



From our pastor

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is probably my favorite celebration within the Christian tradition. I know that many prefer Christmas, but Easter has always been magical and mystical, captivating my interest. I remember fondly the early Easter “Sonrise” service at the church in my hometown mainly because of the utter joyfulness that permeated the service. Easter is all about the joy, the triumph over death, the victory of the Resurrection. The music was full of enthusiasm with loud brass instruments and the organist giving his/her all.

As I became more knowledgeable about why Easter is so important, it quickly outranked any other time of year. Yes, I love the somberness and honesty of Lent, but Easter is so much fun. We get to celebrate what God can and does do in our lives. After all, the Resurrection is the reason that we are Christians. If things ended with the cross, Jesus would have been a faithful martyr. But since the story ends with the empty tomb, Jesus is the Christ, the anointed and chosen one of God. He is the reason for this season.

One of the most remarkable facts about the timing of Easter is that for us in the northern hemisphere, Easter typically happens as the world itself starts to come back to life. This is the time of year when the earth, that for all accounts appeared dead, is alive again. As the temperatures rise and plants start to grow and new baby animals are born, we celebrate that God has once again breathed life into our world. We are surrounded yet again by the proof that God loves us and brings us into the next season. After a snowy and cold winter, we rejoice that spring arrives because it means the end of hibernation (whether plants or animals).

I’m amazed at how we can relive year after year the joy of rebirth in our world and in our churches. God is faithful again and hope for the future is infectious. This is the season when we are reminded yet again of how good and great our God truly is. Our God brings life from death, which is a great reason to celebrate and rejoice. So I write yet again the reason for this joyful season:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace and joy to you all,

Pastor Kara

Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly

“Together at the crossroads . . .”

**Saturday-Sunday
April 20-21**

Jamestown Civic Center

Keynote Speaker: **Bishop Mark Narum**, Western North Dakota Synod

Special Guest: **Rev. Herbert Chilstrom**, first Bishop of the ELCA, will speak at the Saturday evening banquet, celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ELCA, “Always Being Made New.”



The synod assembly is the annual gathering of pastors, associates in ministry, lay voting members and visitors who represent the congregations that make up the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Congregations may send an offering with their delegates. This year's offering will be designated as follows: 1/3 to Native American Ministries; 1/3 to the Sudanese Ministry; and 1/3 to The Project FM.

Each of our TCM ELCA congregations should have one or two voting delegates at the Assembly. The gathering is open to **all**. (If you plan to attend as a visitor, please go to the synod website to check on registration for visitors.)

All information for the Assembly can be found on the synod website: **www.eandsynod.org**. No materials are mailed out. Registration closes April 5.

Women of the ELCA Prairie Rose (Carrington) Conference Cluster Gathering



**Theme — Ruth 4:15
“Aging in the Grace of God”**

**Saturday, April 27
Luverne Lutheran Church**

9:30 Registration and Coffee
10:00-3:00 Program

Speaker: Kendra Binger, Regional Care Consultant, Alzheimer Association Minnesota/North Dakota

Bible Study & Communion: Pastor Jerry Rosin

Additional speakers representing the national and conference WELCA, and the Malaria Campaign

In Kind offering for the Abused Persons Outreach Center in Valley City.

Monetary offering: 1/2 to Malaria Campaign, 1/4 to church wide/Chicago, 1/4 to END Synodical Women's programs.

Noon lunch is \$10 per person. Please contact your WELCA president to register.

Call Committee update

Our Tri-County Ministry call committee reports that all congregational profiles have been submitted to the synod and the presbytery. The search process for a senior pastor can now begin.

If you have any input for the call committee, feel free to speak to your representative.

The committee has the goal of having a new pastor in place by sometime this summer.

Worship time alerts

Sunday, April 7:
First Presbyterian at 9:45

Saturday, April 27:
Trinity at 7:00 p.m. (no worship Sunday, April 28)

Sunday, April 28:
Grace at 8:30



Gideon Sunday in TCM

Sunday, April 28

A representative from the Gideon Society will be in all of the TCM congregations except Grace. (Saturday evening at Trinity) A five-minute presentation will be given, and you'll have the opportunity to give a donation to the Gideons.

Red Willow Bible Camp Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 7

3:00 — Story telling
4:00 — Business meeting
5:00 — Supper

Open to all!

Please RSVP by April 3 to give Becky an idea of how much supper to prepare.

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The camp's summer brochures are available in our churches.



Rogation Sunday: April 21

At our services throughout Tri-County, we will worship and give thanks for the earth and all that is in it!



Our next TCM newsletter will cover the months of May and June. If you have any dates for the calendar or other information for the newsletter, please submit it to the TCM office by April 17.

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Soup, Sandwiches, and Desserts

Sunday, April 14

11:00 — 1:00

Trinity in Binford

Sponsored by Trinity WELCA

Bake Sale

Quilt Sale — baby, youth, full size