

Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon March 2025

Pastor's Message

Dear Partners in the Gospel,
 During the WWII bombing of London, Ronald Knox-- a priest, radio personality, detective novelist, scholar, and Catholic convert--found himself the chaplain of a girls' school where students were being sheltered. When his existing homilies were exhausted, Knox began to write new ones for his students based on the Apostles' Creed. The homilies were so well-received that they were later published in the U.S. in 1945 as "The Creed in Slow Motion". With resurgent interest in the life and writings of Knox, the new edition of this classic re-released in 2009 could not be more timely. (Ronald Knox, *The Creed in Slow Motion* (Ava Maria Press).)



While writing "I believe in the resurrection," Knox said that since it was Jesus, the Son of God, who was buried on Good Friday, you would expect that as soon as he died he would come to life again. Then he wrote these fascinating words: "Every second during which Jesus stayed dead, on Good Friday and Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday morning, was a kind of miracle; a much more remarkable miracle really than his Resurrection." Knox was telling us that life was so inherent in Jesus, so native to everything Jesus Christ is, that it's no miracle that he was raised on Easter. It was more of a miracle that he remained in the tomb for as long as he did, during the hours between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning. For Jesus to remain dead was out of character with who he is. Jesus Christ is the Lord of life; death has no dominion over him. He must rise from the dead. He stayed in the tomb long enough for it to be very clear that he was, indeed, dead; but staying there was out of order for this Lord of life.

As we begin our journey through Lent and Holy Week, I pray that each of us will find a moment to sit quietly and ponder the fact that the spotless Lamb of God, suffered and died for our sins, because those sins were a debt, we could not repay. And conquering death, paved the way for our own resurrection to eternal life. "Oh, to see my name written in the wounds. For through Your suffering I am free.

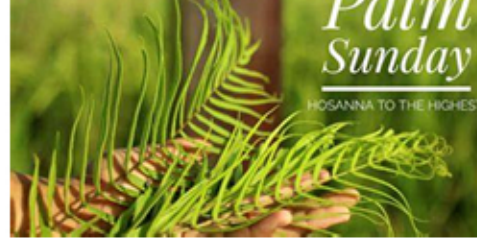

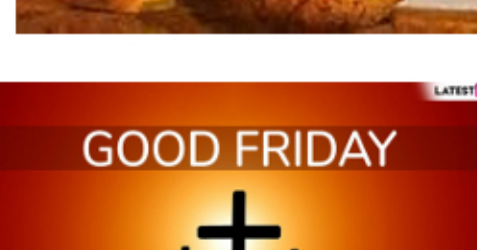

Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love. This, the power of the cross, Son of God, slain for us. What a love, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross" (*The Power of the Cross*) by Stuart Townend

In Service to Christ,
 Pastor Tom

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on March 5, 2025 for only one service at 6pm.



Weekly Lenten Services will be held on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26 & April 2 & 9 at 10:30am & 6pm.

Schedule for Holy Week Services
Palm Sunday
 Saturday, April 12 at 5:30pm and Sunday, March 13 @ 9:30am

Maundy Thursday with Communion
 Thursday, April 17 @ 10:30am and 6pm

Good Friday
 Friday, April 18 @ 10:30am and 6pm

Easter Worship with Communion
 Saturday, April 19 @ 5:30pm and Sunday, April 20 at 9:30am

Easter Lily Dedications

Beginning March 9, we will be ordering flowers to adorn the altar for Easter. The congregation can donate, towards this purchase, by giving a \$20 dedication in honor of a loved one, in memory of a loved one, or to the Glory of God. Envelopes will be available on the table in the Church



narthex or on the table outside the church office. Please fill in the needed information and put the envelope in the offering plate or on Julie's desk in her office. **Deadline for dedications is Sunday, March 30.**

A final report about the **Red Bag** collection will be coming in a separate Constant Contact message. Watch and see how Immanuel-Trinity helped meet the need for food insecure persons in Fond du Lac.



You are invited!

Women of the ELCA

Appleton/Oshkosh Conference Spring Event

Saturday, March 8, 2025
 Hosted by Trinity in Appleton at Christus in Greenville (N1915 Julius Drive)

Featuring Pastor Lori Peper & her Ukulele Outreach


Special Guest Carol LaBouve-Mennen will be joining us to share her love of homemade sourdough bread. A loaf can be purchased for a \$10 cash donation to help the Dale Food Pantry.

