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# THE COMPASS

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TRINITY UMC MISSION – TO SEEK & TO SAVE THE LOST. JOHN 10:11

A PLACE TO... BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

## Outreach Committee:

Outreach Committee has been busy! For Valentine's Day we made a \$20 donation for Duncombe School Candy Grams. This was a fundraiser for the school to purchase a washer and drier so it was a double win in sharing the love! We later discovered that someone wrote a check to ensure every child received a Candy Gram! Every child was loved!



We also provided a basket of goodies for all county employees at the courthouse, bank building and LEC. That was over 100 employees feeling our love. We will provide baskets for the rest of the county employees as well as the city employees in March.

Thank you for all the donations, we are still collecting food for the Fort Dodge Senior High food pantry on the 3rd Sunday of every month. The school has requested these items: floss, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, mac n cheese, cereal, pasta and sauce, hamburger helper, canned veggies, jelly, ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc. No snacky things. Some high schoolers will not eat if there is nothing in the FDSH food pantry.

Saturday Worship– **5:30p**  
Sunday Worship– **9:30a**  
Sunday Livestream on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)  
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## Memorial Committee:

Seniors!

Don't forget your scholarship requests are due **March 31**.

If you plan on applying for a scholarship, stop in the office at church and pick up a form.

**Patsy Pukacz**  
**Memorial Committee Chair**



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## PRAYER LIST

Ed & Joanne Becker  
Rachel Bell  
Dennis Bellingtier  
Dr. Paul Brown  
Don & Elaine Cassady  
Clif Ellerbeck  
Ralph Ewing  
Miriam Hoskins  
Terry Lee  
Lois Martin  
Katrina O'Brien  
Bill Oberhelman  
Linda Pingel  
Steve Roe  
Ilene Smith  
Carole Walrod  
Jean Warg, and brother  
Bill Cunningham  
Joann Whittington  
Gary Winkler  
Amy Pedersen

Please let Pastor Jena or the office know if you want to be added or removed from this prayer list. We want to respect your privacy, but let our prayer warriors know that you desire inclusion.

**#BeUMC**

Pastor Jena has decided to seek a new appointment. She will be relocating to Grace UMC in Story City. Her move date has not been announced. The SPPRC is working with the District Superintendent to find the best pastor for Trinity UMC.

## March Birthdays



1 Kathy Becker	11 Tom Steck	21 Kiara Wilson
1 Jane Groteluschen	12 Joellen Harris	22 Lohgen Schnetzer
1 Miriam Hoskins	12 Ron Kitterman	22 Rick Sessler
1 Dan Larson	13 Emma Alstott	23 Austin Christianson
2 Amelia Harbaugh	13 Patricia Nelson	23 Sara Nail
2 Marie Ann Harvey	14 Laura Dawn	23 Rick Thompson
3 Makinna Johll	14 Dan Cassady	23 Sydnee Waggoner
3 Peyton Meyer	14 Tavia Geilenfeld	24 Mary Auten
4 Kennedie Hatlestad	14 Jena Husske	24 Shelbi Beckman
4 Benjamin Pingle	14 Mason Johnson	24 Steve Roe
4 Charlie Schelle	16 William Brand	25 Mary Dixon-Wooten
5 Kimberly Bowles	17 Nicholas McBride	26 Emma Estlund
5 Melinda Fraher	17 Don Sampson	26 Johnathen Reedy
7 Noelle Barber	17 Andrea Surles	27 Roger Summers
7 Steve Becker	18 Carol Etzel	29 Justin Roberts
7 Travis Filloon	18 Brent Frazee	29 Kelli Schnurr
8 Reese Richman	18 Jory Heinecke	29 Samuel Smith
9 Chris Cornwell	18 Mandy McKnight	30 Mollyann Laird
10 Tawnie Bell	18 Nancy Ropte	30 Matthew Surles-Davis
10 Eillie Eslund	18 Colette Salmon	31 Jessica Vosika
10 Richard Zahrobsky	21 Josh Smith	31 Earl Witham

## March Anniversaries

3 Steve & Debby Roe	15 Jim & Deb Harvey	24 Daryl & JoAnn Beall
7 Mark & Jan Wilkins	16 Rick & Lana Waggoner	27 Nick & Colette Salmon
14 Cory & Michelle Crimmins	19 Ed & JoAnn Becker	27 Roger & Jackie Brown

