



THE BELL TOWER April 2026



Our mission is to:

Teach and share God's Word with those around us

Live in fellowship with one another and foster Christ-centered relationships

Care and grow in faith by serving God and His People

He is Always with Us

As I write this, we are a couple days away from Easter, the pinnacle event of our faith. The promise that God made to us and to His creation right after sin entered the world that He would defeat Satan, has happened with Christ's death and resurrection. We will gather to sing our praises to our Risen Savior and thank God for this free gift that He has given to us in the forgiveness of our sins and life with Him in paradise. God has always promised to walk with us, to be with us and that never changed even when sin entered the world. He came down in His Son to this fallen world to walk where we walk, struggle with what we struggle with but to overcome those struggles. I came across an article that talked about how He always walks with us, is always near us. Enjoy and continue to celebrate that Christ is Risen!

Remember your days in the school cafeteria when everyone got to their tables before you and it looked as if you might be alone? Or ignored? It was scary to think you might have to sit alone, or with people you didn't know (or want to know.) Remember how good it felt when someone invited you to sit with them? Well, it still is a basic need.

A childhood prayer in my family was "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest." Such words sound like an invitation, but are really a reminder that God always standing nearby. Such words are like inviting a loved one or friend to take a seat and join us (or to remember God's invitation to sit close to him!) These words open our hearts for God's blessing in which the flavor and feel of a meal is changed.

The next words of the prayer, "Let these gifts to us be blessed" is faithful reminder that when Jesus touches anything, it has a new purpose. What a reminder that gifts of God are meant for more than what might be apparent at first glance. What God blesses becomes a miracle in many ways, and how neat for us to handle and share what God has blessed. Isn't it amazing how a simple prayer can say and do so much?

At home, we said "Come Lord Jesus" out loud. Sometimes at restaurants we say it more quietly or maybe silently. Such simple words are a wonderful pause so our lives are more than what we can make them on our own. Such remembering keeps us from taking Jesus or his gifts for granted -- ever! In such a simple prayer, a meal becomes a time of worship; and a reminder that God's gifts are meant to be shared!

With God's blessings there is always more than meets the eye. In a simple child-like prayer, we remember how we are changed by the blessing of God's love. Long ago, my parents taught me this prayer to remind me how much I should never take for granted. So much better than nervous moments in a school cafeteria, it changes our attitude even today, as we take time to remember what we must never forget or take for granted. Pull out a chair and make room for Jesus just as he has done for you!

Have a blessed month,

Pastor Brett

April's Memory Verse

"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

James 1:19-20

Worship Schedule for April

Thursday, April 2nd – Maundy Thursday with Communion – 7pm

Friday, April 3rd – Good Friday – 7pm

Sunday, April 5th – Easter with Communion – 8am

Sunday, April 12th– 9am

Sunday, April 19th - Communion – 9am

Sunday, April 26th – 9am

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Trinity Lutheran Church Sabin, MN Council Update For March 2026

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Pastor's Report-March 2026

Official Acts:

None

Average Attendance for month- February- 80

Lent Midweek Services- 50

- Confirmation continues to go well. We have finished our unit on Sacraments and will be moving on the looking at World Religions and how they differ from Christianity.

- Adult Bible Study continues with God's Story- the past month we looked at the stories of King Solomon, Israel divided and Elijah and Elisha. This coming month we will be taking a break from the Old Testament and looking into the ministry of Jesus and His life.
- Have continued with Reading with Pastor Brett on our App and reading a Psalm a day and then have some questions to reflect on the Psalm.
- Lent has begun with our series on Treasured Promises. Attendance has been good and we will look at the themes of Light, Bread, and Palms.
- Holy Week schedule- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services are at 7pm. Easter Service will be at 8am with Easter Breakfast to follow service.
- Continue with the planning committee for hosting Tanner Olsen. Will be having it at Our Redeemer and now will be looking into sponsors for the event.
- Continue to lead chapel at ORLC Child Care once a month. Also led chapel at Grace and Edgewood Vista this past month.

Treasurer Report - February 2026

Balance Sheet

- Nothing noteworthy in the balance sheet this month.

Operating Income/Expenses

- This report is run to only show operating income and expenses to accurately reflect operations without any large expenses that are covered with other funds. The other income and expenses, missions, etc. are shown in the budget to actual statement.
- Operating income from offering and interest was \$17,513.06 in February. Total expenses just for church operations were \$14,601.06. Therefore, we were ahead approximately \$2,912 in February to cover operations.

