

The Epistle

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Our Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel.

March 2026



Vicar's Article

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you created each of us and know our call and purpose. In this time of discernment, we ask that your Holy Spirit abide in us and guide us. Show us how our passions energize us in your faithful service. Guide us to all unite with your Holy Spirit in discovering

new ways to preach and teach the Good News to everyone, witness your faith through actions and words, and accept and welcome all people. In the name of your Son, who called all to Christian life, Jesus Christ. Amen

-Prayer for Visioning

We waded through the middle of Lent, join us Wednesdays for our mid-week series Prayers of Intention. Practice making space to hear and speak to God this Lent in the middle of our busy lives, and a world full of hate and fear. Go is love and hope and is a good listener. We have struggled as a congregation with who we are, and who we are in relationship with me as your first call Synod Appointed Minister, as we share our stories one-on-one, then as groups and soon all together. I do not know what God plans for Trinity, but I believe with all my heart and faith that God is love and only love and grace can lead us on into the future God has planned for us. The Visioning Team will take all the interviews and spend a long workday listening to them, talking through all the themes, hopes, dreams, and ideas and come together with twelve pillars that we can report back to the congregation. We will then research how each of these could become mission in our worship, in programs, and in outreach to the surrounding community with community partners or on our own, and how each is already present at Trinity, supported in a 1 then 3

mile radius around Trinity, and how we can fill a void or support that work in our community. Part of the emphasis will be on every option having ways to be involved whether you support Sunday worship, planning events or support groups, meals to celebrate, or boots on the ground.

Vicar Aaron Carr (He/Him)



NEWS FROM CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

LENTEN FOOD JOURNEY

Church in Community will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Journey for the 40 days of Lent. It started on February 18, Ash Wednesday, and will end on Maundy Thursday. Various food and non-food items will be collected and given to a community partner at the end of Lent. Watch the calendar in the Narthex!

MARCH NOISY OFFERING

This month we will be donating to S.H.E. (Style Her Empowered). This program supplies girls in Togo, Africa with the uniforms, supplies and tutoring so they can attend school. The uniforms can fit a girl for up to three years, adjust to 6 sizes and can be handed down to younger girls. Each uniform costs \$20. Even more exciting is that this uniform style was started by a young lady named Payton McGriff, a University of Idaho student, as a college project. The girls do the sewing, so they are also learning a marketable skill to improve their futures!

2C KITCHEN MEALS

Thanks to everyone who helped cook, make desserts, package and serve for the Thrivent/Church in Community meal for 2C Kitchen Collective. Check our pictures on our Facebook page!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Thanks to all who contributed to the church food pantry at the Souper bowl of Caring! 27 cans and \$141.24 were collected/donated!

PASTOR'S REPORT JANUARY 2026

Committees: January 5th, I met with Worship and music and we put the top four liturgies voted by the congregation into Setting 4 for Lent & Advent, Now the Feast for Easter & Christmas/Epiphany, Tree of Life for the first half of Pentecost and Dakota Road for the second half of Pentecost. Music met on the 7th and planned through Pentecost. On Tuesday the 13th and Thursday the 15th I missed Endowment and Gospel and Growth due to the flu. I joined council remotely on the 20th to verify that all reports from committees from those in attendance had been submitted for the annual report. Worship & Altar Guild met on the 24th and planned out Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. February 3rd, I met with the Executive Council for my Annual Pastor Review. Visioning Committee met on Feb. 15th after fellowship. Mutual ministry and I met February 16th.

Cluster Activities: February 4th, I met with the Nampa Ministerial Association at United Methodist.

Congregational Activities: December 28th everyone enjoyed lessons and carols. New Years Eve Edith hosted a potluck party for the congregation. Starting January 5th Tami started this year's Monday Midwinter Movie Series running every Monday night until Lent. January 18th Mary, Penelope and Kim led a eucharist around the work and example of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. January 31st we had a good turnout once again for the 2C Kitchen bringing warm chili to over 40 homeless or hungry people living in Nampa. February 7th I hosted a New Church Council Welcome Potluck.

Personal: After Christmas, my family and I went for a vacation on the Oregon coast together to Seaside. It was a great time to relax, refresh, and stand in awe of the king tide. By the second week of January, I caught the flu bug that was going

around. Instead of going to Aspen Springs, Colorado to spend the weekend with my kid brother and his fiancé for their bachelor party, I spent from the 13th through the 21st sick and mostly incoherent. February 3rd, I held 3 secondary interviews for Office Admin from those interviewed by Sarah, Karissa, or me in the first round. Feb. 6th My family and I went over to David Sheriff's home for dinner.

