



From Pastor Jason's Desk

Greeting friends, have you ever thought about what this season of lent really means? Here are some thoughts I have on lent.

Lent, the period of forty days before Easter, is a time of reflection and preparation for Christians around the world. This solemn season holds deep significance, rooted in both history and faith. Its observance varies among Christian denominations, but the core themes remain consistent: repentance, fasting, and spiritual growth.

The word "Lent" itself comes from the Old English word "lencten," meaning springtime, highlighting the season's connection to renewal and rebirth. This period begins on Ash Wednesday, when many Christians receive ashes on their foreheads as a symbol of penitence and mortality. It concludes with Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Lent mirrors the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing for his ministry. Likewise, believers use this time for introspection, prayer, and self-denial. Fasting, a common practice during Lent, serves as a reminder of dependence on God and a way to focus more fully on spiritual matters.

Beyond fasting from food or certain luxuries, Lent encourages believers to "fast" from negative behaviors or attitudes. This might include gossip, anger, or selfishness, with the goal of cultivating virtues such as kindness, patience, and generosity.

Another key aspect of Lent is almsgiving, or charitable giving. This practice emphasizes compassion and solidarity with those in need, following the example of Jesus's ministry to the poor and marginalized. Through acts of service and generosity, believers seek to embody Christ's love and bring hope to others.

Lent is also a time of intensified prayer. Many Christians use this season to deepen their relationship with God through daily prayer, meditation, and scripture reading. This intentional focus on spiritual disciplines can lead to a renewed sense of purpose and direction in life.

While Lent is a time of solemnity, it is also a journey toward joy. The season culminates in Holy Week, the final week of Lent, which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These days commemorate Jesus's Last Supper with his disciples, his crucifixion, and his time in the tomb, respectively. The darkness of these events gives way to the light of Easter Sunday, the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death.

In conclusion, Lent is a season of preparation, transformation, and renewal. It invites believers to deepen their faith, grow in virtue, and draw closer to God. Through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, Christians seek to emulate Christ's sacrifice and love, ultimately leading to the joyous celebration of Easter.

Until next time friends,

Pastor Jason

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Administrative Council/Finance Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2024

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, CMC, 5:30 p.m. Members present: Pastor Jason Christensen, Gary Linn, Jim Wolff, Sue Holloway and Cindy McNeill.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order and opened with devotion and prayer.

There were no changes or additions to the agenda. Jim Wolff moved/Sue Holloway seconded to **approve the November 2023 minutes. Motion carried.**

The Financial Reports for December 31, 2023 and January 31, 2024 were reviewed. Correen Dammen moved/Sue Holloway seconded to **approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.** The Finance Committee Report was reviewed. Cindy McNeill moved/Correen Dammen seconded to **approve the Finance Committee Report. Motion carried.**

LeeAnn Paananen, Trustees Chair, reported on the Trustees meeting on February 14th. Work is being done in the parsonage, church entry, and the cry room in the sanctuary.

Discussion was held on purchasing new tables for Handbells to accommodate two rows in front of the congregation when they play the bells.

Pastor Jason's report is attached.

Sue Holloway, Mission Chair, reported on Fellowship of Christian athletes, help is needed with blankets for the hospital and cards were sent to Adopt-A-Platoon. Sue Holloway moved/Coreen Dammen seconded to **transfer \$10,000.00 from Mission Funds to Discretionary Funds. Motion carried.**

Staff Pastor Parish report. Sue Holloway moved/Jim Wolff seconded to **approve personal time off for Pastor Jason. Motion carried.**

Vacation Bible School for this summer will be joining with other community churches. Correen Dammen will be our representative at these meetings.

CYC Report. There are two community events being considered. Cinco de Mayo event is working with Spanish teacher for this event. Another idea is to have an old- fashioned picnic this summer.

The next meeting is March 21, 2024, CMC, 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Jason closed the meeting in prayer.

Trinity United Methodist
Trustee Minutes for February 13, 2024

In attendance: Wayne Holdcroft Bob McNeil Mike Darling John Hauge
 Jim Wolf Trustee Chair-Lee Ann Paananen Pastor Jason

Meeting called to order at 4:15

Pastor Jason opened with a prayer.

Minutes for November 16, 2023 were reviewed:

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded, Motion passed.

PARSONAGE:

- Kitchen window did not need replacement. Was repaired instead.
- Basement Waffle lights. Bob will set up a time to install the lights.
- Bob will solicit quotes to replace the siding.
- Front door- Leaks cold air- A new sweep. Bob will repair.

