

From Pastor Jason's Desk

Hello friends, Easter will be here soon, I hope and pray that each of us have been in a time of reflection and contemplation on the sacrifice that Jesus Christ paid for the forgiveness of our sins.



As of tonight, we will be halfway through our Lenten study "People of Passion". This has been a wonderful opportunity for all of us to view the crucifixion through the eyes of the people that experienced it firsthand. I hope and pray that all of you are enjoying this study as much as I am.

Your visitation team and I conducted a worship service at the Spearfish Canyon Health Care Facility in Spearfish the first part of March. For those in the facility it is wonderful for them to have this opportunity to worship God.

Our Holy week leading up to Easter is full of activities, we will be having our last Lenten Study. We are having Maundy Thursday services at our church at 7:00 pm. Then we are participating in the Ecumenical services at Christ Church on Good Friday services and foot washing. This begins at 6:00 pm with foot washing and 6:30 pm service. Then a sunrise service and a second service here at Trinity on Easter morning.

Our Next sermon series will be Character under construction and then for the majority of the summer Great Stories of the bible.

I cannot stress enough that we all need to be in constant prayer for one another and for the church. Pray for our friends even though we don't all see things the same way. Keep our hearts and our minds open to show the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. I want to make sure that if we are sharing information, and that information is from a reliable source, that we do not spread rumors and misinformation. The enemy is ready, willing, and able to destroy us as a body of Christ. Please pray for the guidance and the protection of the Holy Spirit so we do all that we can to build up the body of Christ and not tear it down. We are in a battle to win souls for Jesus Christ. We can accomplish so much more together than we can apart.

I continue to pray for all of you. Once again, I am blessed to be your pastor. I encourage each and every one of you to join me for coffee hours at Lotus up on Tuesdays, this is a great place to share what is on our hearts and our minds. Come visit with me!

Until next month,  
Pastor Jason

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**Administrative Council/Finance Meeting  
Thursday, March 16, 2023**

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, CMC, 5:30 p.m. Members present. Pastor Jason Christensen, Gary Linn, Bob McNeill, Cindy McNeill, Jim Wolff and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Jim Wolff moved/ Bob McNeill seconded to **approve the February 16, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.**

Jim Wolff, Treasurer, reviewed with the Council the Financial Report. Cindy McNeill moved/Bob McNeill seconded to **approve the Financial Statements** as presented. **Motion carried.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, reported to the Council there are still a few maintenance projects that need to be done in the parsonage and church building. The committee will be putting together a 5- year Capital Fund projects list. Discussion was held on getting rid of the van we purchased from Spearfish United Methodist Church. He will contact the Spearfish Church to see if they would like to have the van back and, if not, we will try to sell it. The flooring in the CMC kitchen needs repair work. In the near future the church parking lot will be going one way around the CMC building. The trustees will put the lines in once the weather gets better.

Pastor Jason gave his report to the council. He reviewed the Holy Week services. The visitation team has met with a couple of members who are shut-ins and they have held a church service at the Spearfish Canyon Care center. A detailed report of his activities is in this newsletter.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care committee, reported members will be asked to send Easter cards to shut-ins and those who are in nursing and assisted living homes.

Sue Holloway, who was absent from the meeting, provided a written Missions and Outreach report. The report included information on Adopt-A-Platoon, Meals on Wheels, Hospital Lap Robes, and Biker Breakfast. Her report is in this newsletter.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish chair, noted her committee will be meeting soon to do a clergy assessment.

Under New Business the council discussed the sound system has been updated and working much better. The Building Usage Agreement was discussed. There will be some fine tuning done with the language in the policy to make it easier to understand in how it is to be implemented. Pastor Jason has been meeting with committee chairs and that has gone well but we still do not have an Education Committee Chair. Pastor Jason has submitted his application to the district superintendent for the Practical Church Leadership courses he will be taking. Cindy McNeil has also submitted the necessary paperwork she had to provide for Pastor Jason's course work.