Women are encouraged to wear Green, Purple, and White for International Women's Day

All ages are welcome. Handicap accessible.
 Personal hygiene items will be collected and shared throughout the community.

Our Schedule

8:00 am	Registration
8:30 am	Welcome & Appleton/Oshkosh Conference Updates
9:00 am	First Session with Pastor Lori Peper
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	Second Session with Pastor Lori Peper
11:00 am	Worship Service and free will offering
11:30 am	Luncheon (assorted salads, sourdough bread, and fresh fruit)


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Meet our Presenter: Pastor Lori Peper

Pastor Lori is currently serving West Immanuel of Osceola. Prior to that she served as a first pastor to a newly formed 3-point parish in rural Amery. While in Amery, she created a radio broadcast ministry, Ukulele Outreach, and a BeFriender Team. Before Amery, she served for five years as a Congregational Life Pastor of First Lutheran in Barron. Pastor Lori enjoys gardening, bird watching, and sharing her home with family, friends, and a mini schnauzer named Mike. She is a lifelong learner who makes time for music, reading, traveling, and painting with watercolor.

-----Registration Form (Duplicate as Needed)-----
 Questions? fens4usa@att.net · Call or text (920) 915-8983
 Due Feb. 22, 2025 · Please mail this form with a registration fee of \$20 to: Leslie Fens · 1833 East Hulke Drive · Appleton, WI 54915
 (\$ checks payable to Trinity with WELCA Spring Event on the Memo Line)

Name: _____

Is this your 1st WELCA Conference Event? (circle) Yes No
 Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Church & City _____
 Special dietary or accessibility requirements: _____

Loaves and Fishes
 On March 10, Loaves and Fishes will continue to maintain our current menu. We will not need to serve it hot but be sure to bake the casserole. Folks can make these up in advance and either drop it off on the serving day at Church of Peace at 4:00 pm or you can leave it at Immanuel-Trinity Church and we will collect it from there. If you choose to drop off at Immanuel-Trinity Church please have it there by 12:00 noon the day of serving. Please do not drop anything off at Church of Peace prior to 4:00 pm per their request.

Our next dates for Loaves & Fishes 2025 are May 12th, September 22nd, December 1st. We will greet, check in and serve our guests inside the church hall. All meals will be take out only. We will be registering any new guests that do not present with a member card. Any questions can be directed to: Tess and Ray Schwartz, 920-517-2958 or tessschwartz@charter.net. Thank you for your continued support in feeding God's people.

Racial Justice Conference
 The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is hosting a Racial Justice Conference on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9am-3pm, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Green Bay.

Presented by the ECSW Women of the ELCA and the ECSW Racial Equity Team, the event will feature Vance Blackfox (Cherokee), ELCA Director for Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations, and Rev. Angela Ikhabebe, editor of *Call to Allyship: Preparing Your Congregation for Leaders of Color*. Attendees will engage in discussions on racial justice, systemic inequities, and allyship within faith communities. This conference aims to equip participants with tools to foster inclusive and welcoming congregations. Mark your calendars for this inspiring and educational experience!



- March 15**
Megan Hall
Robert Luebke
- March 16**
Ryan McAndrew
Jefferey Biessman
- March 17**
Keenan Robertson
- March 18**
Penny Koch
- March 20**
Michael Naker
- March 21**
Sherry Abitz
Marion Livingston
- March 22**
Emily Solamita
- March 23**
Steven Hamberg
Kathleen Jacobs
- March 24**
Barbara Bentek
Gabriel Marshall
- March 25**
Beth Muldoon
Kyler Raube

Birthdays

- March 1**
Tim King
Alice Russart
- March 2**
Shelby Bowser
Lynn Randall
Grady Kellar
- March 5**
Justin Lueck
- March 6**
Curtis Christian
Pamela Kozisek
Sandi Kunz
- March 8**
Christine Pieper
- March 9**
Dorothy Anderson
- March 12**
Sue Malo
Tanya Biessman
- March 13**
Michelle Pelot
Dustin Sing