

TRINITY+FIRST

A Small Community with a Global Reach

Join a worshipping community centered in Jesus Christ, connected by a ministry that welcomes, listens, serves, worships and advocates peace and justice in our community and world!

April 2022 – Newsletter

Upcoming events

- **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10** – 9:30 am, Pastor Ann. We will have palms to distribute.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 14** – 6:30 pm, Pastor Richard will finish his preaching series on John 1. This will be a communion service.
- **Good Friday, April 15** – 6:30 pm, Tenebrae service of scripture reading, hymns, and extinguishing candles.
- **Easter Sunday, April 17** – 9:30 am. Pastor Richard. David Schober will provide music for the service. A light brunch will be served for fellowship following the service. Talk with Martha if you can bring a food item for the brunch. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

All services will be held both in person and on Zoom.

- **Sewing days – April 12 and 26**
 - 9 am to 3 pm. Potluck lunch.
- **Women’s group meeting – Thursday, April 21**
 - 1:30 pm at the church. All are welcome.

Church Sharing

The Rushford Seventh-day Adventist Church members have begun meeting in our church building on Saturdays. Their Bible study meets at 9:30 a.m. with worship following at 11 a.m. So, if you see people coming or going around those times, please welcome them to our facility. Remember to consider this building use when scheduling meetings or other building needs.

A Big Thank You

Some of you may have received this in your email. Jessica Intermill is the lawyer representing the Lower Sioux Indian Community in their quest to have an environmental impact study done near the site of a proposed quarry at Jeffers Petroglyphs. After sending our signed petitions to her office, she replied, “Thank you so much for coordinating this in your congregation! It means a ton to the Community to have your support. Best, Jessica” Thanks to all of you for taking part in this important action to preserve nature, culture and history in Minnesota and the Midwest.



Digitally enhanced petroglyphs at the Jeffers site, ca. 2018.
Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society

Student Update

Octavio, Sarai's brother, is doing well and working toward the completion of projects for his upcoming graduation. He sends greetings to all and is grateful for our support.

Maria Verónica (Featherstone worker) has a relative in high school who she would like us to consider supporting if we take on a new student after Octavio is finished.

April is Earth Month

Earth Day is April 22. Care of the earth is a part of the teaching of nearly all faith groups. Here is what we are asking our congregations to do for the Earth.

Pray daily during the month of April for care of the earth. Prayers have been collected by the InterFaith Power & Light group for your use. Then on Earth Day, April 22, they have written a special prayer for us all to pray, joining with thousands around the world.

To receive these prayers and more visit, <https://www.mnipl.org/take-action/earth-day-2022/>

Each week you will receive several prayers for your use at home. Watch for this in your email or regular mail and join us in shared prayer for the earth.

Today's prayer of stewardship by Catholic Relief Services.

To be stewards of Creation
God of All Creation,
At the beginning of time
You placed a single mandate on humankind
Replenish and nurture all generations
What you have made
We kneel today amid that same Creation -
A world that is, in many ways, more splendid
than ever
But, in too many ways, scarred beyond
recognition
Turn us from our unmindfulness
Help our thought be light
Help us renew the world that supports us
So we may once more know Creation
As it was in the beginning.



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EARTH DAY
2022
ALL APRIL**

