

April 2026

# TRINITY TIMES

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### Pastor's Note

Daisies, Diamonds and Ducks – Pieces of April!

If you were born in April, you share a birth month with Leonardo Da Vinci, Shakespeare, Queen Elizabeth II and me! I am an April baby and would like to share some of the things that make this month so phenomenal. Did you know that April's flower is a Daisy, birthstone is a Diamond, and animal is a DUCK? The daisy as a flower symbolizes innocence and purity. Daisies are often pictured with children. The daisy opens and closes each day by following the sunlight.

Diamonds are often called the 'lover's rock'. The name comes from the Greek 'adamas' which means 'unbreakable'. This stone is said to represent a removal of fear and an amplifying of faithfulness. The diamond speaks of relationship, commitment and promise. I will come back to the 'DUCK'.

April in our hemisphere heralds springtime, the return of life after the fallow darkness of winter. The name, April, comes from the word "Aperire" which means 'to open', and in this month life indeed buds, pops and opens all around us. We know that 'April showers bring May flowers.' It is a wet month usually delivering moisture that is desperately needed for life to blossom and bloom. Most years we celebrate Easter in the month of April as we will do this year. I find it uplifting to see how the above symbols chosen for April speak of new life, resurrection, innocence, purity, faithfulness and 'rock solid security'. We can picture the joy of children among the daisies in the light of the sun! The month of April resounds with the proclamation 'Christ is Ris'n! He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah'.

Now back to the 'DUCK'. Who knew that the duck is a symbol of Christianity. How? The mama duck is like the mother hen referenced by Jesus in Matthew 23:37 where Jesus weeps over Jerusalem saying, "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." A mama duck gathers her ducklings in just such a way, being a refuge, a haven, a place of peace and protection. Ducks need water to live. Christians live each day in the baptismal promises of our God. We are water-washed and Spirit born. Ducks are passive peaceful creatures unless their offspring are threatened, then look out! Christ is our protector, redeemer, Saviour and Peace. He is also our battle-shield for the fight. The duck is quickly becoming a favourite of mine.

Let's pull all this together. In April we have spring and new life erupts. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, the innocent pure Lamb of God who has fought the good fight for us and won. His words, 'It is finished' on the cross as He gives His life for us, and the empty tomb and women's cry, "He is Risen!" proclaim freedom, hope and joy. Life has triumphed over death. Jesus is The Light that opens us to new possibilities and service of our neighbour each day! His promise to us in our baptism of forgiveness and faith is 'unbreakable', rock solid strong and eternal. He calls us to be childlike in our faith, trusting and rejoicing in our Father's love. The living hope that is ours in Christ allows us to endure all things with confidence, facing adversity 'like water off a duck's back'. We are Christ's and He is ours! I leave you with an image of a wee lad in a yellow raincoat and rubber boots feeding the ducks in springtime! Blessings on your April as together we celebrate Christ's resurrection, spring, and Jesus' love, Pastor Maggie



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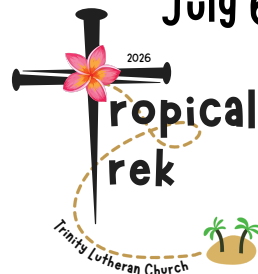
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### May 2

We will gather at the church at 8:00am and then carpool out to the designated location. Funds raised will go the Mission Ministry. There is a sign up across from the office. Talk to Laura Marie if you have any questions.



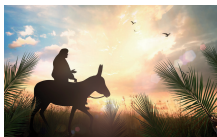
**VBS 2026  
July 6-10**



# Mark Your Calendar



## Holy Week begins March 29



### March 29 - Palm Sunday - Ride On King Jesus

Worship at 10:00am



### April 2 - Maundy Thursday- At the King's Table

Worship with Communion at 6:30pm



### April 3 - Good Friday- Death of the King

Worship at 6:30pm



## Easter Sunday

*6:45am Sunrise Service at the cemetery*

*8:30am Easter Breakfast*

*10:00am Festival Service  
with Communion*

## 2027 Mission Information April 12 following Worship

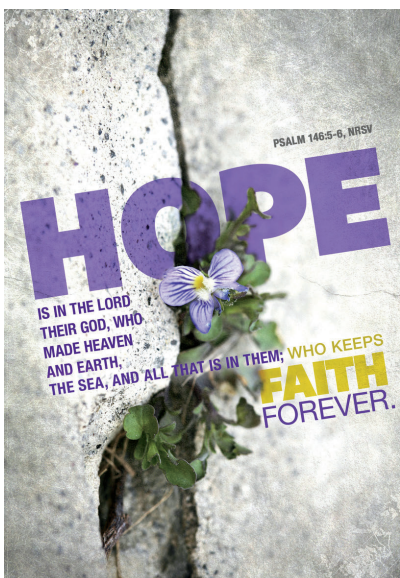
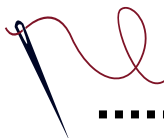


Have questions? Come to the meeting and get the answers. If you missed the first meeting but are interested please come and learn what we will be doing.

