



Matthew 9:16-17

“No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Grace and peace to you all,

I greet you all in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord! For it is he who reminds us that “new wine” does not get placed into “old wineskins” inviting us each and every one into the *New* that God is continually unfolding among His people.

Friends I am all too aware that as church we are already living with the “new” simply as I’ve only been serving alongside you all for roughly three months now. Yet here we are **again** as we reflect with great fondness upon the ministry Mary Neuman has been living out as our primary musician for so many incredibly faithful years even as we are preparing for what “new” may now be developing for Trinity’s future.

Mary has been a blessing to so many throughout Trinity and I know many of you recall with great fondness all the skill, talent and faithfulness she brought to bear in blessing this congregation week after week. I want to publicly state here that it has been my joy to serve alongside her though only for this brief time. I hope each will take the time as you have opportunity to convey your thanks to her over these next several weeks. It will be terrific to see her simply enjoying worship alongside of you, her dear friends of Trinity as this next chapter of her life begins to unfold.

By the time you are reading this, we may very well have experienced some inkling of what “new” is now to unfold. Will worship continue to be marked by organ... piano...

musical backing tracks... accapella cant... emotive lyric videos... random guitar players... synthesizers... or some other possibilities yet to be explored???? In truth, while I expect much will yet be served primarily through the piano and organ , I also expect and even think it must entail some of “all of the above” as we walk into this “new” in whatever form this takes. The only things I have absolute certainty about are:

- God WILL be praised in Spirit and Truth throughout our life together AND
- it WILL be “different” no matter what form(s) our worship life begins to be expressed through

Through *whomever* and *however* the musical expressions of our congregation will be shaped, it is now and ever to be our goal that what is brought to bear is faithful to our Lord and invites hearts and minds into the goodness of God in all the ways music helps this “live and breathe.” Congregations are always complex systems and the reality is that none of us have any real way of knowing all that will be unfolding. Along the way I would expect there will be both “happy accidents” and “mis-steps” all being ways God will illustrate the very fact that with “new wine” there needs to be sewn up “new wineskins” which in this case will entail stitching together, new skills, and hearts, and talents, and passions, and gifts all to the service of our Lord and ALL to the glory of God.

I’m excited to see what all God will be using to write this next chapter of the life of the church. I look forward to both the happy accidents and the missteps along the way. I look forward to seeing “whose” skills and gifts, God will be bringing to bear in these days ahead. I look forward to utilizing technology more fully alongside all that has been beloved here-to-fore. It’s “new wine” AND “new wineskins” and in all Jesus is with us and God IS being praised. Even as we are thankful for all that has been, I invite you in prayerful and excited expectation of what “new” God is working among us!

God Bless and may Joy find us as we seek God faithfully throughout our worship.

Peace,

Rev. Eric

FROM THE BOARDS, GROUPS, MEMBERS

VBS - MEETING

Sunday 04/12/2026

There will be a brief meeting about VBS on Sunday 4/12 following church in the west wing. Anyone who is interested in helping or who wants to know more about this great program is welcome to attend. - If you want to help and can't be there, let Carmen know.

This year's theme is *Rainforest Falls*
Exploring the Nature of God.

Holy Week Services



- April 2 Maundy Thursday – Our Lord's Last Supper -
Service of Holy Communion - 7:00 PM
- April 3 Good Friday Service - 7:00 PM
- April 5 Easter/Resurrection of the Lord Sunday -
9:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Newsletter Articles Due: FRIDAY, April 17, 2026. Boards, committees, and groups are invited to submit articles for the newsletter. Please let the office know when your group has any changes for meeting times/dates. Email your articles to: tlclewiston@gmail.com or drop them by the church office.

NALC Newsletter: thenalc.org.

LCMC Newsletter: lcmc.net

LCMC Northwest District Newsletter: <https://lcmc-nw.com/northwest-district-newsletter>.

Portals of Prayer: Portals of prayer (through the month of June) are available in the Narthex. If you would like a copy of this devotional please call the church office (208.743.4414) and we will see that you get one.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Property Board: April 7th 5:30 pm.

Worship & Evangelism Boards:

April 7th at 4:30 pm.

Church Council: April 14th at 5:30 pm.

LWR Quilting Dates: April 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 9:30 am.

Choir Practice: April 1st and 15th at 6:30 pm.

CANTOR, LECTOR, WORSHIP ASSISTANT:

Anyone who would like to serve as a lector during a future service is encouraged to contact **Kim Cushman 208-743-1994**. We also want to expand our pool of cantors and worship assistants. If you would like to Assist in leading worship, **please call the office.**



YOUTH
Group
Meetings

April 19th
after church services

If you have questions
please call **Rebecca**
Matchey
208.305.0215

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

EASTER BREAKFAST

Bob Walk is looking for volunteers who will help him with Easter breakfast on April 5th . Volunteers need to be at the church about 6 am. Please help Bob. He has faithfully volunteered for this event since many years and needs willing participants. If you want to volunteer or have questions,

please contact Bob Walk.

208.413.1529



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

This years Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 5th after church services.