Kaylee Linn-Wellford, Northern Hills Alliance for Children Program Director, visited with the Admin Council about the possibility of using the large CMC room this summer for a youth program. She noted there is a need in these two communities to provide a quality based education for children kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will run Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be packed from home and there would be no need for them to use the kitchen. There will be 3 staff members every day at the program. Staff will be responsible for cleaning up each day, including and not limited to vacuuming, mopping, and cleaning all restrooms. After Kaylee's presentation, she answered questions from the council. When Kaylee left the meeting the council members discussed the pros and cons to provide Northern Hills Alliance for Children the CMC room. The council talked about days that would be closed when there is a funeral reception and the Biker Breakfast Week, insurance that the church may need to have in place, and what the church would charge for the use of the CMC room. Jim Wolff moved/ Bob McNeill seconded to **approve charging Northern Children's Alliance for Children \$250/week for the use of the CMC. Motion carried.** Bob McNeill will check on insurance and Pastor Jason will inform Kaylee of the council's decision and the cost to use the church's facility.

Four ecumenical churches will be providing Vacation Bible School to youth in our communities this summer. Each church will be providing a donation to go towards the cost of this program.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, 5:30 pm, CMC.

Pastor Jason closed the meeting in prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**Trustee Meeting Minutes March 16, 2023**

Pastor Jason opened the meeting with a prayer.

In attendance were Bob McNeill, Pastor Jason Christensen, Larry Howell, Jim Wolff, Wayne Holdcroft, John Hauge, Mike Darling and Ron Pray.

The minutes for the February 16, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved with an addendum to add the list of those in attendance.

Those present were Bob McNeill, Larry Howell, Jim Wolf, Wayne Holdcroft, John Hauge and Mike Darling.

Parsonage Status:

Open Items:

- Waffle lights for basement – scheduled for April
- Re-Key the garage service door to match house lock
- New kitchen window

Church Status:

Open Items:

- Bell choir shelving – scheduled for April  
(We discussed using the larger closet in the loft)

CMC Status:

Completed Items:

- Fire Extinguishers have been inspected and are up to date.
- Two new soap dispensers have been installed.  
(Men's bathroom and family rest room)
- Tree sprigs have been removed from the rear retaining wall.

Sanford Lab has been contacted and informed that we have approved their use of the CMC in the event of a lab emergency.

Discussion regarding the return of the Van to the Spearfish United Methodist Church or option to sell.

Open Item:

- Contact the Spearfish United Methodist Church regarding the return of the Van.
- Patch two holes in the exterior block wall.
- Replace office ceiling vents with louvered vents.
- Investigate the source of the wood smoke odor coming into the office.
- 5-Year Capital Plan – add new items.
- Locate the Church charters for Lead, Deadwood and Terriville. Find an area for display.
- New sound board – waiting for it to arrive.
- Traffic mirror – discussed purchasing and installing in the parking lot.
- Cost estimates for restriping the parking lot, making it a one-way drive.

Pastor Jason closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Next Meeting – Thursday April 20, 2023 at 4:30 PM

## TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The April meeting of Trinity United Women in Faith will be at 12:30 on Thursday, April 6 with Janet Lanphear and Lynn Larsen doing double duty as hostesses and also providing the program. On our agenda for business will be the Easter morning breakfast between the seven o'clock service and the nine o'clock service. We hope all who attend either of those services will take part in the good food and fellowship on that joyous morning. Also, we will be completing plans for FOCUS DAY on April 22.

FOCUS DAY, April 22, is an annual spring event of the Dakotas Conference United Women in Faith. We are fortunate to be hosting our area UWF Units this year. Registration will take place from 8:30-9:00, followed by an opening time of worship and song. During the morning we will join in a Bible Study of Luke 13, enjoy some skits and free time for visiting with one another, learn of upcoming events such as Mission U in the summer and the Fall Retreat/District Meeting. We will close with a worship time and enjoy a soup and sandwich luncheon provided by Trinity UWF.

