



From Pastor Jason's Desk

In the ebb and flow of the liturgical calendar, the church experiences seasons of heightened celebration and solemn reflection. These seasons, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, often shine brightly in our minds and hearts, filled with rich traditions and profound meaning. Yet, there is a beauty in the ordinary times of the church year, the periods between these celebrated seasons, where the rhythm of life and faith continues in a quieter, more reflective manner.

During these ordinary times, the church is like a steady anchor in a fast-paced world, offering a sanctuary of peace and stability. It is a time for the church to delve deeper into the teachings of Christ, to nurture spiritual growth, and to strengthen the bonds of community. In a world that often values the extraordinary and the sensational, the church's commitment to the ordinary can be a countercultural witness, reminding us of the beauty and significance of the everyday.

One of the hallmarks of the church in ordinary times is its commitment to regular worship and prayer. While the excitement of Christmas or Easter may draw larger crowds, the faithful presence of the community in weekly worship is a testament to their dedication to God and one another. It is in these times of regular worship that the church is formed and transformed, as individuals come together to praise God, to hear His word proclaimed, and to receive the sacraments.

Another important aspect of the church in ordinary times is its commitment to discipleship and service. It is a time for the church to focus on the teachings of Jesus and how they are lived out in everyday life. This may involve Bible studies, small groups, and other forms of spiritual formation that deepen our understanding of the Christian faith and empower us to live it out in the world. It is also a time for the church to engage in acts of service and justice, demonstrating God's love and compassion to those in need.

In ordinary times, the church also has the opportunity to focus on the beauty of creation and the goodness of God's provision. As the seasons change and the world around us transforms, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and care for His creation. This can be a source of comfort and hope in times of uncertainty, as we trust in God's providence and provision for our lives.

Ultimately, the church in ordinary times is a reflection of the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. It is a reminder that God is present with us in the everyday moments of life, guiding us, sustaining us, and transforming us into His likeness. As we embrace the beauty of the church in ordinary times, may we be inspired to live out our faith with renewed commitment and joy, knowing that God is at work in and through us, even in the most ordinary of moments.

Until next month,

Pastor Jason

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**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**Finance and Administrative Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 18, 2024**

Attendees: Sue Holloway, LeeAnn Paananen, Cindy McNeill, Jane LaFollette, Jim Wolff, Pastor Jason  
Greeting and Call to Order by Sue Holloway at 5:40 PM

Devotion by Sue Holloway

Changes and/or Additions to this Agenda: None

Review and Approval of the March 2024 Meeting Minutes with minor corrections

Treasurer Report (Jim Wolff)

Review of the Financial Reports shows first quarter 2024 receipts below budget as a result of an extra Sunday Service storm cancelation. Combined with over-budget spending in limited categories losses for the quarter exceeded budget by \$2,270.

With the insurance premium payments completed, we expect receipts to meet operating expenditures for the rest of the year. Special or unexpected expenses will be addressed as they arise.

Finance Committee Report – The second transfer of investment funds to operating cash was completed in March.

Administrative Council Meeting

Board of Trustees Report

Parsonage – three fixes were completed; estimates are being obtained for residing the parsonage (siding is degrading and allowing water infiltration).

Church – evaluation of Memorial Plaques placement is ongoing. Secure space for bell choir equipment has been finalized. Church marque electrical feed may be compromised and will be assessed when ground is dryer.

CMC – Many contacts were made to identify the reason for the delamination of tile in the CMC. The Trustees will obtain the recommended adhesive and test reapplication of loose tiles.

Pastor Jason's Report - Reviewed

Program Committees Reports:

Missions – Christmas cards for service members are being prepared. We have in excess of 1000 cards so far. Meals-on-Wheels could use one or two more delivery teams to fill need for fifth day of deliveries. Quilting team has two active participants and could use more volunteers. They make blankets for the hospital for patients to take home.

Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations – working on mid-year pastor evaluations for the Conference.

United Women in Faith – Preparing for the start of quarterly fund-raiser for the Adopt-a-Platoon program. This fund-raiser will provide funds to purchase cards and cover shipping cost to the Adopt-a-Platoon headquarters.

Old Business Administrative Council

CYC – Cinco de Mayo program will be held May 4 in the CMC.

