

News update for March 30, 2023

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This Week at Trinity

- Thursday** (March 30th)
- 6:30-8:30am Meetup With Jesus
- Friday** (March 31st)
- 7:00pm N.A
- Saturday** (April 1st)
- Sunday** (April 2nd) *Palm Sunday*
- 9:30-10:10am Donuts and coffee hour
 - 10:10-11:10am Worship in the sanctuary
 - 11:15am-12:15pm Soup potluck in parlor
 - 6:00pm N.A
- Monday** (April 3rd)
- 7:00pm N.A
- Tuesday** (April 4th)
- 7:00pm N.A
- Wednesday** (April 5th)
- 10:00-11:00am Upper room study, Zoom
 - 6:30-7:30pm Cub Scout meeting
 - 7:30-8:30pm Scouts BSA

Trinity Homeless Services

Homeless Services are available during office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am -2pm, for laundry, showers, and compassionate care services that are authorized by Rev. Ruth.

!ATTENTION!

Calling all kids and Youth – Past, Present and future Campers: We need volunteers to help support our annual Sawtooth Methodist Camp.*

**More info on page 8*

Worship Plans for 3/30



Scriptures for Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11 & Matthew 26:14-27:66

This will be an interactive worship. Please let Revered Ruth know if you would like to read or participate in other ways.

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Last Week's Sermon 3/26

Theme: Plugging Into the Power
 Sermon: "To Overcome Death"
 Focus Scripture (John 11:1-45)

**dead sure,
 dead wrong,
 dead last,
 dead tired,
 dead ducks,
 dead in the water,
 and it was a dead giveaway.**

Our language invites death to have its way with us! We humans are prone to be: dead sure, dead wrong, dead last, dead tired, dead ducks, dead in the water, and it was a dead giveaway. There is so much death in our language. We come to dead ends, have dead spots in our

relationships, our cities have dead zones. You can be a dead ringer for someone else, or be caught dead to rights. Even time and season are marked by death as we experience the dead of night, or the dead of winter.



Day in and day out we laud the act of ending life. We kill two birds with one stone or proclaim playfully that "you are killing me," we can be dressed to kill, and you are "killing it" when you do something well.



Why does all this talk make a difference? - Because what we say impacts what we think, and what we think impacts what we do. J. L. LEMKE, who teaches sociology at the City University of New York tells us how words and symbolic actions cause pain:

Pain is an active response to its causes, not simply a passive effect. The meanings of words and deeds always include the feelings produced when one makes sense of a situation. The tasteless sexual or racial joke is no joke to a woman who has been raped, a man who was a victim of a hate crime, or to any person who feels less safe from pain than someone who can afford to make these kinds of jokes.



We can do a little experiment right now to see how this works. I would like you to think about milk. Now when I asked you to think about milk it is likely that some kind of image came to mind. It might have been a milk carton, a milk jug, a milk cow or even perhaps a milk shake. If I say to you don't spill the milk, I'm guessing that your mind's eye picture of that milk just tipped over. You see, we can envision the act of spilling something, but we don't have a picture for the word "don't." So if I tell you not to spill the milk, you are statistically more likely to spill the milk, because I have planted the idea in your head. That's why I try to always use the positive version of the sentence I'm speaking. "Please step down the stairs carefully when you leave today."

Some of you may have heard me talk in private about how I have been working to take violence out of my language. So I "feed two birds with one scone, and talk about how there is more than one way to pet the cat. Rather than killing it, I compliment you on winning it, and rejoice in the quiet of the night and the deep rest of winter.

Why does all this talk make a difference, and what does this have to do with our scripture this morning? The story of Lazarus being called out of the grave is foreshadowing Jesus rising from the dead on Easter morning. Because God knows us inside and out, God knows that we need to hear important things more than once for it to sink in. Today's scripture lesson is about God's compassion for humanity in the face of things that scare us: like death. Did you hear the part about how Jesus, God in the flesh, cried for his friend Lazarus and was moved by the

emotions of the people around him? God loves you and is heartbroken when you hurt physically or emotionally.