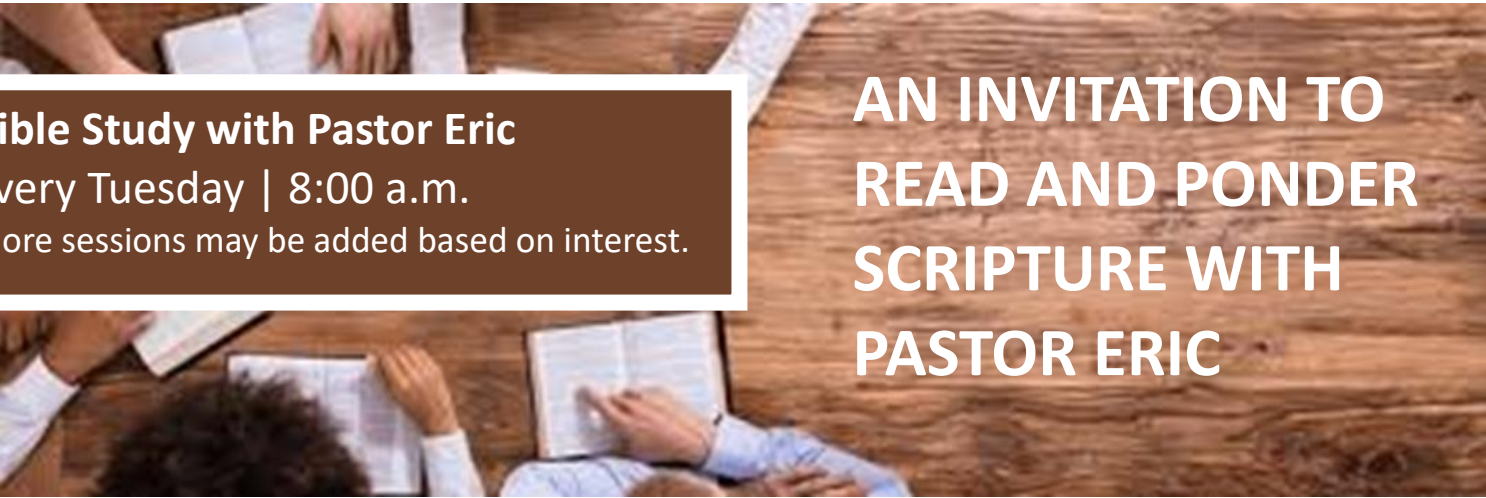
We will need some help hiding the eggs for the children.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH INVITATION

Bible Study with Pastor Eric
Every Tuesday | 8:00 a.m.
More sessions may be added based on interest.

**AN INVITATION TO
READ AND PONDER
SCRIPTURE WITH
PASTOR ERIC**



Women's - Mary, Martha and Prayer group

First Thursday of each month at 9:30AM.
Our prayer group will NOT meet in April!



SAVE THE DATES!

We hope to see you for the 2026
LCMC NW DISTRICT

Annual LCMC Northwest District Gathering April
23-26, 2026.

Camp Lutherhaven | Coeur d'Alene, ID

REGISTER NOW

**LCMC
NORTHWEST
GATHERING**

The **2026 LCMC ANNUAL**
Annual LCMC National Gathering

October 4-7, 2026

Lutheran Church of Hope | West Des Moines, IA

HARDCOPIES IN FS-HALL

**LCMC
ANNUAL
CONVENTION**

YOUTH Ministry & Mission

Confirmation Ministry

Sessions are every **SUNDAY at 10:45am** at the church in the west wing.

This year's curriculum is diving into the 10 Commandments, the Apostles CREED, and the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism.

Though geared for Middle School Students, this Ministry is available to anyone who wishes to grow in faith and are willing to "go with the silly" as we encourage these students in faith.

Questions?

Rev. Eric

**THERE WILL BE
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
ON APRIL 5TH – EASTER DAY.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School - **t e n t a t i v e d a t e**
the week of 6/15 - 6/19 2025 from 5:30 pm - 8 pm.

This year's theme is ***Rainforest Falls***
Exploring the Nature of God.

More information will be made available in our May newsletter and weekly bulletins.

VOLUNTEER Appreciation

OUR FAITH & VOLUNTEERS ARE TRINITY'S FOUNDATION

It is, again time to thank our many dedicated volunteers who help make our many services in and outside of our church's building possible.

Thank you! May you all be blessed!

You are invited for some German treats
on Tuesday, April 21st @ 3.30 pm.

Please RSVP until 04/16/16 for planning purposes.



Continuing

BIRTHDAY CAKES

3rd Sunday of each month

Trinity marks birthdays the right way — with cake! Each 3rd Sunday of the month, we celebrate all member birthdays with a shared birthday cake. Cakes may be sponsored, or you may contribute through your crumbs money.

Join us as we honor our members — because every birthday deserves cake and celebration!



Donna Piraino

Noteworthy Community EVENTS

FREE CONCERT- LCSC COMMUNITY CHOIR
Honoring of USA's 250th anniversary.

on Tuesday, April 28th @ 7.30 pm
at the Silverthorne Theatre on the LCSC campus.