Synod: As part of my ongoing steps toward ordination, I had a TEEM session from the 26th through the 30th. I also had eight hours a day of classes for a week while I wrote up the annual meeting agenda, invitation letter, coordinating printing and sending between Sarah, Jessica, and Karissa, and held several meetings with leadership, potential committee members, and church members with concerns ahead of the meeting. Each class can also come with 3 months of regular master's level prework to complete before class. This unit, I was given my prework the week before Christmas. This means that on my vacation and most days in the office I put in an extra 4-12 hours of study and paper writing for submission. February 5th, I joined a rostered minister check in at 10am and met with my academic mentor Kent at 3pm.

Tuesday Study Group: The Tuesday group continued through the Psalms. Next month they will finish Psalms. Looking forward to starting a less study and more fun book. Feb. 11th, I joined a group from Tuesdays for AAUW for a presentation of Digital Literacy.

Worship: The Season after Epiphany has been about preparing for visioning and getting hope from those who have dreamed and hoped before us in their service to God.

Visits: Penelope Smith visited Helen Hatton, Marilyn Kirkness, and Margaret Booth this month while I was at TEEM.

Submitted by Vicar Aaron Carr.

MONDAY MIDWINTER MOVIES

17 different people attended at least one of the 6 films shown during our annual winter film series. Our thanks to Tami Robinson for preparing and opening her house to us, and to all those who brought treats to share. We were fed very well!

ASH WEDNESDAY CROSSES

Our thanks to Edith Hannett and David Sheriff for cutting nails and welding them into the burnished crosses that you received. These are a way to use your sense of touch to remind you of the meaning of Lent and Good Friday, so that you can truly rejoice at Easter!

EASTER EGG DECORATING & CRAFT NIGHT

Bring your family and friends on Tuesday, March 31 at 6pm for an evening of fun. There will be Easter crafts and eggs to color and decorate. Come hungry because there will be pizza, drinks & snacks. We will also be putting together Easter baskets for our Trinity homebound members. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda Hanson or Sierra Armbrust.

Wednesday

Lent Soup Suppers and Service 2026

Lent soup suppers for 2026: Wednesdays 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 and 3/25

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Please bring your soup or bread by 6pm, as we serve at 6:15 pm.

Evening service will follow at 7:00 pm.

in the psalms, or an interest in a study group - this would be a good time to join us. If your schedule has you out of town frequently, this would be an ideal topic for you - each week's lesson is self-contained, and you won't feel lost if you miss a week or two. Please consider joining us in the Koinonia (blue) room on Tuesdays between 2:00 - 4:00 pm as we trek through the psalms together.

Statistical Comparison for January - February

2025/2026

Date	Attendance	Date	Attendance
01/05	53	01/04	37
01/12	47	01/11	36
01/19	37	01/18	32
01/26	52	01/25	39
02/02	45	02/01	42
02/09	45	02/08	35
02/16	48	02/15	40
02/23	50	02/22	45



OFFICERS/COMMITTEE LIAISONS 2026



President Bryce Quarve ()

Vice-President Phil Cronk ()

Secretary Andrew Hanson()

Treasurer and Accounts Payable Coordinator

Karissa Armbrust

Financial Secretary Kristina Radke (renewable)

COUNCIL TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

Christian Education/Youth: Andrew Hanson ()

Church in Community: Cedar Hilger (27)

Communication: Elizabeth Schnabel ()

Gospel and Growth: Tami Robinson ()

Hospitality: Edith Hannett (27)

Property: Lloyd Kellar()

Stewardship: David Sheriff ()

Trinity New Hope: Andrew Hanson (27)

Worship & Music: Bryce Quarve ()

Mutual Ministry: Phil Cronk ()



TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

PSALMS on Tuesdays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Since February 11, 2025

this group has been focusing on

Psalms. Each participant brings his/her own favorite translation of the Bible (perhaps Vicar Aaron will bring his Hebrew version?!) and we study the different genre of the psalms. It is generally accepted that they group into the following categories: Lament (of the community and of individuals); Specialized Lament (penitential and imprecatory); Thanksgiving (of the community and the individual); Specialized Thanksgiving (salvation history and songs of trust); Hymnic Psalms (hymns and doxologies); Liturgical Psalms for Public Worship (covenant songs, royal/enthronement songs, songs of Zion, and temple liturgies); and Community/Wisdom Psalms. If you have an interest

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS

Audit: Karen Bair (26), Cathy Winwood (25), Emily Bentley (27)

Endowment: David Sheriff (), Julie Ward (27)

Memorial: Kallie Ziemer (25), Joyce Becht (26),

Luther Heights Reps: Janet Metzger & Cathy Winwood, Peggy Miller (27)

Nominating: Sierra Armbrust, Larry Mills, Pat Benoit

Mutual Ministry: Carl Radke, Jerry Armbrust, Bryce Quarve

Synod Assembly Voting Members: Jerry Armbrust & Cathy Winwood



THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone who brought soup, bread, came early, stayed late, and joined us for worship in our Lenten Midweek Soup and Service series this year.

Thank you, Kristina Radke, Bryce Quarve, and Steve VanAtter for helping me (Vicar) plan and lead our Visioning Process.

