



Trinity Tidings

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Bible Study: The Final Week

I will be offering another Pastor led Bible Study I'm calling "The Final Week" that focuses on Jesus' final footsteps from what Christians call Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Our study is inspired by two books by Adam Hamilton—"24 Hours that Changed the World," and *"The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus."*

This is a three week class **Thursdays from 10:00am—11:00am on March 23, 30 and April 6.** You can bring your own Bible or use one provided at church.

How much do you know about the final week of Jesus' life? For example, did you know that when Jesus rode into town on that first Palm Sunday this wasn't the only parade coming into town that day. Did you know that in one of the gospels when Jesus is being crucified another significant event was taking place at the same time that was part of the defining story of ancient Israel? Have you ever thought about what Jesus was up to on the days leading up to his crucifixion?

The study will explore a variety of Bible passages about the events of this final week such as the ride into town on a donkey, cleansing the temple, the teaching Jesus did at the temple, the Last Supper, the trial and the crucifixion.

We will "visit" (through pictures) some of the places Jesus went during his final week such as the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple Mount, the Kidron Valley, and the site of the crucifixion. This sightseeing will help us learn that often times the places mentioned in the gospels are key to telling the story. So we will learn a bit more about the geography.

The final class will be a more hands on learning time where we will experience a modified Seder Meal. I have found participating in this meal adds insight into the significance of what Jesus was doing as he made his way to the cross.

I hope you can join me for this study of the heart of our Christian faith.

Pastor Tim Vadis

UPCOMING

GLOBAL DENTAL RELIEF



On **Sunday March 12th**, at the 9:30am Worship service, Gina Scheuer will share about her recent mission trip to Akumal, Mexico where her group provided Dental Care for those in need. Come hear what it is like to serve others in a unique environment.

CHECK THE CALENDAR
You can see all events listed at ComeToTrinity.com

Miles to Montana



Thank you for getting excited about our fundraisers for our High School Summer Trip. So far we have been selling the Trinity cups and we had a Sub Sale. As always, this congregation has been supportive and generous. *(Thanks to CT's Deli for donating the ham and most of the turkey and for Walmart for giving us a \$100 gift card for us to use towards more turkey.)*

For our next fund raiser you'll have an opportunity to "buy a mile" to send us on our way *(and back again)*. For \$3 you can purchase one mile towards our 2734 mile adventure. Every mile purchased helps us reach Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for a white water rafting faith adventure.

Last month we introduced each of the youth and adults who will be going on this trip: Emma Chiamulera, Mia Tulowitzki, Holden Schmitz, Aden Thomas, Blake Klingen, Elsa Vadis, Colin Kitzman, Zoey Walker, and Kyah Hanold. Adult leaders will be Josh Schmitz & me. I'm guessing that there were a few of us you recognized and a few you didn't recognize because either they've grown-up *(time goes so fast!)* or they're new and just getting into our Trinity community *(praise the Lord!)*.

One of the joys of a trip like this is the opportunity to invite & engage. I recently heard somebody say, "We aren't saved by going to church. We're saved by Jesus. But let's get together and hang out." I love that! We are saved by the cross. We are

saved by grace through faith. We are saved! So let's get together and worship the one who saves. Let's stretch and grow together in faith. That's what a trip like this is all about.

Josh Schmitz is coming as the male adult leader *(per our Child Protection Policy)*. He said **"YES, this will be the most amazing trip ever! In the most beautiful place!"**

He thinks he said "yes" to going with this amazing group on a trip. But he actually said "yes" to God calling him into this faith experience. And not just him, but all 11 of us. We are saying "yes" to God's call to pile into a van for 24 hours of driving *(over 2 days)*. "Yes!" to God's call to live out in creation without our phones, showers, or Netflix. And "Yes!" to being open to Jesus in new ways.

I can't tell you what will happen over those 10 days on this Montana Adventure but I do know that the love and prayers of Trinity will be with us. And when we return, we will carry with us a new experience of Jesus and community.

The **MILES TO MONTANA** bulletin board will provide you with envelopes for cash or check *(payable to: Trinity, Memo: Montana)* and a map so that you can track our progress as we make our way west reaching our financial goal.

+Pastor Kari

First Communion Sunday

I remember my First Communion as I knelt at the altar rail and planned out whether I would take the tiny cup from the outside (wine) or the inside (grape juice). I used to do a little shiver when I'd drink the wine because I thought it was so gross. So, I planned on taking the grape juice. I remember thinking that when we had Communion (every other week) that it was a better Sunday because the sermon was shorter. I'm not even sure that is true. I don't know how much I understood about eating and drinking Christ's body and blood (yet bread and wine). Honestly, I'm not sure how much I understand now. But I knew something special was happening and maybe that is enough.

Sunday, March 5th we will welcome young people to the Lord's Table. Their parents will offer them a blessing and then they'll receive the Bread and Wine which will be the first of many experiences of God's Grace. We mark this faith milestone and give thanks to God for the gift of faith given to these young people. If you have any questions about First Communion please contact me.

+Pastor Kari

Easter Flowers



Lilies, tulips and hyacinths will decorate our worship area for Easter. Information is available at the Welcome Wall or by calling the church office. **ORDER DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 26.** Plants may be picked up after the 9:30am Easter service..

Thank you for your Support



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March: Laura Hetland

We want to keep our support of Frederick Place strong and make sure we are helping people in need in our community. Providing a meal once per month is a big help to the shelter as it provides needed resources and people power!

Please contact Deb Johnson if you are interested in serving a meal, or sign up on the information bulletin board outside the church offices.

Thank you to the following members and their small groups who have provided monthly meals for the NATH-Frederick Place Homeless Shelter:

October: Mary Taylor
November: Sheryl Seefeldt
December: Ellen Leick
January: Karen Reitz
February: Wendy Neu-

Good With Remote Controls?

Are you the TV remote wrangler in your house? Have you watched the slides on Sunday morning at church and thought "I could do that." If you've been waiting for someone to tap you on the shoulder and ask you to do it, consider yourself tapped!

Due to some retirements, we are in need of another Powerpoint operator. Over the last few years, the process has been greatly simplified. About all you have to do is turn on the computer, start the presentation, and press the Forward button on the remote. If you like doing a job that is behind the scenes, this is the job for you. The goal every Sunday is to make everything go so smoothly



that no one notices the slides.

For an unlimited time, you can try it without any obligation. Sit with an experienced operator for a Sunday, do some of the slides, and then decided if this is for you. SignUp Genius is used for scheduling, so you can choose the dates that work for you. The commitment would be for

about once a month. If you are even "remotely" interested, talk to me or DeAnn Mathisen. You can also email me at dykstraip@gmail.com if that is easier for you.

Thanks!
Jerry Dykstra

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Our giving is done first, as a joyful and faithful response to God's gift of grace in Christ.

Our gifts are joyfully given so that the ministries of ones congregation can grow and be vibrant in the proclamation of Christ and God's grace.

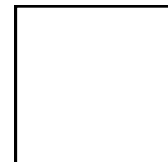
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Year-to-Date Through January 31, 2023

	Year-To-Date	January
INCOME:	\$147,091	\$28,477
EXPENSE:	\$146,801	\$29,628

JOB OPENING: OFFICE SECRETARY

Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for a Church Office Secretary. This is a part-time position from 8 am to noon, Monday-Thursday. Must have 2 years of secretarial or related work experience and have experience in PowerPoint, Word, Publisher, and Databases. Hourly rate dependent on experience. Please apply through our website at ComeToTrinity.com The application deadline is March 10th.

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