Actual to Budget Remaining

- This report has capital improvement income and expenses and cemetery income expenses excluded from it because those expenses have their own source of funding for them and don't get budgeted for.
- This shows actual expenses through February and the budget remaining for the rest of the year for each account.
- We paid the second semester commitment for Naa (our camp sponsorship) in January, totaling \$1,250 from Miscellaneous Designations line item. The budget on this line only included the Giving Hearts Day match and that is why this line is over budget.

Other Items:

- If you need assistance setting up online giving through SubSplash, please contact Amy Wohlwend at tlcsabin.treasurer@gmail.com or 701-212-2956.

Board of Education

Sunday School

- Sunday School Offering
 - Seeds of Hope in Dilworth
 - Goal: \$1,000
 - Collected around \$390 so far
 - Reward for meeting goal decide in February

- Slime Pastor

Youth Sunday

- Sunday, April 12th
 - PreK-5th Grade
 - Spring Craft

Eggstravaganza

- Ask 6th grade and up to help with the games
- All games and craft are ready for the event
- Still collecting donations of candy and eggs

VBS

- Order curriculum
- Start thinking about who to ask to be station leaders
- Hand out “save the dates” at Eggstravaganza

Serving Lent Meal

- Wednesday, March 18th
- Pizza

Stewardship Report – March 10, 2026

- **I Give Online Cards**
 - Cards are nearly finished.
 - Tera will be adding the church logo to the back.
 - Once complete, they will be ready for printing and laminating.
- **Postcards**
 - Postcards turned out beautifully.
 - Isabella did an excellent job on the design—big thank you to her!
 - Tera and Isabella will be adding the church logo and address to the upper left corner, along with the address lines.
 - Cards should be ready to go shortly.
- **Welcome Bag Additions**
 - Tera plans to order mini Jesus stickers for both the May Day baskets and the Welcome Bags.

The Evangelism committee met Sunday, March 8th.

•Leonard Cook from Hope Lutheran will be teaching the youth (confirmation age and up) how to engrave on pocket crosses. The youth will be able to make a cross to give to someone. He will also do a short spiel after the service that Sunday and share his “pocket cross” Men’s ministry with the congregation. The date to engrave has been set for Sunday, March 22nd and will take place during the Sunday School hour.

•Lynn will put together a “Welcome Bag” for a family new to the Sabin community. Tera Orr will bring the basket to the family as they are neighbors to her.

If you know of a family that has moved to the Sabin area, please let the Evangelism committee know.

FYI~ Lynn and Amy R. will be meeting with Fay S., Jerry/Ione Cook and possibly Lila Krebs on Wednesday, March 18th to discuss church membership. To the best of their ability, they will help us determine who has passed away etc. This will assist the Elders with their continued progress in updating the church membership.

Trustee Report - March 10, 2026

Completed:

- Jesse installed new furnace filters.
- No new roof leaks have been identified.
- Youth Room TV mount replaced.
- The last of the light displays were moved to the garage area.
 - Do we want to keep these items in/near the garage or move them to another location?

Upcoming:

- Lights are still on the trees out front. The plan is to remove the trunk lights but keep the lights on the branches year-round.
- Maggie and Dick are still working on options for counter tops, sinks, and cupboards in both bathrooms.

Church Happenings

Adult Bible Study - This coming month we will be looking at the life and ministry of Jesus. We will look at his birth, teaching, miracles and then look at his death and resurrection. Come and join us this month as we continue to grow in our faith through His Word and story!

New Adult Bible Study - Join Bruce and Lynn for a new Bible Study during the Bible Study hour. All are welcome to attend as they study the book of Mark! They are meeting in the classroom downstairs by the youth room.

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study - All are welcome to attend the women's Bible study every other Tuesday following. The study will start at 6:30pm and the topic will be women of the Bible. Emma Hansen will be leading the study. They will meet April 14th and 28th this month.

Men's Morning Fellowship and Devotion - Join us on Friday morning, April 17th as we continue our Men's Morning Fellowship and Devotion. We will meet at 6:30 am here at the church for doughnuts and coffee and a short devotion and fellowship and be done by 7:00am. You are welcome to stay longer if you are available. Come and enjoy some fellowship and time with God.

