



# The Trinity Times

## Weekly Announcements

April 7, 2024



### April Stewardship Message

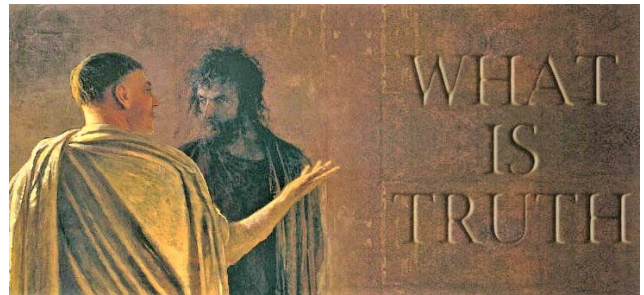
#### What is Truth?

Modern man, unlike our ancestors, is enlightened. Our social morals reflect our modern enlightenment. We don't judge others unless you happen to be one of those judgmental people who are still not thinking properly...then we will righteously judge you.

How has modern man gained such wisdom that eluded all those who came before us? We have set aside silly notions of a creator god and all those restrictive absolutes that come with such faith. Of this, we are certain.

There are some problems with this new enlightenment, of course. We can't explain war and why someone would harm innocent people. It seems to be evil, it seems to be wrong, but terms such as "evil" and "wrong" seem too absolute. We can't explain the bad things in this world that afflict all, rich and poor, young and old.

Truth is, we cannot help but wonder if perhaps some of those ideals held by our ancestors had some virtue. What is right? What is wrong? What is truth?



Jesus said to Pilate – "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." Pilate's response – what is truth (John 18:38)? The irony of ironies is Jesus was and is truth. "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Despite our proclamation to the contrary, we are not more enlightened today, in fact, the more we turn from God the more darkened we are. This darkness is evident throughout our sad and broken culture.

Jesus didn't just die, he rose again and lives eternally. As this world turns towards darkness – we need to turn our eyes toward Jesus and show our friends and neighbors the source of eternal truth.

The Stewardship Team

### Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop

At St. Trinity April 14 during the Bible Study Hour

Presenter: Julie Burgess, Gift Planning Counselor, Michigan District / CEF, LCMS Foundation

**Benefits of an Endowment Plan, Review or begin your estate plans, Wills vs. Trusts, Need for a Power of Attorney, Best way to gift your assets, & Naming Guardians for your children**

### Stewardship Corner

**John 20:19** – "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.



### Upcoming Youth Activities

- ◆ **Sunday 4/14 - extra fun outing at The Axe Social in Oxford for some darts, axe throwing and street curling.**
- ◆ **Multi-church Lock In. Saturday/Sunday April 20 - 21.** The plan is for the lock-in to start at St. Trinity from 7pm-10pm then move to Journey for the rest of the night. The lock-in is for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Anyone interested can contact Mandi Ressler, Director of Family Life. Call the church office, 248 625-4644 ext. 115 or email her at: familylife@sainttrinitylutheran.com



### Save the Dates!

#### Quarterly Voters' Assembly

Sunday, April 21, 2024  
at 10:45 am  
No Bible Study that day.



#### Properties Spring Cleanup



Saturday, April 27 - 9:00 am – Noon  
Rain date: May 4

### From the Board of Human Care:

This month, the Board of Human Care will be **collecting non-perishable food items** to donate to the food pantry at St. Paul



Lutheran Church in Pontiac. They need regular size canned goods (**no large cans**) to distribute to individual families. Peanut Butter is always a constant need. All donations will be appreciated.

Thank you all for your continued support.

### Men's Softball League

The men's softball league begins Monday, May 6, 2024. St. Trinity practices are on Monday's in April: 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 6:30 pm.

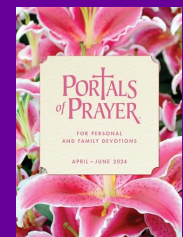


Men's Softball

Watch for more information to come. Contact Steve Pflieger at pflieg1@comcast.net or at 989 859-3476 with additional questions.

### Portals of Prayer

*Portals of Prayer Devotionals*  
April - June 2024  
Available in Narthex & Entrance Doors





Sunday Ministry Assistants

Video Schedule

Apr. 7 Rich Karstensen
Apr. 14 Joseph Ashley
Apr. 21 John Schorsch
Apr. 28 Rich Karstensen

Coffee Schedule

April
Judy Spresney

Donut/Bagels

April
Tom & Jeanne Wightman

Road Sign

April
Lee Barrie

Elder on Duty

Apr. 7 Dave Hahn
Apr. 10 Aaron Meyer
Apr. 14 Mark Drennan
Apr. 17 Rich Trudelle
Apr. 21 Bob Altman
Apr. 24 Aaron Meyer
Apr. 28 Mark Drennan

Counters

April 7
Schultz/Trudelle
April 14
DeMonaco/DeVries
Cloutier

Lay Readers

April 7 Julie Schultz
April 14 Abby Schultz
April 21 Steve Pflieger
April 28 Don Dees
May 5 David Thompson

Greeter Schedule

April 7/14
Mel & Judy Spresney
April 21/28
Fred & Connie Irish

Usher Schedule

April 7 April 14 April 21 April 28
Stella Shepherd, Capt. Skip Schultz, Capt. Rich Karstensen Capt. Stella Shepherd, Capt
Amy Costello Fred Hohnstadt Paul Orler Amy Costello
Kirk Costello Joseph Ashley Kirk Costello
Jeff Feldmeyer Kurt Schroeder Jeff Feldmeyer

Altar Circle

April
Jason & Julie Schultz
Judy Spresney

QR Code for Electronic Giving to St. Trinity

Online giving is easy and secure. Scan this QR code for online giving to St. Trinity with either a one time gift or recurring gifts.



Family Chapel Time!

Family Chapel Time with the Preschool and their families will be taking place on the third Thursday of the month beginning at 11:40 AM. Please note: Due to Preschool scheduling, we will meet April 25 this month only.



All members and families of St. Trinity are invited.

J.O.Y. Group

Will meet Thursday, April 18 at noon. Please bring a dish to share.