If you are wanting go on this trip please attend so we can build our team. If you absolutely cannot make the meeting please contact Mark Altwasser, Val Deunk or Charlene Musgrove and let them know.

## Spring Quilted items Sale May 3 & 10

Our amazing ladies have been hard at work again and will be selling some items to raise money to put towards materials for next fall. This is such a great ministry that brings comfort to so many. Tell your friends.



# Ladies

The next Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) meeting  
**April 8 at 1:00pm**  
All women are invited

## AGAPE (Ladies Bible Study)

**Wednesdays at 9:30am**

Meet in the chapel and join us for tea and study.  
**Ladies of all stages of life are welcome.**

**Please note that we will begin again April 8.**

## Quilters

The quilting ministry continues Tuesdays at 10am -3pm. April will be the last month we quilt then we will break for summer.

This is open to all levels of quilters from the experts to the not at all. They donate these beautiful creations of love to those who need them all over southern Alberta. Talk to Sue Armstrong or Nancy Watson if you have any questions.

**The quilters tea will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

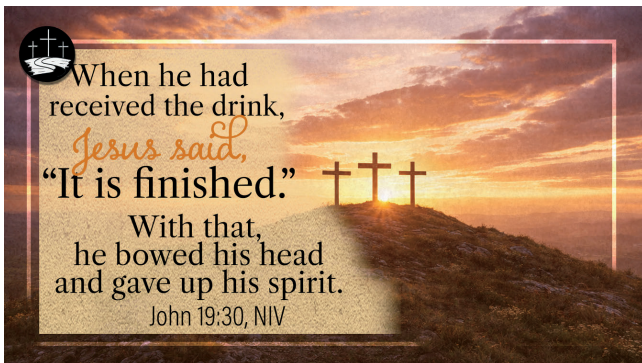
More details to come at a later date.



# OFFERING

Responding in trust and faith please remember the following ways of supporting your church.

- E-Transfer: tlcoffering@gmail.com (no password required)
- Auto Debit: Contact the church office to receive a form.
- Snail Mail: Mail your cheque to 811 Cassils Road W, Brooks, AB, T1R 0E4



# Youth

**Sunday at 9:00am**

Join us for study for grade 5+. Come and bring your friends and dig into God's Word.

**Please note there will be no study April 5.**



## Confirmation

April begins with Holy week, we meet on April 2 at 5:30pm to prepare for the Maundy Thursday worship so be sure

to eat before you come as there is no soup. Good Friday all, are encouraged to come but will not be serving in Worship.

Regular classes will resume April 15 at 4:30-6:00pm.



**March 28**

**5:00-8:30pm**

Come for a fun night with your friends! We will eat have some devotion time and play some great games.

## Youth Board Games

**April 12**

**1:00-3:00pm**



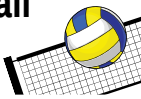
Pack up your favorite board games and bring your friends for a fun afternoon with Liam & Maddie at the church.

Bring a snack to share..



## Youth Volleyball & Pickleball

**April 26 at 1-3pm**



Come for an afternoon of fun. We will set up the nets in the hall all experience levels are invited.

If you are at the Mission Meeting first we will order some pizza and then play.



**SAVE THE DATE**

Trinity's VBS will be July 6-10

We would love to have you as part of the team.

# WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEER DUTIES

**April 2 6:30 am with Communion**

**Acolyte:** Confirmand  
**Lector:** Confirmand  
**Sound:** Vince  
**Video:** Ryan  
**Worship Assistant:** Brenda  
**Ushers:** Thian & Rozelle Muller

**April 3 6:30pm**

**Acolyte:** Cole A  
**Lector:** Lidia S  
**Sound:** Jorja  
**Video:** Joey  
**Worship Assistant:** Doug

**April 5 6:45 am at Brooks Cemetery**

**Sound:** Randy  
**Worship Assistant:** Doug  
**Scripture Readings:** Exodus 14:10-15 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**April 5 10:00 am with Communion**

**Acolyte:** Eliza  
**Lector:** Leona F  
**Storyteller:** Brianna  
**Sound:** Vince  
**Video:** Ryan  
**Worship Assistant:** Dennis  
**Ushers:** Brent Altwasser Family  
**Scripture Readings:** Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4

**April 12 10:00am**

**Acolyte:** Brooke A  
**Lector:** Cole A  
**Storyteller:** Julie  
**Sound:** Randy  
**Video:** Hazel  
**Worship Assistant:** Brenda  
**Ushers:** Mark & Melanie Altwasser  
**Scripture Readings:** Acts 5:29-42 1 Peter 1:3-9