New Business Administrative Council

DWU Update – Pastor Jason has 13 weeks remaining of his education program

Next Meeting – **May 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**

Closing Prayer

Adjournment at 6:15 PM

Jim Wolff, Acting Secretary

Trinity United Methodist Trustee Board Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2024

Lee Ann called the meeting to order

Pastor Jason said the opening prayer.

Minutes from March 21, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved

#### Parsonage

The new wafer lights have been installed in the basement of the parsonage.

The yard light on the garage, the door sweep and the doorbell were fixed.

A quote for new siding on the parsonage was obtained. It came back at \$21,000. The trustees are looking for other options.

The window trim needs painting when the weather allows.

#### Church

The ceiling in the entry had been damaged by a leak in the roof. The roof has a patch over the hole. After a large rainstorm, that spot is still dry. It will be primed and painted.

The cry room windows will not be closed. A new location has been found for the bells. The donation plaques will be hung in a different place.

Floor Shampooer has not worked in years. It has been discarded.

The key and the door handle for the boiler room sticks. We need to replace the handle.

#### CMC

The flooring in the CMC was discussed at length. A letter was received from the manufacturer specifying what kind of glue needs to be used to properly secure the tiles. After careful consideration of all factors, a motion was made and seconded for the church to purchase a 4 gallon bucket of said glue and the trustee members will redo a patch of flooring. If it works, they will re-glue the flooring that needs attention. Jim/Bob

Carbon Monoxide Detectors have been purchased and installed in each room in the church, CMC and parsonage that have a natural gas line.

The marquee light is not working. More information needs to be obtained in order to properly and safely repair the problem.

There was discussion on covering the Black Hills Pioneer tiles on the front of the building. The possibility and options will be discussed at next meeting.

#### Additional Items

There has been a request that the church purchase and install a motion sensor light at the outside front left corner of the CMC. It was decided to look into the cost of a solar yard light.

The meeting was closed.

Next meeting will be May 16 at 4:30 pm.

## Our Treasury

### LEAD TRINITY UMC Statistics



Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Member Giving	\$159,653	\$145,766	\$139,606	\$142,527	\$130,930
Weekly Giving	\$3,070	\$2,803	\$2,685	\$2,741	\$2,518
Weekly Attend	41	34	28		
Weekly Giving per Person	\$75	\$82	\$96		

Lead Trinity UMC is a small Mainline Protestant church. Our 2024 expense budget is \$3,777 per week with an average attendance of 41 or \$92 per attendee. So far in 2024 our collections are \$3,000 per week or \$73 per attendee. This \$19 revenue shortage per week per person adds up to \$40,500 over the year. **If our attendance increased by only 11 people, each giving our current average of \$73 per week, we would break even.**

Trinity is one of the rare small churches with an investment reserve and no mortgage. This is a distinct blessing! It provides us flexibility in timing our expenditures, the ability to engage in new outreach, recover from the loss of members, maintain our facilities and to retain quality staff. We should not spend our reserves at the expense of future opportunity. We have survived the COVID years and the impacts from the split of the United Methodist Church. Now is the time to grow back into the thriving community we were prior to COVID.

We are open hearts, open minds, open doors. Please spread the word: Trinity UMC is a vibrant community with a dynamic pastor, active in mission and joyfully singing His praise. Spread this message: You are welcome! Take this invitational step into your world and let us grow into what God intends us to be.

Jim Wolff, Treasurer & Trustee



United Women in Faith

## TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United Women in Faith

Bonnie Brooking

The final meeting of United Women in Faith is scheduled for Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 12:30 . Shelli DeVries will be our hostess and Jane LaFollette will provide the Program. It's been a wonderful season of fellowship, food, fun and information. We will meet again in August with our indoor picnic. The date is to be determined. We welcome all women in our congregation and from other churches who are interested in food, fun and fellowship.

Many thanks to all the ladies that provided the wonderful Breakfast for our Adopt-A-Platoon Fundraiser on the April 21<sup>st</sup>. Assembling the cards and letters each month has become a service project for the ladies between bible study and our meeting. It is because of these women that we are able to assemble 500 cards each month and sent almost 2000 holiday cards in 2023. Already, over 1100 cards have been assembled and are in 5 boxes waiting to be sent to Adopt-A-Platoon in Texas. All are welcome to join us to assemble the monthly cards and/or the holidays cards. Talk to Sue Holloway for details.

