

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Trinity Lutheran Church voted to close at their annual meeting in January and ratified that motion on April 12. There was no joy at either of those meetings. The declining numbers could not be argued with. We have fewer members, a declining population base, and have been spending down our reserves. The decision to close was made with heavy hearts.

First of all we ask for your prayers. We are grieving this loss as we would any beloved family member or friend.

Second You are invited to join with the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church for their final Sunday of worship on May 24, 2015. The plans for that Sunday are as follows, but we can only be sure of the start time for the first event.

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Memorial Day recognition of Service Men and Women at the Trinity Cemetery
- Noon Lunch in the church basement.
- 1:00 p.m. A Service of Songs, Scripture and Remembrances concluding with the Rite of Closing a Congregation.

The service of Songs, Scripture and Remembrances will start when all have had a chance to eat and will last as long as people want to be at the church and share Those who prefer to submit their stories in writing to Pastor Mindy Ehrke. I will share them as time allows. Some ideas you might consider sharing include:

- Who had the greatest influence on your faith?
- What church lesson from Trinity sustains you?
- When were you a part of Trinity?
- Where in the church building (or outside of it) is your favorite memory of Trinity and what is it?
- Why is/was Trinity a part of your life?
- How does your life now reflect your relationship with the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church?

Some have asked about sending flowers or plants for the occasion. We will be honored by any gift you wish to make. Trinity has a long history of support to a variety of missions. Gifts to any Christian Ministry of your choice would also be appropriate and appreciated. Please send those gifts directly to the ministry.

With the Love and Grace of Christ Jesus Our Lord;

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