Church:

Entry ceiling-Some stains showing, part of ceiling needs sealing and painting.

Bell tower requires repair and sealing. Put on Maintenance list.

Cry room. Not used as such any more. Bell choir would like to store bells in the room.

Need to install a door lock, keyed the same as the Church outer doors.

Both windows will be closed off-For security and a memorial plaque location.

Will install an outlet in future if determined necessary.

Sanctuary fans- People having trouble starting- Proper startup is to start on high speed and then lower speed to slower speed.

Boiler Inspection- Inspection will be on 2-26-24 between noon and 4 PM. Inspector will call with a closer time. Jerry Pontius will attend inspection with Lee Ann.

CMC:

Tile Floor

Bob has been replacing tiles. They seem to hold but have not weathered a full year.

A resolution with the installer needs to be reached.

Hire Tim Johns to write a letter to the installer. Tim will require data.

Bob will contact American Engineering Testing about conducting a moisture test.

John will get moisture and material specs from Flooring specifications, Adhesive specifications, and flooring factory.

Lee Ann replaced the handles on Norma's desk

Need to install CO2 detectors in 3 locations-Kitchen, Utilities room, Front furnace room. Check Church for need.

General- Randy McGruder has notified the Church that he will not be plowing snow after this year. We need to locate another person for cleaning the sidewalks and other non-parking lot areas.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21 at 4:30 Note time change.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22

John Hauge Temporary note taker.

TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thursday, March 7, 2024 12:00
ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME

March is the month when we will celebrate together with a Potluck Meal at noon which brings to life the title of our 2024 Program Resource Book, "Food, Faith, and Fellowship". Bonnie Brooking will present a program from that book during the afternoon. An item on the business agenda is planning for the light breakfast which UWF will sponsor on Easter Sunday, March 31, between services from 7:30 to 8:45. There will be no Coffee Time after service that Sunday, so do come anytime between 7:30 and 8:45 in gratitude for what the Lord has done for us, and for the fellowship of our church family.

Adopt a Platoon card prep will take place at 10:30 before our potluck meal.

Come for the Prep, Stay for the Meal!



CYC Event: The Church, Youth & Community program have joined with The Kiwanis Club in hosting a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 15, 2024 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the CMC. Service hours for the students will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Several different types of fish will be served in addition to appetizers, salads, desserts and drinks (chicken will be available for the non-fish eater). Tickets at the door will be \$15 for adults, \$12 seniors & students (12-18), \$6 youth (6-11) and under 5 free. (Get \$2 off each ticket by purchasing in advance from any Kiwanis member until March 13).



A great performance on February 18th by our Hymn Dingers handbell choir



Missions and Outreach Ministry

Meals On Wheels: Our next delivery week is March 18th through the 22nd. Please consider joining our group even if it is only as a back-up. We deliver only 5 days every 5 weeks. I can take you on 2 training runs before being asked to do the route. This is great for a couple or 2 friends to do the route then enjoy lunch together. Give Sue a call for more information.

Adopt-A-Platoon: We will meet on Thursday, March 7th at 10:30 in the CMC. With the help of the Middle School's FCA group, 700 cards were mailed to Lozano, Texas. I received a card from Michael Hagg who took over the organization after his Mother died. Michael writes: "Thank you so much for your support. I personally pick up and deliver every box you send. I have become very familiar with seeing your name so often, knowing how much work, and effort you send our way." This thank you belongs to all who come every time to help assemble and finance this effort. Christmas cards are ready for assembling at home so that it will be easier to reach that 2000+ card goal.

Hospital Lap Blankets: We have been frustrated with weather and other complications that have prevented us from meeting for the last 2 ½ months. Help would be greatly appreciated in putting the blankets together. If you can thread a needle, you have the skill to help. If you are able to use a sewing machine and can sew a straight line, you, too can help.

CYC (Church, Youth and Community): Trinity is pairing up with the Kiwanis Club for their **Fish Fry** on Friday, March 15th. We will help with advertising and desserts. Teens will do a service project from 3-5 and help serving beverages, bussing tables and clean-up. Please plan to attend to support the Kiwanis Club's commitment to community service both physically and financially. Come see the plans for rehabbing the "Purple Park" (the Par Course Park). **Save the Date:** Join us for a Cinco De Mayo event on Saturday, May 4th in the CMC. The Spanish Club will be providing the meal and activities. This will be a great family time.