**On Sunday, May 19th you're invited to wear red to celebrate the Day of Pentecost with us.**

Pentecost: One of the principal days of the Christian year, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. The Greek word *pentecoste* means "fiftieth day." Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. Traditionally, Pentecost has been a day for baptisms. Because it was the custom in the early church for persons being baptized to wear white robes or clothing, the day also became known as Whitsunday, a contraction of white Sunday.



**Please remember our homebound members  
by sending them a greeting card**



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Doris Adamson  
52 Dunlap Ave.  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Orrin Aldrich  
921 Addie  
Lead, SD 57754

Betty Bender  
122 Wall St.  
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch  
Edgewood Vista  
540 Falcon Crest Drive, Apt 135B  
Spearfish, SD 57783

Peggy Cleveland  
Friendly Horizons  
7200 Freedom Dr., Rm 108  
Summerset, SD 57718

Jean Dyer  
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Spearfish, SD 57783

Winnie Ferris  
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Deadwood, SD 57731

Kris Foreman  
PO Box 165  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Judy Hink  
Avantara Arrowhead  
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Rapid City, SD 57702

**MILITARY:**  
Jeremiah Fredericksen  
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*Missions and Outreach Ministry*

**Meals On Wheels:** Our next delivery week is Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a short week due to Monday being Memorial Day. Delivering allows you to learn some of the back streets of Lead and meet some of the most grateful and appreciative people. Working as teams makes the time fun and goes by quickly.

**CYC:** Please put May 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar to support the High School Spanish Club. They are preparing an authentic Meal and will have Games for our younger community members. Games start at 4 and the supper begins at 5 until 6:30. This event also provides an opportunity to our teens to have service hours.

**Hospital Blankets:** Beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be meeting on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays. "Quilting" begins at 9:30 and done about 11:30 just in time for an early lunch! If you can thread a needle, you have the necessary qualification to join us. We use a basement room in Our Shepherd Lutheran Church so use the parking lot off of Julius and the basement door.

**Adopt-A-Platoon:** Many thanks to all of you that stayed for The United Women of Faith's fundraising breakfast and donated to the AAP project. A special line item has been started under the Mission Committee. Amazingly, over \$1000 was collected and will be used to pay the church for the printing of the monthly letters. Each month, we meet at 10:30 on the first Thursday for about 1 ½ hours even during June and July. So far, over 1100 Holiday cards have been assembled. Packets of holiday cards are available on the shelving in the front meeting room. It is a simple procedure to assemble them and there isn't a time limit so you can take 1-2-3 weeks to bring them back. Talk to Sue on the details.





## Bible Study

*The Men's Bible Study meets throughout the year. This study is held on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the CMC. This is a dedicated group of men that welcome anyone who wants to attend. For information, contact the office or Syd DeVries at 510-910-3594.*

*Women's Coffee Break Bible Study will be meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the CMC. They start with coffee, goodies and prayer, followed by the Bible Study which typically lasts about an hour. This is where they read passages of the Bible together and answer, discuss, share responses to the lesson questions. They end the meeting with prayer and prayer requests. All are welcome to join in this great time of study and conversation. Any questions can be directed to Shelli DeVries at 209-480-9974.*

## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

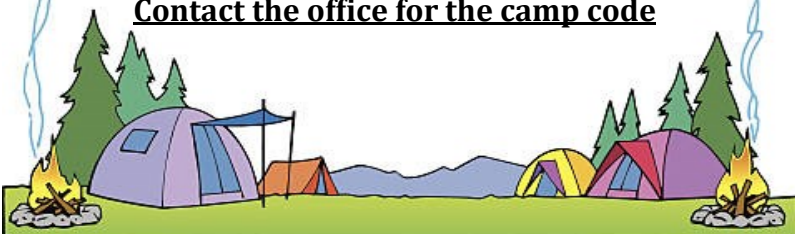
**Registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open!**

The people of Trinity UMC are committed to helping send people to camp, so please inquire about available scholarships. Some of the camps have limits on how many campers they can have so register early.

There are brochures and registration forms located at the back of the church or call the office with any questions.

Check out [dakcamps.org](http://dakcamps.org) for all of the camp opportunities!

**Contact the office for the camp code**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL



All children are welcome to participate in Sunday School. The curriculum is based on the stories of Jesus. If you are interested in helping with our sweet young children, please contact the office at 584-1328.