All women of our community are welcome to attend United Women in Faith. Membership in United Methodist Church is not needed. Our mission goal is serving women, children and youth in many ways throughout the community, nation and world.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## *Missions Ministry*

**Missions and Outreach:** Sue Holloway, Chair

**Adopt-A-Platoon:** We are meeting at 10:30 on the first Thursday when the United Women of Faith meet. Our next time is April 6<sup>th</sup> for the May letters. All of the individuals that I was communicating are now home. I am still working with "The Rock Chapel" that works with coalition forces. My original contact has returned home and I will be establishing a relationship with his replacements. We will continue to impact 500 servicepeople a month through our cards and letters. God will touch the hearts of those that need us and personal contacts will be kindled. Please continue to stay in contact with Jeremiah.

**Meals On Wheels:** Because we are on a 5-week schedule, our next delivery dates are April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Hospital Lap Robes:** We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 in the basement of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We will resume quilting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This requires minimal skills. Talk to Sue.

**Rally Breakfast:** Mark your calendars- August 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Our breakfast will be Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>. You met Bruce from Winnipeg last year. He works with a group of men in recovery and will be bringing 4 couples with him. The five men will be volunteers for the breakfast Monday through Friday easing some of our "manning" all of the positions.

## *Will You Become Part of TUMC Prayer Links?*

In former years, United Methodist Women had a prayer chain in which prayer needs were passed on to one another by telephone contact. In an effort to update the process and to avoid a break in the "chain" Trinity United Methodist Church now has "Prayer Links". Everyone who wishes to be a part of Prayer Links gets a text at the same time so that prayers can begin immediately when there is a request/need. Anyone in the texting group can initiate a text message with a situation needing prayer. Those who don't text can be involved also and will get a phone call with the prayer need.

At present we have over thirty participants. More are welcome..... Men as well as Women, young as well as old!

Please let the church office know if you would like to be involved. Call 605-584-1328.

Responses from some of those who are current Prayer Link participants include: "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. Philippians 4:6." ---- From a former TUMC member: "I am happy to pray for anyone who needs or would like prayers because I believe in the power of prayer. After being a member of Trinity UMC for over 37 years, it still holds a special place in my heart and I still have friends there." ---- "Prayers go up, Blessings come down" ---- "I think our Prayer Links is important because we are a family and we need to be connected in prayer for one another. Our God is our lifeline and I feel that this is one of the ways His Love shows through us." ---- "Prayer Links keeps us connected to our church family when we pray for them and their families and friends. It also connects our church family to others who do not know God and his wondrous love and healing power. We honor God by serving as a link between Him and those who know him as well as those who don't." ---- "I think prayer is very powerful, even if it's just one person talking to God. But when there is a group of us coming together to pray for a similar cause, it's even more powerful. God hears prayers." ---- "Prayers keep us connected and those who ask for prayer know that someone is caring for them." ---- "We lift up our prayers, God hears them, and we are blessed beyond measure." Connections..... Links..... Make the call, become a part of this important mission of our church.

### TRINITY LIBRARY NOTES:

Thank you to all who have donated books to our “cozy” (small) little library (AKA bookcase)! The library is now located in the CMC dining hall, making it easier for people to browse and borrow.

There is a sign up sheet. We ask that you keep the book for a maximum of 3 weeks and either return it or renew it, so that others have a chance to enjoy it also.

We have recently acquired several classic Christian books including:

**Living by the Book**, by William Hendrichs.

Mr. Hendrichs wrote this classic on how to read the Bible and takes the reader through various methods and practice exercises. He makes it fun to become more familiar with your Bible.

**The Reason for God, Belief in the Age of Skepticism**, Timothy Keller.

Rev. Keller has pastored a New York City congregation for decades and his congregation, outgrew its location and started several “seed” churches in the New York City area. A prolific writer, Rev Keller challenges believers and doubters, liberals and conservatives to objectively look at their beliefs regarding Jesus. The second part of the book describes the reason that God and Jesus, in particular, exist. A modern classic.

