

Third Sunday of Easter

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Sunday Morning Bible Study: We are studying *The Book of Hebrews*. The book of Hebrews compares and contrasts Jesus to key historical people and events from the Old Testament. Through these comparisons, we see His superiority. He is greater than angels, the Torah, Moses, the Promised Land, priests, Melchizedek, sacrifices, and the covenant. He is God's Word, the hope for a new creation, our eternal priest, and the perfect sacrifice. Come and join us today downstairs after Worship!

Food Pantry: We are able to help people in the community provide food to their families because of the caring members of this congregation. Thank you for your generosity. The food pantry is open:

Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

Trinity Lutheran Scholarship Fund: is now accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year. Funds assistance to Trinity Lutheran School members and non-members who makes a financial need request for children attending grades PK-8. Funds are also available for members intending to pursue train for the teaching and preaching ministry. **Applications will be due by Friday, April 23rd with absolutely no exceptions.** Contact Deb Mathey at tlsecretary@tlsmarinette.com or call 715-732-2956 for an application. Contact Kris Charapota at 715-923-587 or charapataseedsales@gmail.com if you have any questions concerning the process and/or guidelines.

VBS 2021: Mark your calendars now. **July 19th – 23rd 9am-12pm.** Rocky Railway VBS the main message kids will learn is that through life's ups and downs, "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through". Climb Aboard for Mountains of Fun At Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Each day at Rocky Railway VBS, kids track through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures.

Pastors Vacation: Pastor Tesch and Barb will be going on vacation to Seattle from *April 15th – April 30th*. Pastor Sonnemann will be preaching on April 18th & 25th. Pastor Sonnemann has agreed to handle any pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at 715-789-2981.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Our next Quarterly Voters meeting *next Sunday April 25th right after the 10:00AM worship services.*

Ladies Night Out: Ladies Aid will be meeting at Perkins in Menominee on *Thursday, May 6th at 5:00PM.*

LWMS: A special thank you to all who contributed to LWMS. We collected \$550.00. God's blessing to all of you.

† This Weekend † April 18th & April 19th

Preacher: Pastor Sonnemann

**Usher Team: 3 David Zorn, Owen Vieth, Kieth Murphy,
Donelle Jensen and Aaron Blohowiak**

8:00am: Ben Brattain

10:00am: Landen Kerkstra

Monday: Mariah Salewsky

Organist: Anne Krzoska

Ringling Bell:

8:00am: Ben Brattain

10:00am: Lyla Koeffler

Monday: Mariah Salewsky

Information Table:

8:00am: Janelle Peters

10:00am: Cindy Schacht

Video Camera:

8:00am: Emalyn Ehlers

10:00am Anica Suchan

Projector:

8:00am: John Brattain

10:00am: Dominic Nelson

Monday: Daisy Mercer

Church Cleaning; (April 17-18, 2021)

Amber McMahan

Rosemary Jensen, George Brattain III

George & Kathy Brattain Jr.

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Members of Trinity,

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of the Church Council strategy to updating our organizational structure. We have been working to develop an improved, efficient and empowering structure that will help us conduct our ministry more effectively.

The opportunity and need for an organizational structure was presented in the report from our Crossroads effort about 6 years ago. During the period following Crossroads, we developed and updated our Ministry Plan as well as Aspirational Goals. It became clear that the goals of the Congregation did not align cleanly with the structure of the boards and committees.

We gathered a committee and began the process of studying our structure as well as other congregations in order to better align our manpower with our goals.

Currently we have 29 elected positions (many of them I filled) and bylaws that include additional positions that no longer exist. The bylaws include an emphasis on meetings as well as long term commitments from those leading in board positions.

We identified a list of priorities

- develop a structure that aligns with our Ministry Plan
- reduce the number of elected positions as well as the length of term of elected men
- create more opportunities for women to conduct ministry
- create more opportunities to participate in ministry as unelected helpers, giving the flexibility to participate in targeted efforts that are limited in scope or shorter duration - without hesitation of commitment.

We believe we have created a more effective organizational structure. Over the next few weeks we will provide additional communications and visuals to help inform, as well as generate an opportunity for feedback from the members. We invite your participation and enthusiastically look forward to a full presentation at our April 25th voter's meeting.

At the April meeting, we will ask the congregation to adopt a resolution that includes a revised Constitution as well as suspending the current bylaws which define our structure, while look forward to electing leaders to the new positions in advance of the July 1st fiscal year.

If you have questions or concerns, Nathan Schmiede and Tim Baneck are primary contacts available to you, as well as myself and Pastor Tesch. Thank you for your time this morning and I look forward to pursuing our Lord's work together.

Nathan

Proposed Resolution for Voters regarding the Constitution & Bylaws:

1. Whereas Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church needs restructuring its organizational framework to more effectively engage in active ministry; and
2. Whereas the number of vacant elected positions has been increasing in recent history, therefore, be it *Resolved* That Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church adopt the proposed Constitution, based on the WELS model, effective July 1, 2021, and to suspend the Bylaws from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 in order to fully develop and implement a more effective organizational structure. Newly revised Bylaws, that are aligned with the new organizational structure, shall be proposed for Voter approval before June 30, 2023.

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