Perhaps more importantly, today's gospel is a reminder that God is all about overcoming death; God can overcome being dead sure, dead wrong, dead last, dead tired, dead ducks, dead in the water, and God knows even before it was a dead giveaway.

God has an answer to our dead ends, the dead spots in our relationships, the dead zones in our cities. God knows who you are a dead ringer for, and when you are about to be caught dead to rights.

While God knows about all this dead stuff and is working to overcome it, what God is really about is life!

When we co-create our reality with God, we:

1. Embrace the fact that we are loved by God and created in the image of God, born of the water and the Spirit.
2. Claim God's gift of abundant life where we can choose for ourselves to accept God's living water of love.
3. Open our eyes to seeing the people around us as God might see them.
4. And we love. Loving involves both laughter and tears. If God is love, then we are most in line with God's desire for our life when we love extravagantly and abundantly!

May you live a long fulfilling life.

Amen.

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Lent 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,
 Lent is a time when Christians prepare for the joy of Easter when we celebrate Christ's victory over death by rising from the grave on the third day. One of the ways we do this is by taking on a Lenten Discipline.
 Lent is 40 days long, excluding Sundays, which are considered "little Easters" and you are released from your Lenten discipline?
 Traditionally, fasting was the preferred Lenten discipline, but in the United Methodist Church, Lenten disciplines are aimed at growing closer to Christ and each other rather than focusing on penitence through suffering. Six weeks is long enough to begin forming a new habit, but not so long that it seems like forever if you can't abide by the discipline that seemed like a really good idea until you started doing it! One last note, it can be helpful to use the buddy system when you practice a discipline. I will be keeping you in my prayers.

John Wesley Quote

"Every good Purpose will cool and die away if it is not as soon as possible put into execution. Only let us not undertake too much at a time."



"Meet up with Jesus"

We held our 3rd Meet Up with Jesus dinner last week. We are exploring biblical foods in our weekly meetings. Last time we made Charcuterie Boards to sample a variety of biblical like foods.

Charcuterie is a collection of cured meats like salami, prosciutto, chorizo, and smoked ham. They are accompanied by cheeses, nuts, and fruit.

Curing meat started about 3000 BCE. During biblical times meat was cured by drying, salt or smoking. Cheese originated about 8000 BCE. At that time the cheese was made with goat or sheep's milk. Popular fruits were figs, grapes, raisins, apples, pears, apricots, peaches, melons, pomegranates, dates, and olives. The bible also refers to almonds and pistachio nuts.

The group had a great time preparing and eating the Charcuterie Boards,

This week's biblical feature will be lamb served with rosemary roasted potatoes. (Rosemary was first recorded in 5000 BCE in Egypt)



Becky cutting up pineapple.



Enjoying the completed Charcuterie Boards



David, JoAnn and Camile preparing meats.

Birthdays

March

Clemons, Bill	03/30
Trickey, Sharen	03/30
Wade, Whitney	03/31
Crites, Marline	04/01
Kunter, Richard	04/01
Southwick, Christy	04/01
Smith, Dawson	04/04
Southwick, Amy	04/04
Taylor, Scott	04/06
Harder, John	04/07
Brochu, Beth	04/08
Eikelberger, Casey	04/09
Taylor, Marilyn	04/10

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - February 28, 2023.



Income	\$19,371.56
Expenses	\$29,918.57
Net Income	<\$10,547.01

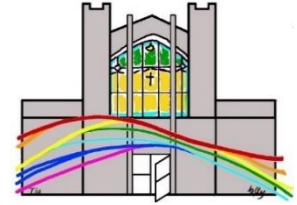
Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

- **Every 1st Sunday: Soup Potluck**
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3rd Sunday: Scout Brunch**
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year. Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve: **Chair of Admin Council;**
Open Position



Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
bevmkemp@gmail.com

Chair of Trustee

Don Rohde (860)810-3227-
donrohde@aol.com

Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

Homeless Services

Thanks to a generous church member we were able to provide 44 room nights in a hotel for people without adequate shelter during the subzero weather this winter. The gift totaled \$3,160. We had single people, people sharing rooms and even a mother, daughter and pet team that were able to keep warm on those scary -30° and - 21° nights.



Lamb of God

Experience the Miracle
As seen through the eyes of those who knew and loved Him best. Rob Gardner's New Testament-inspired oratorio depicts the final days of the life of Jesus Christ and the events following his resurrection.

Ammon: Thunder Ridge PAC March 31 7PM	Pocatello: Jensen Concert Hall April 8 2PM, 7PM	Rexburg: Tabernacle April 10 7PM	Blackfoot: Performing Arts Center April 15 7PM
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Witness MUSIC
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Little Church in the Pines

Should you find yourself in Island Park on Sunday morning you might remember the Little Church in the Pines located at 4100 S Big Springs Loop Road in Island Park. Their Sunday worship is at 10 am. It is a great way to remember worship when you are out skiing, sledding or hiking in Gods beautiful creation. Little Church in the Pines is sponsored by the Regional Council on Christen Ministry (RCCM) of which Trinity is a member.



Northwest Leadership Institute

Once again the Downtown Campus of Cathedral of the Rockies (717 N. 11th St. Boise, ID 83702). Will host the NLI that is a two day training to gather leaders to think, dream, worship and connect as we together find the path forward in the post-pandemic church.

Come to Boise and join our three newest Bishops in the Western Jurisdiction for a time of dreaming, visioning, and strategizing as we write the next chapter together.

REGULAR CONFERENCE IN-PERSON \$159 | ONLINE STREAMING \$99
STUDENT IN-PERSON \$79 | CATHEDRAL OF THE ROCKIES MEMBER \$40

FEATURING

- BISHOP DOTY ESCOBEDO-FRANK
- BISHOP CEDRICK BRIDGEFORTH
- BISHOP CARLO RAPANUT
- BISHOP JOE THARAKAN
- REV. DR. DUANE ANDERS

In-Person

Regular Conference (2/1 to 4/26)	\$159
Student	\$79
Online Streaming	\$99

RCCM Report 3/15/2022

Community of Hope: Habitat for Humanity is working on a new project on recently purchased property on the west side of Idaho Falls. Due to the extreme recent increases in rental and purchased housing, the need for expanded programs is needed. The Community of Hope will provide a path to home ownership. A variety of housing will be constructed including tiny homes, attached condominium units and single-family homes. The property will remain in a land trust with cooperative ownership, with



residents committed to help improve/maintain the community. As with all Habitat projects, costs will be based on ability to pay and on sweat equity. There will be a community center, day care, thrift store and a dog park. Additional services will be provided by several area organizations including EICAP, the Rescue Mission, CLUB Inc., and Community Food Basket. Congressman Simpson assisted in securing some start-up funding.

FISH: Gasoline continues to be the greatest need. FISH is working with the City of Idaho Falls on their new micro-transit plan.



Friends in Service Here
(FISH)

Thanks to Linda Millam for writing this article.

Community Food Basket

With a \$51 thousand contribution from Melaleuca and a commitment for the final dollars, the CFB is planning a 'mortgage burning' celebration in late May, a year ahead of schedule.

The shipping container is in place on the paved lot behind the CFB warehouse; 60 food drive 'watermelon bins' and some additional materials are stored there, freeing up significant space in the warehouse.

Students at Alturas organized a carnival and raised \$6,800. Ariel spoke at a recent Friends for Learning session; a number of new attendees volunteered afterwards. Board members and the new Idaho Community Foundation president are meeting at the CFB to learn more about their significant community programs. The board approved providing groceries 8 times in six months (previously, 6 times in six months), for those in need.



Sawtooth Methodist Camp

Sawtooth Methodist Camp is located 35 miles north of Fairfield, Idaho. Trinity United Methodist Church loves the camp experience for all ages. We know that it costs money for each youth to attend. However, for many years the members have helped provide funds to help pay for all campers. We ask families to also help as they are able. Many of our supporters were campers in their youth and feel it is important that all youth, who, wish to attend get a chance to do so. Youth that are 16 and older can be counselors and we welcome Adults to become leaders in the program.

Here is how you can help!

1. Volunteer to assist during the Palm Sunday Worship Service, April 2.
2. Help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 9
3. Fund Raising Activity – late April or early May. Parents and youth will work together. Detail a bit later.

Camp Schedule for Summer 2023

Elementary Camp – (completed Grades 3-6)
July 9-15, 2023

Senior High Camp – (completed Grades 9-12)
July 16-22, 2023

Junior High Camp – (completed Grades 6-8)
July 23-29, 2023

Leadership and Counselor Training –
April 21-23, 2023 – Meridian UMC

On Site Training for Leaders and Counselors –
June 9-11 – at Sawtooth Camp

We will share photos soon from the Camps in summer 2022 - Trinity helped 10 youth attended. We will provide more details for all who wish to participate in this program for youth.

More information: Visit this site:

<https://www.gocamping.org/>

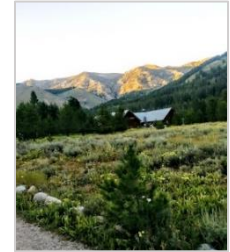
Here you can see details about the other camp locations in the Oregon and Idaho Conference.

Visit this site for

Sawtooth: <https://sawtooth.gocamping.org/>

**Contact: Rev. Ruth Marsh,
Betty Anderson or Nancy Stewart.**

How we can help kids at Trinity.



UWF NEWS

Hi, all. I'm wondering if spring is ever going to arrive. I need to rake up all the leaves that fell in November then got covered up with snow. UGH!



United
Women
in Faith

Our next unit meeting will be April 13 at 1:00 in the church parlor. All women are welcome. Richard Dickson will present a program about our stained glass windows. I love it when you sit in the sanctuary, and the sun's light streams through those windows. Such a peaceful feeling. Kathy and Mary will be our hostesses. Bring a friend and join us for some fun, food, and fellowship.

Don't forget about the UWF library. There are some new books to read from this year's reading list. Daughter of Caan and Firekeeper's Daughter are a couple of titles to "check out".

See you in April. Hopefully the snow will be gone, and flowers will be starting to bloom.

Holy Week Activities

Palm Sunday: 10:10 on Sunday the 2nd – Experience the Palms and the Passion of Christ as Jesus walks through the final week of his life.

Maundy Thursday: 7pm on Thursday the 6th – Remember Jesus in the breaking of bread, drinking of the fruit of the vine, and through the commandment to love others.

Good Friday: Noon to 3pm on Friday the 7th – Drop-in prayer vigil with time to talk to God, and to listen to God. Reverend Ruth will be available to pray with you, and make palm crosses together.

Easter Day: April 9th –
6:45am Sunrise Worship celebrates the rising of the Son with the rising of the sun!
Snake River Landing Pier (901 Pier View Dr.)
(Across from Love at First Bite)
Be sure to wear warm clothing!

9:30 Hot Cross Buns in the Parlor
10:10 Worship in Trinity’s Sanctuary
11:15 Kids Easter Egg Hunt (please bring a basket)

We would be grateful for donations of individually wrapped candy for the youth to hide.
Please bring it to the office by April 6th –







Stained-Glass Window Repair

The first step in restoration is to place a sheet of paper over the window and make a rubbing. This makes a full-size record of the window so it can be properly reassembled.

This is Armelle at Nzilani Glass at noting on the rubbings the anomalies found on the panels that don’t get picked up through the act of rubbing and adding other details such as lead widths. She is also comparing notes from the Trinity provided assessment to look for any changes. The next step will be to disassemble the window.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			29 10:00am Upper Room Study in the Parlor 6:30pm Cub Scout meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	30 6:30-8:30pm "Meet up with Jesus"	31 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	1 April Office Closed 
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