**April 19 10:00am with Communion**

**Acolyte:** Lucie B  
**Lector:** Val D  
**Storyteller:** Pastor  
**Sound:** Dennis  
**Video:** Joey  
**Worship Assistant:** Brenda  
**Ushers:** Elgersma Family  
**Scripture Readings:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-25

**April 26 10:00am**

**Acolyte:** Dax V  
**Lector:** Mona E  
**Storyteller:** Brianna  
**Sound:** Vince  
**Video:** Ryan (Noah)  
**Worship Assistant:**  
**Ushers:** Doug & Mona Erlandson  
**Scripture Readings:** Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25







Maggie Pruden	Apr 01
Heather Tornquist	Apr 02
Wayne Sinclair	Apr 02
Vi Olsen	Apr 06
Elfriede Schuett	Apr 07
Anita Chivers	Apr 08
Marlene Schultz	Apr 10
Jeanette Zahn	Apr 10
Betty Stica	Apr 12
Josie Ball	Apr 15
Len Armstrong	Apr 20
Leeann Prenevost	Apr 20
Sharon Friesen	Apr 22
Richard Deunk	Apr 27
Fran Mortensen	Apr 30

Brent & Rebecca Kroschel	Apr. 04
Curtis & Heather Tornquist	Apr. 07
Jacob & Tricia Jannis	Apr 10
Frank & Sandra Zasadny	Apr 12
Richard & Shelly Deunk	Apr. 19
Colin & Georgie Brown	Apr. 26
Shawn & Brandy Gleisner	Apr. 29

# April




SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
9:00am Ed Hour gr 5+ 10:00am Worship  1:30pm Church of God Worship 	Office Closed 10:00am Staff Meeting  1:00pm Coffee with Friends	10:00am Quilting  8:00pm AA		5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Maundy Thursday  8:00pm AA 	10:00am Station of the Cross @ St Mary's  6:30pm Good Friday	11:00am Easter Set up
5  6:45am Sunrise Service 8:30am Breakfast 10:00am Worship with Communion 1:30pm Church of God Worship 	Office Closed  1:00pm Coffee with Friends	10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Quilting  8:00pm AA	Office Closed 9:30am AGAPE  1:00pm TLCW Meeting 1:00pm VBS Planning	9:00am NCC  8:00pm AA		
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12  9:00am Ed Hour gr 5+ 10:00am Worship Mission 2027 Meeting 1:00pm Youth Board Games 1:30pm Church of God Worship	Office Closed  1:00pm Coffee with Friends  6:30pm Worship & Communication	10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Quilting  5:30pm Deacon Meeting 5:30pm Board of Ed  8:00pm AA	9:30am AGAPE  4:30pm Confirmation	CALC Pastor's Retreat <div style="background-color: #d8bfd8; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">             Office Closed           </div> 8:00pm AA	CALC Conference	CALC Conference
19  9:00am Ed Hour gr 5+ 10:00am Worship with Communion  1:30pm Church of God Worship	Office Closed  1:00pm Coffee with Friends  5:30pm Transition Team Meeting	10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Quilting  7:00pm Council Meeting  8:00pm AA	9:30am AGAPE  4:30pm Confirmation	8:00pm AA <div style="background-color: #d8bfd8; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Office Closed           </div>		
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# APRIL



## YOUTH GAME TIME

STEP BACK IN TIME FOR A AFTERNOON OF CLASSIC FUN!

**1:00-3:00PM**

Bring snacks to share

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAMES. TALK TO LIAM IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

**Sunday April 12**

## Holy Week

### SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29)	10:00AM
Maundy Thursday (April 2)	6:30PM WITH COMMUNION
Good Friday (April 3)	6:30PM
Sonrise Worship at Cemetery	6:45AM
Brunch	8:30AM
Festival Service	10:00AM WITH COMMUNION

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## Celebrate the RESURRECTION

April 5

Sonrise Worship - 6:45am at Brooks Cemetery

Breakfast - 8:30am

Festival Worship - 10:00am with Communion

## YOUTH VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL

SUNDAY, APRIL 26  
At 1 PM - 3 PM

Bring snacks or refreshments to share.

TRINITY

## Youth NIGHT

SUPPER, CHAPEL, & WIDE GAMES

March 28  
5:00PM-9:00PM

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## THE ROAD IS CALLING

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MAY 2

SIGN UP ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE. THIS IS A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION MINISTRY AND JUST A MORNING OF YOUR TIME.

TALK TO LAURA MARIE WITH QUESTIONS

## QR code links

Weekly bulletins.

Weekly blog.

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