Please remember our homebound members
by sending them a greeting card



Doris Adamson
52 Dunlap Ave.
Deadwood, SD 57732

Orrin Aldrich
921 Addie
Lead, SD 57754

Betty Bender
122 Wall St.
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch
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Spearfish, SD 57783

Peggy Cleveland
Friendly Horizons
7200 Freedom Dr., Rm 108
Summerset, SD 57718

Jean Dyer
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Dr, Apt. 159
Spearfish, SD 57783

Winnie Ferris
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Deadwood, SD 57731

Kris Foreman
PO Box 165
Deadwood, SD 57732

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Rapid City, SD 57702

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Lima Company
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**Trinity United Methodist
Church Library Notes**



CS Lewis is one of the most popular Christian writers if not THE most popular, (besides God).

“CS Lewis is the ideal persuader for the half convinced, for the good man who would like to be a Christian, but finds his intellect getting in the way.” -Anthony Burgess

We now have the essential writings of CS Lewis in our library and I encourage you to pick out one or two and read them. They are short books-they may take 3 1/2 to 4 hours to read.

Mere Christianity Mr. Lewis was asked by the BBC to give lectures to the British people over the radio during World War 2. This is a collection of those lectures. He discusses theology in a convincing, witty manner. His teaching reaches the doubting believer who finds that he or she can have a relationship with Christ without losing their intellect. His talks gave Brits encouragement during their most desperate times. This is a must-read for the believer and skeptics alike.

Surprised by Joy is CS Lewis' autobiographical story of his early life and how he eventually came to put his faith in Jesus Christ.

The Screwtape Letters is a witty, ironic portrayal of human life from the viewpoint of the demon Screwtape. It depicts the correspondence between the wise-old Screwtape and his nephew demon Wormwood. This book is fun, yet sobering!

Miracles Do miracles really happen? In this book, CS Lewis points out that miracles are happening all around us, everyday.

The Problem of Pain If there is a God, why do people or animals have to suffer pain? Many people find they cannot put their faith in a God who allows us to go through suffering and pain. Mr. Lewis attempts to answer this question with compassion, offering hope to those who suffer.

The Four Loves Mr. Lewis divides love into four categories: Affection, Friendship, Eros and Charity. The first three come naturally, but without Charity, things tend to fall apart.

We also have the complete set of **The Chronicles of Narnia** by CS Lewis.

If you have questions about our growing library, contact Carol Holdcroft at choldcroft@twhco.com.



Bible Study



The Men's Bible Study is held on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the CMC. They are currently studying the book of James. This group of men welcome anyone who wants to attend.

For information, contact the office or Syd DeVries at 510-910-3594.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the CMC. They will start a new 12 week study on February 29th discussing comfort. All ladies and newcomers are welcome.

Any questions can be directed to Shelli DeVries at 209-480-9974.

A little information about the new study, *Discover Comfort: A God of Compassion* looks at the scriptures that speak to our human struggles with suffering. It also examines passages that speak of God's love, wisdom and tender care for his children. This is a study that explores God's response to the honest questions we face when experiencing pain or hardships.

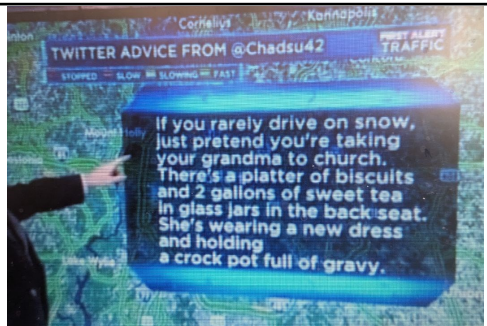
The Last Supper Presentation

The Lead/Deadwood Ministerial Association is putting on the dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. The Last Supper performance will be on Good Friday, March 29th at the Homestake Opera House at 7:00 pm.



Christian Chuckle:

A little advice that a member of our congregation came across and wanted to share. :)



SUNDAY SCHOOL



All children are welcome to participate in Sunday School. The curriculum is based on the stories of Jesus. If you are interested in helping with our sweet young children, please contact the office at 584-1328.



Faith and Fellowship

We have times when we need some inspiration and we have times where we search for hope in times of need. Where can we go to get this? How do we find words that will comfort and sustain us? The answer is Faith and Fellowship. We are a group of people building our faith toolboxes so that when life hits us we have the spiritual tools we need to face it. If you are a person who enjoys fellowship and reading the bible please consider joining us. You do not need to be a bible expert just come on **Tuesday** at **6:30 pm** to the CMC. We will read and visit about how these scriptures can be of use to us and who knows we may even have some fun! If you are interested please contact the office or visit with Pastor Jason.