Thank you, Penelope Smith and Tami Robinson for helping everyone have a chance to share their story through Appreciative Inquiry.

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM bring food to share

8:15 AM serving starts for Easter Brunch

9:00 AM Easter egg hunt:

10:00 AM Easter worship



IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Colton	(Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)
Monica Perez	(friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)
Alex Witherspoon	(healing from traumatic brain injury – Amanda Hanson)
Cody	(Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley)
Addie	(Teenage Crohn's disease – Cathy Winwood)
Michelle Dombeck	(health concerns – Linda Dombeck)
Shawn Houston	(upcoming surgery – Linda Dombeck)
Heidi Baldwin	(health issues – Carr family)
Snowflake (family cat)	(kidney problems – Radke family)

For Andrew & Grandpa Norm	(from Elizabeth Schnabel)
For Allissa Smiley	(mourning loss of husband Joe – Mary Helen)
For Mitchell family	(mourning loss father Malcom – Mary Helen)
For Daughter in Iowa	(searching for Nurse Practitioner job – Mary B)
For Sarah Klahn-Braudrick	(new job)

*Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list
unless you let the office know otherwise.*

Trinity Servants For March 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church Servant Assignments (please find your own replacement and notify office if you can't serve.)

	March 01 Lent 2	March 08 Lent 3	March 15 Lent 4	March 22 Lent 5	March 29 Palm Sunday
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Mary Braudrick	Steve VanAtter	Steve VanAtter	Bryce Quarve	Bryce Quarve
<u>Crucifer</u>	Cedar Hilger	Abigail Radke	Aldwin Kellar	Steve VanAtter	TBD
<u>Acolyte</u>	Zander Radke	Aggie Klahn	Elizabeth Schnabel	Aggie Klahn	Carl Radke
<u>Reader</u>	Steve VanAtter	Abigail Radke	Kristina Radke	Penelope Smith	Tami Robinson
<u>Children's Message</u>	Vicar Aaron	Larry Mills	Vicar Aaron	Karissa Armbrust	Vicar Aaron
<u>Music</u>	Bryce Leifeste	Bryce Leifeste	Bryce Leifeste	Bryce Leifeste	Karissa Armbrust
<u>Audio/Streaming</u>	Elizabeth Schnabel & Bryce Quarve	David Sheriff & Bryce Quarve	David Sheriff & Andrew Hanson	TBD	Larry Mills & Jessica Carr
<u>Greeters</u>	Karen Bair & Penelope Smith	Ardelle O'Bryan & Julie Haugen	Tami Robinson & Joyce Becht	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Pat & Donna Benoit
<u>Ushers</u>	Radke Family	Penelope Smith & Elizabeth Schnabel	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Tami Robinson & Michala Mills	Lee & Marilynn Jackson
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Cathy Winwood	Beth Rasgorshek	Kim Mills	Kristina Radke	Pat & Donna Benoit
<u>Offering Counters</u>	Andrew Hanson & Lloyd Kellar	Tami Robinson & Phil Cronk	Tami Robinson & David Sheriff	Edith Hannett & Elizabeth Schnabel	Edith Hannett & Elizabeth Schnabel
<u>Fellowship</u>	Jacksons	Jacksons	Jacksons	Jacksons	Jacksons
<u>Flowers</u>	Greens	Greens	Greens	Greens	Greens
<u>Wine</u> Julie Haugen	<u>Eternal Candle</u> Julie Haugen	<u>Communion</u> <u>Bread</u> Unleavened Bread	<u>Church Cleaning</u>		

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar for **March 2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Lent 2 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time 1 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service	2 Office 8:00 – Noon	3 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 2-4 pm Study Group	4 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Evening Service	5 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	6 Office Closed 7 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service	7 Office Closed
8 Lent 3 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time 1 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service Daylight Saving Time begins	9 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Mutal Ministry meeting	10 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 2-4 pm Study Group	11 Office 8:00 – Noon 6 pm Learning Peace meeting 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Evening Service	12 Office 8:00 – Noon 2 pm Gospel & Growth 6:30 pm Al-Anon	13 Office Closed 7 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service	14 Office Closed
15 Lent 4 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time 12-3 pm D&D session 1 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service	16 Office 8:00 – Noon	17 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 2-4 pm Study Group 7 pm Church Council St. Patrick's Day	18 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Evening Service	19 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	20 Office Closed 7 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service Spring begins	21 Office Closed
22 Lent 5 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time 1 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service	23 Office 8:00 – Noon 9:00 am Epistle Articles Due	24 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 2-4 pm Study Group	25 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Evening Service	26 Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	27 Office Closed 7 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service	28 Office Closed
29 Palm Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion (Noisy Offering) 11 am Fellowship Time 1 pm Spanish Pentecostal Service	30 Office 8:00 – Noon	31 Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 2-4 pm Study Group 6 pm Easter Egg Decorating & Craft Night				

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