Reading with Pastor Brett on our App! - We have started up Reading with Pastor Brett on our App. We have been reading through the book of Psalms by reading one Psalm a day, Monday through Friday. Each day we will read the Psalm and then there will be a few questions for you to ponder or meditate on from what you read. Join us as we continue to grow through His Word.

Trinity Apparel - We now have Trinity apparel to purchase with our new logo and mission statement. There are sample shirts in the narthex. You can order by clicking on the link here or going to our website- www.tlcsabin.com and clicking on the Trinity Lutheran Sabin Apparel link on the top of the welcome page. Please visit <https://www.jotform.com/form/260256989798179> to place an order. There are also order forms available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Amy Wohlwend or email pourandpressdesigns@gmail.com

Easter Schedule - *Easter service will begin at 8am- notice the change in time- with breakfast to follow.*

Easter Breakfast - All are welcome to join us following Easter service for Easter Breakfast. There will be a free will donation for the youth who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio Texas in 2028.

Extra Jars? – Evangelism/Stewardship committees are looking for small jelly jars. If you have any you would like to donate, please place in the bin located in the Narthex.

Noisy Offering - is Sunday, April 12th during service.

Shawls—Can you crochet? - The Evangelism/Stewardship committee is looking for people willing to crochet shawls. Our goal will be to bring the shawls to nursing homes in the fall and take time to visit with the residents. This may also open up an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with them. Yarn will be provided in the narthex to use. Please bring back completed shawls to church. Thank you in advance for using the gifts God has given you to bless others!

Youth Happenings

VBS - Mark your calendars! VBS Tropical Trek will be Sunday, June 14th-Thursday, June 18th.

Youth Event—PreK-5th Grade—Join us on Sunday, April 12th 11:15-12:00pm for a Think Spring Craft!

Youth Event—6th-12th Grade—Join us Sunday, April 12th 6-8pm for Pasta, PJ's, and Painting. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and a pasta bar, while decorating a faith based tote bags.

Community Happenings

Sabin-Elmwood Fire Department Fundraiser – The Sabin-Elmwood Fire Department will be having their mixed social dinner fundraiser event on April 11th at the Sabin Community Center. Doors open at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from any firefighter or by emailing Sabinfd@gmail.com.

Sourdough Class – Interested in learning how to make sourdough bread or how to get started? Paige Schmidt will be hosting another class coming up on May 2nd at 1:30pm in the church kitchen! This will be open to the community, so please invite your friend, neighbor, coworker, etc.! This class is limited to 6 participants, so sign up soon! If you would like to sign-up, email PaigeSchmidt1@yahoo.com

April Celebrations

Birthdays

2nd Marcy Brush, Jessica Lass, Grace Groettum
5th Junell Krabbenhoft
6th Nathan Hansen, Doug Rosenfeldt, Tenley Tollerud
7th Xander Nygaard
8th Karla Schellack, Kole Wohlwend
9th Curt Hutchins
10th Rennae Weiss
13th Zoey Rezac, Nikki Grenz
15th Lynn Johnk, Brynn & Harper Odden-Lemar
16th Barron Krieger, Stacie Sedlacek
17th Adam Hanson, Teresa Ingebretsen, Brian Poehls
20th Eric Church, Taylor Windus, Adam Nelson
23rd Ryan Rosenfeldt
25th Aaron Mayry
27th Jenna Hansen
29th Brian Moore
30th Randy Schellack



Happy Anniversary

5th Jason and Nikki Wardien – 23 years
9th Loren and Sandra Poehls -61 years
14th Lucas and Kayme Torgerson -14 years
14th Duey & Lisa Yliniemi – 36 years
22nd David and Jody Suedel -37 years
30th Fred and Peggy Dickelman- 31 years

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7pm – Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion	3 7pm – Good Friday Worship	4
5 Easter 8am – Worship with Communion 9am – Easter Breakfast	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9am – Worship with noisy offering 10:15am – Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 11:15am - Youth Event—PreK-5th Grade 6pm - Youth Event— 6th-12th Grade	13	14 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study	15	16	17 6:30am - Men’s Morning Fellowship and Devotion	18
19 9am – Worship with communion 10:15am – Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9am – Worship 10:15am – Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	27	28 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study	29	30		

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