

# Trinity News

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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Congregational Brunch

Join us **Sunday, May 17**  
for our next brunch.



Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Brunch 10:45 a.m.

Please sign up on the  
attendance sheet Sunday  
morning or call the church  
office to R.S.V.P.



Mark your calendars.....  
We're playing Bunco!  
Sunday, May 17  
3:00 p.m.  
Anderson Hall

## Collection for

### LWR Personal Care Kits

We are collecting personal care items  
each week starting May 3

- Week 1: May 3 Bars of Soap
- Week 2: May 10  
**Lightweight, Dark** Bath Towels
- Week 3: May 17 Toothbrushes
- Week 4: May 24 Sturdy Combs
- Week 5: May 31 Metal Nail Clippers

However, we will gladly accept any  
of these items whenever you bring  
them in!



## Dessert Auction

May 3, 2026  
11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served.



Consider donating a  
dessert of any kind!



## Did You Know?

- **Check out our website** by visiting [www.trinityrockford.org](http://www.trinityrockford.org)
- **Trinity News** can be delivered straight to your inbox via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter through email, please email the office at [office@trinityrockford.org](mailto:office@trinityrockford.org) or call the Church office at 815-963-4446.
- **Upcoming deadlines for the Trinity News** are:

May 1<sup>st</sup> for the May 15<sup>th</sup> issue      May 15<sup>th</sup> for the May 29<sup>th</sup> issue

**NOTE: Please make submissions before the deadline.**

Cornucopia is collecting  
skillet meals (hamburger  
helper, tuna helper, etc.)  
during the month  
of April.



Trinity's Office Hours  
Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

# TRINITY NEWS

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## “A Beautiful Easter”

The disciples were confused and frightened. The Good News was too good to be real. You can imagine the emotional roller coaster they must have been on. It's not surprising that Thomas doubted and wanted to see the resurrected Christ for himself. It was a typical human response.

Often, we find ourselves in a state of amazement and/or doubt when good news seems to be overwhelming. We want to pinch ourselves to see if we're dreaming.

As I take a glance backward to our Easter Celebration 2026, I am overwhelmed. On Easter Sunday, there was an air of excitement that filled our building; you could feel it. People gathered, the Easter garden filled the steps to the Chancel, the choir sang, an Easter breakfast was served to nourish our bodies and the Easter proclamation was heard: Christ Is Risen!

As I look back, I know that much of this wouldn't have happened without the throng of people, God's faithful, that pitched in and helped prepare for this celebration. A crew came in and cleaned the sanctuary. A choir gathered to rehearse. The altar was stripped on Maundy Thursday. The white paraments were carefully put into place. The Easter garden was arranged meticulously. The Easter breakfast was prepared by a crew of dedicated kitchen workers who seem to never tire and so much more.

Faithful People were working together to prepare for the most important celebration in our lives....EASTER!

It's inspiring to see God's people at work. The possibilities are limitless. Let us live our lives, prepared and ready to do God's will so that those who follow will find us faithful. We are Resurrection people. Rejoice and celebrate.

Pastor Jay

## Church Calendar April 18 - May 2

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 16

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Luke 24: 13-35

8:30 a.m. Worship (S)  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)  
10:00 a.m. Worship (S)

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 1 Peter 1: 17-23

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Matthew 6: 25-34  
*Earth Day*

9:30 a.m. Trinity Quilters (QR)

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Psalm 3

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Ephesians 4: 25-32

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – John 10: 1-10

8:30 a.m. Worship (S)  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship (AH)  
10:00 a.m. Worship (S)

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Acts 2: 42-47

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 2: 19-25

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 11: 28-30

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 100

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Colossians 3: 15-17

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Psalm 23

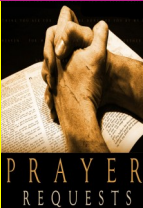
## May Baskets



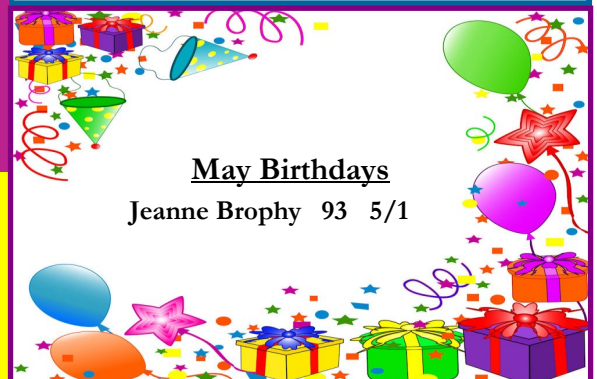
Join us on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Anderson Hall at 9:30 a.m. to help create May Baskets to be delivered following the second service.

Come enjoy Fellowship Time with us!

Donations of Spring Silk Flowers and Wired Ribbon would be welcomed and can be placed in the container in the West Entrance.



**Please Pray For:** Joyce, Russ, Regina, Jess, Zack, Theo, Sue, Joyce, Michael, Ron, Anthony, Chuck, Kenny, DeAnn, Tanya, Don, Carol, Joshua, Peggy, Char, Linda, Marcie, Priscilla, Kathy, Nora, Dea, Draven, Charles, Collier, Janet, Donovan, Gayle, Mary, Jerry, Dave, Pat, Steve, Matthew, Barb, Patte, Lynn, Heidi, Diane, James, William, Kris, Danny, Danille, Rosie, Kevyn, Curt, Larry, Kathy, Mary Kay, Ray, Laura



## May Birthdays

Jeanne Brophy 93 5/1