

# 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!

### March 2022 – Newsletter

#### Lent Schedule

With the coming of March, Lent 2022 will be here. Pastor Richard will be leading a Lenten series on "*Something about John*." He will be preaching on John 1:1-18. This series will begin on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Maundy Thursday. Here is the schedule:

- March 2 - Ash Wednesday - The Word John 1:1-3
- March 8 - Lent one - The Light John 1:4-5
- March 16 - Lent two - The Witness John 1:6-9
- March 23 - Lent three - The Unrecognized John 1:10-11
- March 30 - Lent four - The Children of God John 1:12-13
- April 6 - Lent five - The Word Became flesh John 1:14-16
- April 14 - Maundy Thursday - The Revelation John 1:16-18

All services will begin at 6:30. Worship will take place both at the church and via Zoom.

#### Valentine's Day Bake Sale

The Valentine's Day bake sale was a huge success. It was a sell-out, and many people seemed very pleased to have this chance to buy homemade items.! Thanks to all who donated such wonderful goodies, and to everyone who helped out on the day of the sale. Money raised will be used for mission needs.

#### Important Dates

- Daylight Saving Time begins March 13 – Don't forget to spring forward
- First Day of Spring -- March 20
- Easter Sunday – April 17

**A blessing for Ukraine** - from Kate Bowler (katebowler.com)

*God, the unthinkable has happened.*

*Swiftly, relentlessly,  
by stealth and through open destruction,  
the peace and beauty of the ordinary,  
has been shattered in a day.*

*O God of justice and might,  
We call to you to come and bring this suffering  
to an end.*

*Comfort these trembling hearts.*

*Shield the vulnerable.*

*Strengthen those with the resources and the  
resolve*

*to protect what they love*

*in the face of such overwhelming force.*

*Grant wisdom to the nations of our world, to  
our leaders, and to us,  
to grasp the unfathomable,  
to see evil in its true light,  
and come against it unflinchingly.*

*Dear Ukraine,*

*though we shudder to watch what is happening  
We will not look away.*

## Frozen, Ready-to-Bake Pies

Need a little treat for yourself, your family, your friends? The Women's Group has frozen, ready-to-bake pies for sale. Apple, strawberry rhubarb, blueberry rhubarb, cherry, peach, and pumpkin pies are available. Contact Mary Carlson 864-2508 or Mary Kleist 864-7891 to arrange for pickup, or pick one up when you are at church. Apple pies are \$10, all others \$12.

## Welcome Murphy Rose Manfull



Kristen and I are parents!

Murphy was born February 27 at 3:52pm. 7 pounds 6 ounces. She and Kristen are both doing very well.

We are in love with her. ~Nathan

## Refugees In Winona

Here is what has happened. In the course of one year, Winona has now sponsored 20 refugees.

- 7 from Honduras – Great River Asylum Support Partners (GRASP) and Pleasant Valley Church.
- 1 from Columbia – Winona Immigrant Network (WIN) local ELCA churches.
- 12 from Afghanistan – Winona Afghan Support Network (WASN)

This has been a beautiful and powerful process.

## Pine Ridge Reservation

The PW group began learning more about the Pine Ridge Reservation through the website Friends of Pine Ridge Reservation. At one time Rushford was very involved in assisting with needs for this group. "Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota is home to the Oglala Sioux Tribe with an estimated population of close to 40,000. The reservation is large, and its needs immense, commensurate with grinding poverty." (quoted from the website)

<https://friendsofpineridgereservation.org>

Aaron Huey is a photographer of poverty in America, and he has produced a Ted ed lesson and video documenting the struggle of the native Lakota people and their shocking history.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MS6ARB2CgLI&t=18s>

After studying the website and watching the video, we decided to be in prayer about it for a time. We ask you to take a look at these resources and to be in prayer and study with us.