, or other flowering shrubs from your region.
- **May 1** is **Lei Day** in Hawaii. Leis are garlands or wreaths that are often made with native Hawaiian flowers and leaves. Nowadays, they are given as a symbol of greeting, farewell, affection, celebration, or honor, in the spirit of aloha.
- May 5 is <u>Cinco de Mayo</u> ("The Fifth of May"). This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.
- **May 8** is **Mother's Day**—don't forget! Do you have something planned to show appreciation for your mother?
- **May 16** is <u>Armed Forces Day</u>, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.
- May 22 is <u>National Maritime Day</u>. Created in commemoration of the first transoceanic voyage via steamboat (completed by the U.S.S. Savannah in 1819), this holiday recognizes the efforts of the U.S. merchant marine during both war and peace.
- **May 24** is <u>Victoria Day</u> in Canada. This holiday celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria, who was born on May 24, 1819. The holiday is observed on the penultimate Monday in May.
- **May 31** is <u>Memorial Day</u>—a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It's tradition to raise the flag on this day;



May Folklore and Fun

A dry May and a leaking June Make the farmer whistle a merry tune.

A snowstorm in May Is worth a wagonload of hay.

Among the changing months, May stands confessed The sweetest, and in fairest -James Thomson, Scottish colors dressed! poet (1700-48)



May Birth Symbols

May's **birth flowers** are the Hawthorn and the Lily-of-the-Valley.

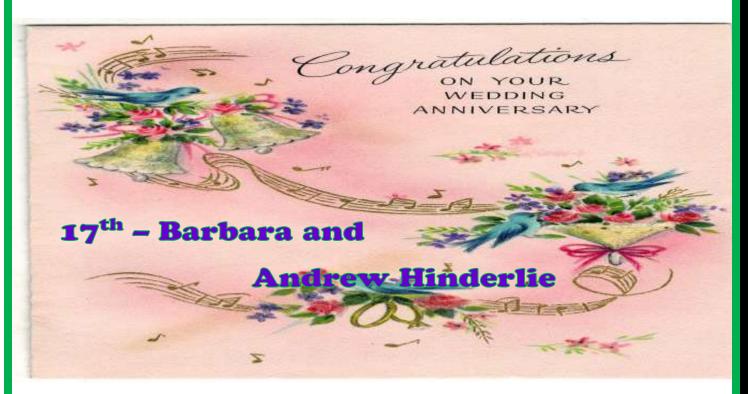
The hawthorn means hope, While the lily-of-the-valley symbolizes sweetness or the return of happiness.

May's **birthstone** is the emerald

- May's full Moon traditionally goes by the name "Flower Moon."
- May's full Moon, the Flower Moon, occurs on Wednesday, May 26. It reaches peak illumination at 7:14 A.M. (EDT) that morning, so for the best view of this full Moon, step outside on the night of Tuesday the 25th and look for that big, bright, shining lunar disk! Two more interesting thing's about this month's full Moon: it will be a supermoon and will coincide with a total lunar eclipse (visible in some parts of North America).
- May's Moon Phases
- Last Quarter: May 3, 3:50 p.m. EDT New Moon: May 11, 3:00 p.m. EDT First Quarter: May 19, 3:13 p.m. EDT

Full Moon: May 26, 7:14 a.m. EDT





If you or a loved one is missing on this list pleases let us know!

Keeping in Contact With Trinity

Besides meeting in person:

You can listen to our worship service on YouTube, Facebook Live or 800AM Radio (Distance is limited but you can sit in the church parking lot to listen).

Listen to daily devotions by Pastor Hinderlie via Living Voices of Hope podcast

We continue to have recorded devotions and worship services on CD and DVD for those that don't have access to the internet and email.

Our website is www.trinitylutheranbf.com

To send in articles for the newsletter or just ask questions: Carole Dinning: cdinning@frontier.com or call 208-610-4885. If at all possible the deadline for newsletter items is two days before the end of the month. It makes my life easier! Thanks!