

BLESSINGS

APRIL 2026



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

Dear Co-believers in Christ,

According to Mark's gospel record, while Mary Magdalene and Mary, mother of James and Salome, were going to perform the final rites to their beloved guru, their journey was filled with heavy, sad, and fearful hearts. They thought it was the end of their dear teacher and friend.

Their situation changed surprisingly when they saw the empty tomb. Their saddened hearts filled with joy; their fearful hearts filled with courage and an unknown future turned into an eternal promise. They realized that the end was not an end. However, they did not speak of Jesus' resurrection to anyone for they were afraid.

The resurrection event fulfills our belief that Christ is risen, shares with

the world about salvation and eternal life, and rejoices that by grace we have been saved. On Easter day, when we greet one other with the Paschal greeting "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

We experience joy, promise, assurance, and a new beginning. In our lives when things seem like the end, Jesus's resurrection assures us that there will be a new beginning. When our faith is declining, our relationships are broken, or when financial crises are increasing, the risen Christ is there to roll those stones away.

Let this joyous Easter season enhance your faith! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Have a blessed April,
Rev. Emmanuel Penumaka

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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

April 2 - Kari Ottinger
April 15 - William Wiberg
April 28 - Annah Stenberg

Happy Anniversary!

April 27 - Ruth & Ken Jansing

Upcoming Events

JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m.

HOLY WEEK:

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2
7 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3
7 p.m.

Altar Guild to Decorate for Easter

*Saturday, April 4
10 a.m.*

Easter Breakfast & Service

Sunday, April 5
9:30 a.m. - Breakfast
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, April 26
9:45 a.m.



**Donations are now being
accepted for the
2026 TLC Rummage Sale.
(May 1st & 2nd)**

Donations can be placed in the preschool classroom at the end of the hall beginning April 12th. Furniture and larger items should be dropped off the week of April 27th.

Please note that we DO NOT accept tv's or computer monitors.

Volunteers are needed to unpack items, work the sale and clean up.

We will begin set up on April 26th following worship.



Sunday Worship

10:30 am—Traditional

*Communion

1st & 3rd

Sundays of the month
and on Festival Sundays

Outreach

9:45 am—Adult Bible Study
Wednesday's

10 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship
1st - 3rd Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Fellowship
Breakfast
Last Sunday of the month

Faithful Servants

	04.05.26	04.12.26	04.19.26	04.26.26
Greeter	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Tom & Jan C
Lector	Tammy C	Anne T	Hope H	Rick H
Communion	Amy H	n/a	Joyce W	n/a
Usher	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Tom & Jan C
Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Joyce W	Joyce W	Laura W
Music	John R	John R	Charlie F	Randy G
Coffee & Fellowship	Men of Trinity	Sandy T	Anne T	Carol J
Counting	Council	Council	Council	Council

If you are unable to do your Sunday Servant position, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. The church council appreciates all you do to help make worship a great experience!

April Flower Dedications



Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events, in memory of loved ones and for the glory of God.

April 5 - Sandy & Randy Tegtman in celebration of their grandchildren

April 12 - Gina Lucas in celebration of Amelia

April 19 - Amy & Rick Hammerle in celebration of their new granddaughter, Seraphina

April 26 - OPEN

Please mail or drop off your check for flower dedications (\$30).

Those who sponsor flowers may take home the bouquets following the worship service.

To sponsor 2026 altar flowers, click [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Flowers are now \$30 per week.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Giving Update

	03.01.26	03.09.26	03.15.26	03.22.26
Current Expenses*	\$2,028.00	\$1,822.00	\$1,307.00	\$412.00
Loose Offering*			\$45.00	
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00			
Building Fund	\$5.00		\$5.00	
Flowers*	\$126.00	\$203.00	\$19.00	\$139.00
Use of Building*	\$100.00			
Ruth's Circle				\$60.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$3,759.00	\$2,025.00	\$1,376.00	\$611.00

Average Monthly Current Expenses*: \$9,000
ESTIMATED MARCH DEFICIT - \$1,299

Caring Center Needs

The Caring Center's mission is to stabilize families in crisis and move those caught in poverty towards self sufficiency. They help families and individual living in generational and situational poverty and those who are food insecure.

All donations should be placed in the tub under the bulletin board.



This fun-loving crew from Trinity turned Saturday, March 7 into something special at The Shalom House!

Together, they whipped up and served 220 pulled pork sandwiches, along with tasty sides and sweet desserts.

Nothing beats good food, great company, and giving back to the community.

Our next opportunity to serve at Shalom is Saturday, September 12.

God's Work. Our Hands!

APRIL PANTRY NEEDS

Cans:	Other Needs:
•Mandarin Oranges	•Apple Juice
•Peas	•Tomato Juice
•Peaches	•Pancake Mix
•Pineapple	•Pancake Syrup
•Spinach	•Conditioner
•Tomatoes	•Diapers sz.3

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