**The Case for Christ**, Lee Strobel.

Mr. Strobel is a journalist who set out to disprove the gospels, and ends up becoming a Christian and spreading the gospel to skeptics.

Coming soon...**The Cost of Discipleship, What’s So Amazing About Grace?**, and for our young readers of all ages, **The Complete Chronicles of Narnia**.

We welcome donations of Christian books.

We are also needing another bookcase.

If you have any questions, contact Carol Holdcroft [choldcroft@twhco.com](mailto:choldcroft@twhco.com).

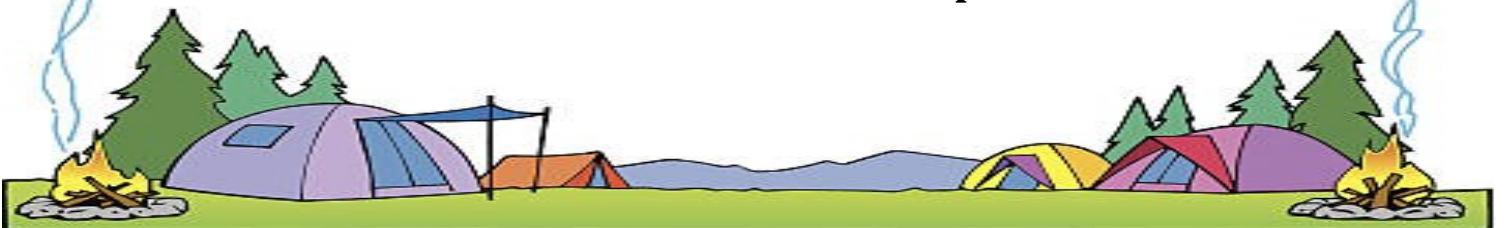
## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

**Registration for Summer Camp 2023 is now open!**  
**Camp brochures are here!**

The people of Trinity UMC are committed to helping send people to camp, so please inquire about available scholarships. Some of the camps do have limits on how many campers they can have so register early. There are brochures and registration forms located at the back of the church or call the office with any questions.

Check out [dakcamps.org](http://dakcamps.org) for all of the camp opportunities!

**Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 30, 2023**  
**Contact the office for the camp code**







**Please remember our homebound members  
by sending them a greeting card**



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Deadwood, SD 57732

Orrin Aldrich  
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All children are encouraged to attend Sunday school, which is held during Sunday morning worship services, following time for God's children. For more information, contact the office or Theo Rogers.



**Bible Study**



Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets in the CMC every Thursday from 9:30 to approximately 11:45. All ladies of our church and community are invited. We would love to have you join us!

The Men's Bible Study meets throughout the year. This study is held on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the CMC. For information, contact the office or Syd De Vries at 510-910-3594.

**Youth Group**

All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to a night of fellowship and fun! Join us in the Christian Ministry Center from 6:30 to 8:00. Dinner will be provided. We are looking for folks that would be willing to help with dinners and activities for the youth throughout the school year, please contact the office!

## GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service?  
We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, sharing your musical talents, please contact the office.

Are you wanting to help with worship through song?  
Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalms 104:33

*Memorial Garden~Sunday, April 9th*

*If you'd like to donate an Easter lily, potted plant, or bouquet of flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone please bring them to the CMC or church Wesley room by Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 am.*

*Please call the office with who provided flowers and who it is in honor or memory of so an insert can be provided in the Easter bulletin.*



## CELEBRATE CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WITH A BRUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP TIME.

Easter morning, April 9th, at 8:00 a.m.  
(between the 7:00 and 9:00 services) in the CMC.

Menu will include breakfast casseroles, variety of bagels and cream cheese flavors, fruit, juice and coffee.