NEXT MONTH

2. Congregational Meeting
on **May 17th** after Coffee Hour

FAMILY PROMISE

It is our turn to host
FAMILY PROMISE from
05/24 2026 to 05/31.2026.
We are in need of volunteers.
For more information please
contact Edy Matchey.
Thank you!



**Mark your
calendars!**

Prayer Requests

To have your request included on the prayer list or prayer chain, please contact:

Edy Matchey



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Thank you, for donating non-perishable foods, to benefit our food bank and people in need! Please keep contributing as there is need. Your donations may be placed in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.

Thank you,
Lee Brown



Mark your calendar.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 25th
@ 9:00am

at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

Come, enjoy good food & fellowship.

Men of every age are welcome!



PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Family and Friends of Joby Watson
Family and Friends of Norma Gushliak
Family and Friends of Carolyn Stamy
Family and Friends of Debb Daulton

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, Janet Linscott, Jordan Bergeron, Claudette Woodland, Zeny Brown, Ollie Goldammer, LaVonne Heitmann, DeeLee Mendenhall, Connie Riddle, Donita Hansen, Samuel Poleson, Donna Piraino, Dennis Riddle, Rebecca Matchey, Carole Lemire, Steve Hanson, Anthony Nedrow.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Brian Garner: (brother of Mona Gish)
Israel Holden: (friend of Rebecca Matchey)
Linda Stolte & Jeanette Totten: (Aunts of Carmen Petersen)
Ricky Shope: (requested by Carmen Petersen)
Melody and Ivan Thompson of Good Hope
Brook Henze: (daughter of Kim Cushman)
Nadia Skorobogatova: (Elena & Oksana's mom)
Eugeniy Skorobogatov: (Elena & Oksana's dad)
Chuck Riddle: (son of Dennis & Connie Riddle)
Tamra Mead: (granddaughter of Anita Schneider)
Stacey Stamper: (friend of Bob Bergeron)
Neeraj and Nijhar and family: (missionaries)
John Jasinski: (son of Ed Jasinski)
Rick Basaraba: (friend of Bob Bergeron)
Jodie O'Brien: (sister of Kim Cushman)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Marine Sergeant Wayne Fetterman: (Grandson of Ed Jasinski)
Sergeant First Class Matt Spears: (Son of Sandra Spears)

*TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST INCLUDED ON THIS PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT
EDY MATCHEY.*



April Birthdays



Oakley Carcas	04/02
Kacie Carcas	04/06
Nola Johnson	04/06
Jaime Blessing	04/16
Bob Walk	04/21
John Goetzinger	04/22
Dave Behrens	04/24
Oliver Goldammer	04/25
Jim Kress	04/25



Baptism Anniversaries
continued

Sylvia Russell	04/23
Rebecca Matchey	04/24
Edy Matchey	04/28

Wedding Anniversaries

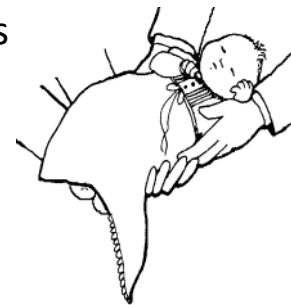
happy memories
happy times
happy anniversary.
- ❁ ❁ ❁ -

James & Glenda Kress	04/06
Virgil & Evelyn Holt	04/16



Baptism Anniversaries

Mark Tadzhimatov	04/??
Barbra Lange	04/11
Jan Schmaling	04/13
Evelyn Holt	04/15
Shari Johnson	04/20
Summit Swanson	04/20
Shayvon Williams	04/20
Kyle Moore	04/20
Ranger Moore	04/20
Cedar Swanson	04/20
Austin Swanson	04/20
Morgan Lawler	04/20
Madison Stenger	04/21





SERVING US THIS MONTH

ALTAR CARE	Jessie Erickson
GREETER	Lee Brown and friends
USHERS	Elena Olson / Bill Roper / Kurt Erickson
COMMUNION SET UP	Ramona Gish
COMMUNION SERVERS	rotating - announced in weekly bulletins
PEW SUPPLIES	Rebecca Matchey & Youth Group

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

April 28th at 3:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY DINNER: Rebecca Matchey - temporary




SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

Pastor:	Eric Griffith
Church Admin.:	Nora Fairchild
Organist:	Mary Neuman
Lawn Care:	Property Board
Custodian:	Jake Fairchild
President:	Denise Walk
Vice President:	Arlan Matchey
Council Secretary:	Mary Neuman
Treasurer:	Ed Jasinski

BOARD CHAIRS

Education Board:	Carmen Petersen
Evangelism Board:	Elena Olson
Property Board:	Bob Walk
Finance Board:	Kurt Erickson
Stewardship Board:	Donna Piraino
Worship Board:	Sheila Nedrow
Youth Board:	Rebecca Matchey

DUE DATES

Worship Folder
Announcements Due
**Before noon on
Thursdays**

Newsletter Articles Due
**10:00 a.m., Wednesday
APRIL 17TH 2026**