### Worship Committee:

The Worship Committee met back on February 6 and began our first meeting of the year, as always, by reviewing how the Advent/Christmas services went. We like to take time to reflect on each season of worship in the church so that we can take notes on what went well and what could be improved for the next time that season comes around

again. The upcoming Lenten season and Holy Week were discussed and service times were decided on. Look for those dates and times in the announcements and daily devotions as the days draw closer. Our newly created Winter Weather Service Cancellation Policy was put into place back on January 14 with temps well below -20 degrees. We did make one additional stipulation on the policy that indicates that if the sanctuary is below 55 degrees services will be cancelled as well. This would be due to boiler issues that are beyond our control sometimes! Another topic of discussion was our communion bread. We debated and discussed the pros and cons of different styles of presentation and ultimately, we voted and decided that we will use whole loaf bread. Our communion servers will clean their hands with hand sanitizer and then be responsible for breaking off and presenting each person with their piece. Coming up the Sunday after Easter will be our "Great Day of Music" service so mark your calendars for a fun service of singing, bells, instruments and some music history!

**Jared Feddersen**

**Worship Committee Chair**







## MARCH 2 EASTER 24

### Highlights from Laura

“... put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”  
Revelation 7:3

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SOUPer Bowl

Lunch held on February 11<sup>th</sup> was a delicious and financial success. **FOURTEEN** different soups could be sampled along with cinnamon rolls, corn muffins, and crackers!! Nearly \$700 was raised to support the summer youth mission trip. Our youth stepped up their soup



making skills by offering some unique kinds. Brek Pingel & family made Zuppa Toscana while Eli Johnson created a Chicken Bacon Ranch soup. Lilly Johnson (last year's winner) crafted Chicken Gnocchi which tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Ruth Babbitt's Tator Tot Soup. New to the contest, \***Maiya Herndon's family favorite, Asian Dumpling, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place honors collecting \$61!** Other noteworthy soups were Potato Leek by Haleigh Kiplinger and Chicken Dumpling made by the Tolle family. The top 3 soups will be featured for a Wednesday Stop and GO supper in March. The date will be posted on Trinity's FB page. **THANK YOU EVERYONE** for your SUPPORT



Just a few days later the Trinity JAM kids celebrated **Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day with PANCAKES!** They flipped, tossed, raced, stacked and finally ate them! Maiya holds steady while her team stacks 14

mini cakes in 30 seconds on her forehead.

The final activity was a special worship service with ashes just for the JAM kids. The sign of the cross was marked on each forehead along with a nail pressed into each palm as visual reminders of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins! Powerful!



## MORE FUND RAISERS COMING SOON!

On Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the youth will offer fresh **CINNAMON ROLLS TO GO** by the dozen, half dozen or single(s) for a free will offering. Immediately following the 7:30 am Easter worship service rolls will be available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. **Preorders can be made through the church office or with Laura by Noon on Good Friday.**

### A QUOTE of SUPPORT

Bill Becker sampled a Cinnamon roll with his soup on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and said, “this roll was well worth the wait, it is delicious!” He had ordered rolls to go last Easter but they were accidentally purchased by someone else. He graciously insisted we keep his donation as he would wait for another time to get his order. The Trinity youth say **THANK YOU BILL & WE LOVE YOU!**



Trinity Youth will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **GAB (Garage, Attic & Basement Treasures) Sale**, tentatively planned for Thursday, May 30 & Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Church family your treasures can be donated at any time beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Laura or the church office for more details. **Save the date and tell your friends and neighbors!!**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

\***JAM & More JAM, Stop & Go Supper, Youth and High School Bible Study** meet Wednesday, March 6, 13, & 20.

**SPRING BREAK** for the Fort Dodge Schools is March 27 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, so **NO YOUTH ACTiViTiES** this week.

**YOUTH GROUP** (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> gr) meets on Sunday nights from 6:30 – 8pm on March 3, 17, & 24.

**KID'S EASTER SPECIAL** – on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall for all children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Celebrate Jesus rising from the dead with games, snacks and more.

## Missions Committee:

The Missions Committee has completed several of our winter projects. A contribution of \$119 was given to Duncombe school for snow pants and boots.

The Heifer International project had total donations of \$1,868. This included the JAM Kids contributions. Following is what the committee agreed to purchase:

- 15 flocks of chickens
- 1 pair of mating cattle
- 1 heifer
- 2 colonies of bees

Thank you again for your donations!



We will host the Manna Meal on Saturday, April 27 at First UMC. We will serve a meal and play a game of bingo. Volunteers will be needed. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex hallway.

We have ongoing Loom Weaving sessions happening every Monday and Friday from 10:00am - 11:00am. We will also be weaving on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00am - 12:00pm, and Thursday, March 21 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

Goldfield UMC is hosting "March Mat Marathon" on Saturday, March 2 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. There will be a free will donation chili supper following the mat weaving. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carol Etzel or Jayne Cassidy.