There will be no fellowship time at 10:00 as we have this wonderful Easter brunch to enjoy.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays:

April 1-Kadden Dillman  
April 3-Brittanee Mattson  
April 4-Janet Lanphear  
April 5-Doris Adamson  
April 5-Jean Dyer  
April 6-Spencer Christensen  
April 7-Caleb Percy  
April 7-Carol Scott  
April 13-A. J. Katon  
April 13-Kathy Wanhanen  
April 14-John Keene  
April 17-Fritz Reller  
April 19-Orrin Aldrich  
April 20-Stephenie Campbell  
April 24-Bonnie Brooking  
April 25-Toby Keehn  
April 27-Gracie Kusters  
April 28-Larry Howell  
April 29-Blaze Artz  
April 29-Canon Rogers  
April 29-Carol Holdcroft

### Anniversaries:

April 1-Merritt and Toby Keehn  
April 15-Justin and Tyneal Thorp  
April 19-Robert and Deborah Thorp

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Pastor Jason will be holding coffee hours  
at Lotus Up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Please stop by for a visit.

He will honor the Sabbath on Fridays.

## SERMON SERIES:

ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

April 2-Triumphal Entry

April 9-Don't Put God in a Box

CHARACTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

April 16-Controlling Our Thoughts

April 23-Guarding Our Hearts

April 30-Keeping Good Company



## Holy Week

Palm Sunday-April 2  
Church Services 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday-April 6  
Church Services 7:00 pm

Good Friday-April 7  
Christ Church  
Foot washing 6:00 pm  
Service 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday-April 9  
Church Services 7:00 am  
Easter Brunch 8:00 am, CMC  
Church Services 9:00 am

### L/D High School Baccalaureate

The Lead Deadwood Ecumenical Committee will be hosting a baccalaureate service on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 pm at Lead Deadwood High School. Pastor Jason encourages all to attend in support of the graduates.

### Volunteer Recognition Sunday

**If you have volunteered for Trinity United Methodist Church in any way we want to say THANK YOU!! We would like to recognize you and celebrate your willingness to help out our church. Please join us for cake and coffee during fellowship on Sunday, April 30th.**



### LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Jason will be leading a Lenten study entitled People of the Passion. This study unpacks a powerful examination of some of the main characters of Jesus' final days: Mary, Mother of Jesus; Mary Magdalene; Pilate; Nicodemus; Peter; and Judas. Throughout each chapter, Dr. Randall explores our perceptions and our knowledge of these individuals, pointing out how each played significant roles in exposing themes of faithfulness, gratitude, conflict, power, and betrayal. The class is on Tuesday evenings, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 at 6:30 pm in the CMC.

### Celebrating our High School Seniors:

We plan to celebrate and recognize our graduating high school seniors in worship on **Sunday, May 14th**. There will be wide-margin bibles located in the CMC following worship and in the office during the month of May. We invite the congregation to highlight their favorite passages and leave a note in the margins. We will then present the bibles to the seniors, during Senior Recognition Sunday.

These are the seniors we currently have on our roster:

Drew Christensen  
Rejoice Davis  
Kashton Dillman  
Clarissa Heisinger  
Ethan Keehn  
Crew Rainey  
Cameran Stoflet

**\*Please contact the office if there is someone that we have missed.**





# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday Palm Sunday	3 SC Board 10:00 am Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	4 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Bell Practice 4 Lenten Study 6:30	5 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	6 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am UWF 12:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY Services 7:00 No L/D School	7 GOOD FRIDAY Foot washing 6 Services 6:30 Christ Church	8 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
9 <b>Worship at 7 and 9</b> Easter Brunch 8 EASTER SUNDAY CMC Private Rental 10	10 SC Potluck Noon Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm No L/D School	11 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	12 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30 Bide-A-Wee 12:00 Staff Meeting 10:30	13 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Amer Aux 6-8 pm	14	15 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am CMC Private Rental 8-12
16 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 2nd Sunday of Easter	17 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	18 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	19 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	20 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Trustee Meeting 4:30	21	22 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am UWF Spring Focus 8-3 Pastor at DCOM
23 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 3rd Sunday of Easter	24 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	25 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	26 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	27 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Pastor at Training 8-4 Ad. Co. Meeting 5:30	28	29 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
30 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 Volunteer Recognition 4th Sunday of Easter						

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welcoming congregation where God can  
be found in worship, music, and  
fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.