Homebound Member Visits

Trinity's visitation team has been out to see some of our homebound members recently such as, Betty Bender and Doris Adamson. If you know of somebody that the team should see 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

Contact Information for
Pastor Jason Christensen
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E-mail: broncopastor4@gmail.com

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.

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 donuts and coffee during fellowship on Sunday, April 14th.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

March 3—Connie Hyde
March 4—Jim Wolff
March 4—Charlotte Berglund
March 5—Anna Campbell
March 8—Shelli DeVries
March 9—Bailey Norton
March 9—Sue DeGooyer
March 11—Kayden Berglund
March 11—Sherri Rystrom
March 12—Michael Darling
March 12—Vickie Hauge
March 13—Jason Christensen
March 16—Betty Bender
March 19—Gary LaFollette
March 20—Margie Stoflet
March 21—Sid Goss
March 27—Chloe Berglund
March 29—Quinn Fisher
March 31—Faunille Cummings

Anniversaries:

SERMON SERIES:

Are You Called? (Feb 18-March 31)

3/03—Beatitudes

3/10—Prayer with Attitude

3/17—Commitment to Discipleship

3/24—Triumphal Entry

3/31—What are we looking for at the empty tomb?

Hymn Dinger Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will practice on March 5th and 12th at 3:30. They will play during worship service on Sunday, March 17th.



*Memorial Garden
Sunday, March 31st*

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, March 30th at 9:00 am.



Please call the office with who provided flowers and who it is in honor or memory of so that information can be included in the Easter bulletin.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday-March 24
Church Services 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday-March 28
Church Services 7:00 pm

Good Friday-March 29
Da Vinci's Last Supper
Performance at the
Homestake Opera House
at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday-March 31
Church Services 7:00 am
Easter Brunch 8:00 am, CMC
Church Services 9:00 am

CELEBRATE CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WITH A BRUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP TIME

Easter morning, March 31st, at 8:00 a.m.
(between the 7:00 and 9:00 services) in the CMC.

Menu will include breakfast goodies,
fruit, juice and coffee.

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

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

**Registration for Summer Camp 2024
is now open!**

TUMC Camp Sunday will be March 17th!

The people of Trinity UMC are committed to helping send people to camp, so please inquire about available scholarships. Some of the camps 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 for all of the camp opportunities!

Contact the office for the camp code

Early bird registration
deadline is April 30th



Celebrating our High School Seniors:

We plan to celebrate and recognize our graduating high school seniors in worship on **Sunday, May 12th**.

There will be wide-margin bibles located in the CMC 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.

The seniors we currently have on our roster:

Chloe Berglund
Jaedyn Pontius
Clairity Pray
Riley Reller

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



March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 3rd Sunday in Lent	 4 Pastor PCL 11-2 Kiwanis 5:30 pm Y-PEO 5:00-8:00	5 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 Bells Practice 3:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	 6 Lenten Study 6:00	7 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Platoon Cards 10:30 UWF 12:30	1 Pastor on Vacation	2 Men's Bible Study 7:30
Feb. 26—March 3						
10 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	11 Pastor PCL 11-2 Senior Citizens 10-2 Kiwanis 5:30 pm	12 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 Bells Practice 3:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	13 Staff Meeting 10:30 Bide-A-Wee 12:00 Lenten Study 6:00	14 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm	15 Exercise 9:30 CYC-Kiwanis Fish Fry 3:00-7:30 No L/D School	16 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
17 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Handbells Play Camp Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent	18 Pastor PCL 11-2 Kiwanis 5:30 pm	19 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up L-PEO 1-3 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30 CMC Rental, 5-7	20 Amer Aux 6-8 pm Lenten Study 6:00	21 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Meeting Night	22 Exercise 9:30 Community Blood Drive CMC 11:30-7:00	23 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
24 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Palm Sunday	25 Pastor PCL 11-2 Kiwanis 5:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	26 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	27 Lenten Study 6:00	28 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Maundy Thursday Service 7:00	29 Exercise 9:30 Last Supper at Opera House 7:00 pm Good Friday No L/D School	30 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
31 Worship at 7 & 9 Easter Brunch 8 Easter Sunday EASTER			 HAPPY EASTER			

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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.