### The Missions Calendar for the remainder of 2024:

- February**– CWS Blankets
- April**– Planning a trip to Midwest Missions in Jefferson. (No date has been set yet.)  
Manna Meal on April 27.
- May & June**– Lord's Cupboard
- July & August**– Ingathering Begins
- September**– Possible Manna Meal
- October**– Organ Donor Awareness/ Health Fair
- November**– Our church will be hosting ingathering on November 2.
- November & December**– Local needs for Duncombe and Cooper schools, and Heifer International project.

## Finance Committee:

In January, our general fund receipts were \$16,713.71 only off a little bit from last year which were \$17,078.12. General fund budgeted type expenses for the same period were \$29,587.11. Part of the expenses were \$1,738.75 for a Radon mitigation system for the parsonage and an increase in our property insurance that is paid quarterly and the January quarterly payment was \$4,495.50. Utilities were cheaper in January of this year by \$1,518.17. The lack of snow will really help our budgeted expenses be less this first part of the year.

As always, feel free to ask any Finance Committee member any questions on finances or ask the church office and they can relay those questions to the finance committee for a follow up if needed.

*The Finance Committee*



# March 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

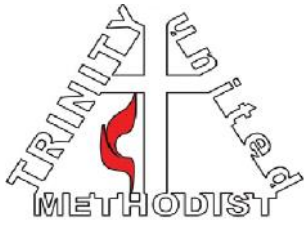
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

25	9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	26	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study	27	9:00am Trinity Quilters 7:00pm Bishop's Lenten Study	28	10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM & More Jam 5:00pm Stop+Go Supper 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 8:10pm High School Bible Study	29	8:30am Community Bible Study 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	1	World Day of Prayer 9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness	2	3:00pm March Mat Marathon at Goldfield UMC 5:30pm Worship - Casual
3	9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 11:00am Potluck 6:30pm Youth Group	4	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study	5	9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:00pm Missions Committee Meeting 7:00pm Bishop's Lenten Study	6	Accountant Here 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM & More Jam 5:00pm Stop+Go Supper 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 8:10pm High School Bible Study	7	8:30am Community Bible Study 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	8	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness	9	5:30pm Worship - Casual
10	Daylight-Saving Time Begins 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	11	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study	12	9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:30pm FD Quilters Guild 7:00pm Bishop's Lenten Study	13	10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM & More Jam 5:00pm Stop+Go Supper 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 8:10pm High School Bible Study	14	8:30am Trinity Bible Study	15	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness	16	Blood Pressure Checks 10:00am Missions Loom 5:30pm Worship - Casual
17	St. Patrick's Day 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 6:30pm Youth Group	18	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness 9:30am ISSP Board Meeting 6:30pm Bible Study	19	First Day of Spring 9:00am Trinity Quilters 9:30am Finance Committee 6:45pm Administrative Council 7:00pm Bishop's Lenten Study	20	Newsletter Articles DUE Accountant Here 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM & More Jam 5:00pm Stop+Go Supper 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 8:10pm High School Bible Study	21	8:30am Community Bible Study 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 5:00pm Missions Loom	22	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness	23	5:30pm Worship - Casual
24	Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 6:30pm Youth Group	25	9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study	26	9:00am Trinity Quilters	27	10:00am Coffee with Friends	28	Mourndy Thursday 8:30am Community Bible Study 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 5:30pm Mourndy Thursday Service	29	Good Friday 9:00am RSV/P BASE Fitness 5:30pm Good Friday Service	30	5:30pm Worship - Casual
31	Easter Sunday 7:30am Sunrise Easter Service 8:30am Rolls 2 Go Fundraiser 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 10:00am Kids Easter Special												



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# 2024 Bible Reading Plan

	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Wk.	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
<b>11</b>	1 Cor 5-6	Gen 40-43	1 Sam 1-5	Ps 30-32	Job 21-22	Isa 56-61	Mark 1-2
<b>12</b>	1 Cor 7-8	Gen 44-47	1 Sam 6-19	Ps 33-35	Job 23-24	Isa 62-66	Mark 3-4
<b>13</b>	1 Cor 9-10	Gen 48-50	1 Sam 11-15	Ps 36-38	Job 25-26	Jer 1-6	Mark 5-6
<b>14</b>	1 Cor 11-12	Ex 1-4	1 Sam 16-20	Ps 39-41	Job 27-28	Jer 7-11	Mark 7-8
<b>15</b>	1 Cor 13-14	Ex 5-8	1 Sam 21-25	Ps 42-44	Job 29-30	Jer 12-16	Mark 9-10