## CINCO DE MAYO

All are welcome to join in a Cinco de Mayo celebration

May 4th, 2024  
Christian Ministry Center  
7 South Main Street, Lead

Mexican Games from 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

The Lead-Deadwood High School Spanish Club will be preparing the meal and providing entertainment

This event is sponsored through the Church, Youth and Community Project.  
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## Celebrating our High School Seniors:

We plan to celebrate and recognize our graduating high school seniors in worship on **Sunday, May 12th.**

There are wide-margin bibles located in the CMC. We invite the congregation to highlight their favorite passages and leave a note in the margins. We will then present the bibles to the seniors, during Senior Recognition Sunday.

## GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service? We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, sharing your musical talents, please contact the office.

Are you wanting to help with worship through song? Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalms 104:33

Contact Information for  
Pastor Jason Christensen  
Cell Phone: 605-490-2601

E-mail: [broncopastor4@gmail.com](mailto:broncopastor4@gmail.com)

Pastor Jason will be holding coffee hours at Lotus Up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Please stop by for a visit.

He will honor the Sabbath on Fridays.

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Marriage can be one of the most challenging relationships we have. Invest and learn how to make your marriage even stronger! Not married? divorced? widowed? This is open to individuals as well, we're never too old to learn, enrich our future, or support other married people in our lives. Sheila & Keith Gregorire ([BareMarriage.com](http://BareMarriage.com)) will be at the Homestake Opera House Friday evening - Saturday, September 27-28, 2024. Get tickets and see all details on Eventbrite search for "Bare Marriage". This event is hosted by St. Jacob's in Lead.

## L/D High School Baccalaureate

The Lead Deadwood Ecumenical Committee will be hosting a baccalaureate service on Wednesday, May 15th, at 7:00 pm at Lead- Deadwood High School in Gym 2. Pastor Jason encourages all to attend in support of the graduates.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays:

May 2-Royal Brooking  
May 2-Merritt Keehn  
May 5-Alexandra Pearson  
May 8-Jerry Pontius  
May 9-Gary Todd  
May 14-Barbara Harvey  
May 15-Joyce Darling  
May 15-Zoe Keehn  
May 15-Jerrad Mattson  
May 16-Deborah Thorp  
May 17-Cory Percy  
May 21-Terri Keene  
May 21-Dale Peters  
May 21-Madison Rystrom  
May 26-John Rystrom  
May 31-Tammy Gilbery

### Anniversaries:

May 20-James and Cameon Wefso  
May 25-Tim and Becky Kusters  
May 28-John and Jan Peppmeier  
May 28-David and Cathy Billings  
May 29-John and Sherri Rystrom

## SERMON SERIES:

Who is this disciple called Peter?  
(April 7-June 2)

5/05—Something is not right here  
5/12—Without Jesus what else is there?  
5/19—Peter learns to serve  
5/26—No One Likes Change  
6/02—Lessons Learned

## Hymn Dinger Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will practice on May 7th and 14th at 3:30. They will play during worship service on Sunday, May 19th.





# Holy Week Pictures



A moving Last Supper presentation



Such a beautiful  
Easter Memorial Garden



Wonderful music provided by Cindy Specht






A fun children's Easter message by  
Pastor Jason, Janet Christensen,  
and Darby





# May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter	 6 Pastor PCL 11-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm Y-PEO 5:00-8:00	 7 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Bells Practice 3:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	1 8 Staff Meeting 10:30	2 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Platoon Cards 10:30 UWF 12:30 9 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm	3 Worship Spearfish Care Center at 10:30 10 Office Closed CMC Rental 11-2	4 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am CYC-Cinco de Mayo 4:00-6:30 11 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am CMC Rental 9-12
12 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 7th Sunday of Easter H.S. Senior Recognition <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	13 Pastor PCL 11-2 Senior Citizens 10-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	14 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Bells Practice 3:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	15 Amer Aux 6-8 pm L/D High School Baccalaureate 7:00	16 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am <b>Meeting Night</b>	17 Church Rental 6-8	18 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am CMC Rental 9-3
19 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 Handbells Play Day of Pentecost L/D Graduation 2:00	20 Pastor PCL 11-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	21 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	22	23 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Last Day for L/D School	24	25 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
26 Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 1st Sunday after Pentecost Peace with Justice Sunday	27 Office Closed Newsletter Articles Due <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	28 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	29	30 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am	31	
		Pastor Jason on Vacation		May 27-June 2		
		Meals on Wheels		May 27-31		

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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM

