

**News update for April 27, 2023**

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**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.

**This Week at Trinity**

- Thursday** (April 27th)  
**Friday** (April 28th)  
 • 3:00-7:00pm Girl Scout Leader’s meeting  
 • 7:00pm N.A  
**Saturday** (April 29th)  
 • 12:00-5:00pm JACL meeting  
**Sunday** (April 30th)  
 • 9:30-10:10am Donuts and coffee  
 • 10:10-11:10am Worship in the Sanctuary  
 • 11:30am Soup Potluck  
 • 2:00pm Confirmation Class  
 • 6:00pm N.A  
**Monday** (May 1st)  
 • 7:00pm N.A  
**Tuesday** (May 2nd)  
 • 7:00pm N.A  
**Wednesday** (May 3rd)  
 • 10:00am Upper Room book study  
 • 6:30pm Gather at the Table  
 • 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting  
 • 7:30pm Scouts BSA

**! Church Camp !**

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 7

## Worship Plans for 4/30

Theme: Abundance

Sermon: "Following Jesus to Abundant Life"  
 Focus Scripture (John 10:1-10)

"Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good - a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it."

Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again. "I'll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good - sheep stealers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for - will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

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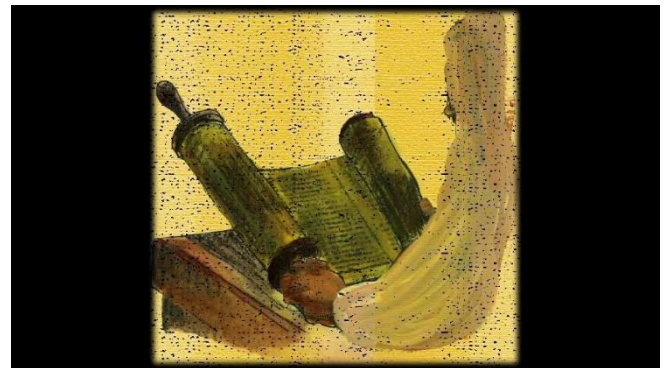


## Last Week's Sermon 4/23

Theme for the day: Seeing Jesus  
 Sermon: "Something Broken"  
 Focus Scripture: (Luke 24:13-35)



Jesus was all about brokenness: broken people, broken systems, broken spirits, broken bread.



It shouldn't surprise us. We hear in the 4th chapter of Luke that Jesus begins his ministry by referring to the words of Isaiah saying:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because God has anointed me  
 to bring good news to the poor.  
 God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to set free those who are oppressed,  
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus will minister to the physical needs of the people through simply feeding them, and restore people to relationship with their community, often by

breaking the rules of unfair and unjust systems & laws.



Brokenness is not all necessarily bad. A kaleidoscope is made up of bits of broken glass which creates beautiful patterns as it moves and reflects the light. I can see what's inside of something that is broken, and often something lovely is revealed. That is true of both thunder eggs and people who for myriad reasons have built walls around their heart.

When God came to earth with flesh on, they broke through that veil between us and heaven. God, whom we think of as perfect, became a human being, broken at some level, just like the rest of us. Except, Jesus the Christ has the power to heal our brokenness.

So why is it, that so often our eyes refuse to open, and therefore are unable to recognize the One who has been anointed to:

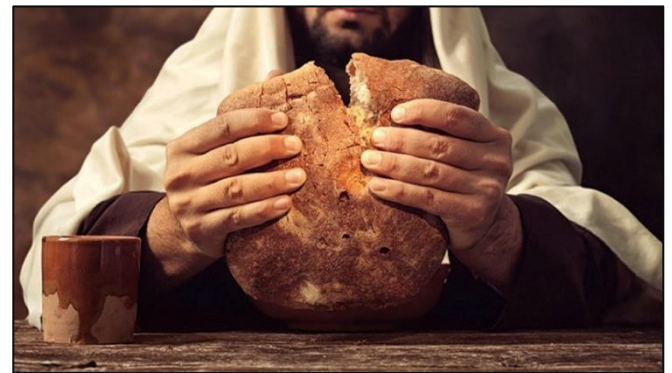
bring good news to the poor.  
 Proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 The One who sets free those who are oppressed,  
 and proclaims the year of the Lord's favor."



The risen Christ is with us always. He walks with us on every road. He is with us at the heights of joy and celebration and he is with us in the pits of terror and despair. Christ's Spirit is in the very air that we breathe and His presence is the glue that holds the cosmos together. If God's Spirit was withdrawn, everything that is would disintegrate back into dust and chaos. There is absolutely nowhere you can go, and nothing you can do, without being in the living presence of the risen Christ.

But that's the problem isn't it. That which is always and everywhere present quickly slips beyond our awareness and just becomes the taken-for-granted background that we ignore as we live our lives. So Jesus walks with us on the road, or sits with us at the table, and we fail to recognize him.

What then can we do? How can we re-attune our awareness so that we become increasingly, and perhaps eventually constantly, conscious of Christ's presence with us? Well today's story offers us a message of hope.



There are two stages of awakening in this story. Firstly as the scriptures are read and discussed, they feel their hearts burning within them. Something is stirring them up, knocking at the door of the consciousness, trying to break through to them. On this occasion it's not enough. But then comes stage two. Jesus takes bread, blesses God for it and breaks it with them, and their eyes are opened. They recognize the Christ at table with them. Suddenly they know and understand - God is all, and in all.



When Christ is present always, everywhere and in everything, the only way we are going to reawaken our awareness to see, is by taking particular times and particular places and particular things and deliberately concentrating our attention to perceive God. You see, in theory, because God is everywhere, there is no need to come here to a church to worship God, and because God is always with us, there is no need to set aside particular times to worship.



Yet the reality is, that for most of us, if we don't set aside special times and places to give our attention to God, we will just be oblivious to God's presence.



Community Dinner Table: Jason Lee UMC, Blackfoot, Idaho

The hope is, and the testimony of many people is, that if you regularly take time to focus your attention on the presence of the risen Christ in particular scriptures and particular bread, at a particular table, in a particular church at a particular time, then you have a good chance of growing towards the level of consciousness that will allow you to recognize the presence of the people, at all tables in all places.

Amen.

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*The Lord is our shepherd.*

*Shepherds will always, no matter what, look after their sheep.*

*He knows who are unruly, stubborn, and evil, but despite all that, he truly cares, love and stay by their side.*

*When we recognize the Lord as our Savior and our shepherd, he will lead us to greener pastures, one after the other.*



*you did not earn this priceless gift.*

*Eternal life is freely given by the shepherd and freely received by his sheep, simply because he is the shepherd and we are the sheep.*

*The life Jesus gives is eternal.*

*Eternal life, by definition, is a life that never ends, and if you have this life, it's yours forever!*

*~ Colin Smith*

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

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

## Birthdays

### April

Jakovac Sarah	04/25
Scarborough, Emily	04/25
Myers, Hunter	04/26
Kemp, Bev	04/27
Hayes, Isabelle	04/29
Jensen, Ember	05/01
Bettinger, Sarah	05/03
Nesler, Robert	05/03
Tuckett, Rachel	05/04
Bettinger- Anderson, Sean	05/04

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - March 31, 2023



Income	\$27,262.86
Expenses	\$47,343.10
Current deficit	<\$20,080.24>

## Meetup With Jesus

This set of "Meetup With Jesus" gatherings experienced foods that played a role in Biblical times. Help us dream about what the next set of "Meetup With Jesus" will be later in June!



David making rosemary roasted potatoes



Always time for a group hug

## John Wesley Quote

"As long as we dwell in a house of clay it is liable to affect the mind; sometimes more directly by damping and depressing the soul and sinking it into distress and heaviness. In this state doubt of fear of one kind or another will naturally arise. And the prince of this world, who well knows whereof we are made, will not fail to improve the occasion, in order to disturb, though he cannot pollute, the heart which God hath cleansed from all unrighteousness."



~To Miss March, 1771

## 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

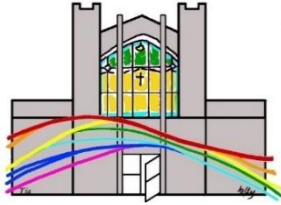
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## Homeless Services

Trinity continues to provide services for our local community without homes. We offer services including; laundry, showers, and compassionate care.

If you or someone you know is in need, feel free to stop by. We are happy to help in any way we are able. We are open Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2pm.



## Donation Drive

This coming May, we will be holding a donation drive for the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Centre.

We have been working with them for some time now, and love their mission. However, being a volunteer-run organization, they are running low on some supplies, and could really use our help in replenishing their stocks so they can continue to serve our community.

The main thing they are in need of now is all-purpose cleaner.\* Dollar Tree cleaner is perfect for their needs, and is very cheap. Some other items they could use are:

- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Shampoo
- All-Purpose Cleaner\*
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Disposable Women’s Razors 5 each
- Large Quilts
- Disposable Men’s Razors 5 each
- Twin Quilts
- Shave Cream
- Diapers all Sizes
- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels 1

Anything helps, and we would be very grateful for your donations, so look forward to that this May, and see if there’s anything that you’d like to donate!





## Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's walk will be held on Saturday, September 23th. The Trinity team "Memory Methodists" is participating in the 2023 walk. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to fight Alzheimer's.

To join the Trinity team sign on to: [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr\\_id=16521&pg=entry](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr_id=16521&pg=entry)

Register for:

[Memory Methodists](#)

Team Captain: Don Rohde



## 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.

Don Rohde will be livestreaming NLI at Trinity. You are invited to join him for the watch parties.

## Sawtooth Methodist Camp

### 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:

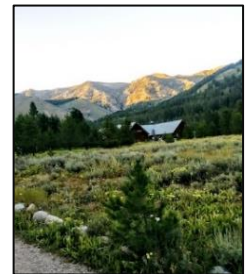
<https://www.gocamping.org/>

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** regarding how we can help kids at Trinity get to camp.



Stay tuned for fundraising opportunities in order for kids to get to camp!

## UWF NEWS



# United Women in Faith

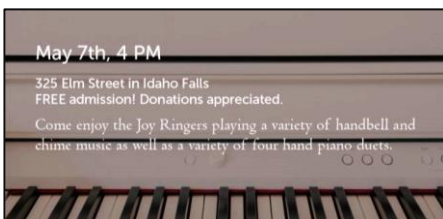
Good morning! Spring is here! Hooray! Just a reminder that our next unit meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the parlor. The program will include a speaker from Shepherd's Inn. Joni and Kay are the hostesses.

Don't forget to let Mary Nagel know if you are interested in attending Mission U on July 14-15 on ZOOM at Trinity. Registration is currently underway.

Lots of great books to read from the UWF reading list. Check one out.

See you soon.

## First Presbyterian Church Concert



On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, the First Presbyterian Church is holding a Handbell and Piano duet Concert.

Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

325 Elm Street in Idaho Falls

## Stained-Glass Window Repair

Trinity's vent windows are still quietly soaking at Nzilani Glass Conservation. In the meantime, the Nzilani team has been busy conserving a beautiful rose window produced by Tiffany Studios at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkley, CA.



The round rose window is in the sanctuary of St. Mark's, behind the pipe organ.



The Nzilani worker is removing the first panel from the rose window.

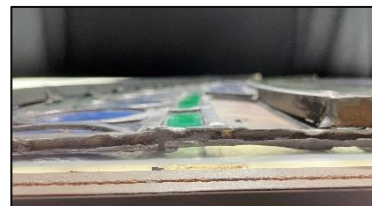
A metal grate had been installed on the interior of the window many years ago. The grate had to be removed before the Nzilani team could access the individual panels of the window.



(Fig 2)

Nzilani transported the panels to their studio in Oakland for careful cleaning and conservation. A Q-tip swab is used to clean around jewels in this panel. (Fig 2)

Extensive plating (layering) of glass was used by Tiffany & Co. to create the vivid colors and textures of the window.



The following photo is a side view of a window panel showing 6 or 7 different layers of glass.

After cleaning and conservation, the rose window will be reinstalled in the sanctuary for another 100 years of service.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			26 10:00am Upper Room Study  6:30pm Cub Scout 7:30pm Scouts BSA	27  Northwest Leadership Institute*	28 Office Closed   7:00pm N.A.	29 Office Closed   
			<div style="background-color: #336699; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Ruth at NLI* in Boise</div>			
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