

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, September 16, 2018

Traditional Worship Services, 8 and 10:45 a.m.
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
 Preschoolers Blessing, 9:15 a.m.
 First Day of Sunday School, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
 Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Worship Notes

Welcome! We're pleased you joined us in worship today. First-time visitors, long-time members — all are welcome!

Are You Visiting Today? Help us welcome you by introducing yourself to one of our pastors. Please also consider filling out a Trinity "Let's Connect" card that you can place in the offering plate or hand to an usher or pastor.

Communion: All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cups on the inner ring of the trays are filled with white grape juice; cups on the outer rings are filled with red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex. Those who wish to receive by the common cup are invited to receive the sacrament from the assisting minister offering the chalice on the right side of the congregation's seating.

Nametags Help Us Connect: Please fill out a nametag today. It is good to be together in worship!

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are given today by Pastor Bob and Rebecca Linstrom in loving memory of Marcene Linstrom and Philip Johnson, both of whom had September birthdays.

Eternal Light: The Eternal Light reminds us of God's presence among us. The Eternal Light for today was also given by Pastor Bob and Rebecca Linstrom in loving memory of Marcene Linstrom and Philip Johnson.

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Brenda Baker, Lisa Barkema, Kelli Basher, George and Julia Bauer, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Joanne Brouse, Bob Carlson, Bob Carwell, Kate Christenson, Joanna Czaban, Mike Danielski, Jack and Donna Danielson, Jean Denton, Beth Engstrom, Brittany Fischer, Kristi Flatt, Carol Fornberg, Elias Frezghi, Richard Gehl, Griewahn family, Pam Gunderson, Ian Hall, Bob Heine, Jean Hollebeck, Callan Hughes, Ashlie Johnson, Hulda Johnson, Karen Johnson, Bob Karman, Kaitlyn Landon, Larson family, Judy Mallen, Gordon and Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Marilyn Mellema, Louise Pfau, Midge Reges, Jacqueline Riegling, Ethan and Caleb Ruble, Ralph Schenk, Sam Schewe, Chris Schomberg, Ilene Seadal, Jim Searfoss, Esther Sellman, Mary Smoes, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, John Walls, Pastor Bob Wendelin, Erna Wilcox, Peyton Wollen, Susan Youngren and Kathryn Zielinski.

We additionally lift up in our prayers this morning the pastor and people of Peace Lutheran Church in Sparta, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, September 17

Art Class, 5 p.m.
 Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Finance Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
 Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18

Trinity Travelers leave for Greece
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
 Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19

Trinity Travelers in Greece

Thursday, September 20

Trinity Travelers in Greece
 Judy Kennedy Memorial Service, 11 a.m.
 Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.
 Art Class, 5 p.m.
 Dégagé (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.
 Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.
 Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 21

Trinity Travelers in Greece
 Dégagé (Lundgren Team) 5:45 p.m.
 Wedding Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

Trinity Travelers in Greece
 Marriage of Rebecca Betts & Toby Marks, 3 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

Trinity Travelers in Greece
4th Annual Prayer Tree Kick-off
Traditional Worship Services, 8 and 10:45 a.m.
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

New Phone System at Trinity



We have a new phone system here at Trinity! There's a few things you should know. There is no longer a separate fax line. To send a fax simply dial our 616-949-2510 number. There is no longer a direct dial number, and our staff extensions have changed. Staff

extensions are similar, we simply added a 1 in front of each of them. For example, Angela's extension was 29; now it is 129. For all your needs simply dial 616-949-2510.

Lessons for Next Sunday, September 23

Jeremiah 11:18-20
 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Psalms 54
 Mark 9:30-37

An Apple Picking Adventure on Saturday, September 29!



Young families are invited to meet at Schwallier's Country Basket on Saturday, September 29, at 9 a.m. Families will enjoy donuts, farm animals, apple picking, and more! A sign-up link can be found in the eBlast or contact Director of Family Ministry, Rachele Battreall at rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org for more information.

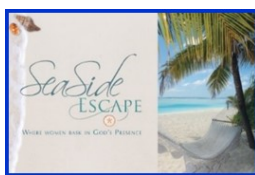
Are You the Parent of a College Student?



Last year, nearly 50 of Trinity's young adults received a special college care package. Trinity students really appreciate the care packages and it is a great way to remind them of the love and support of their home congregation. If you have a college student(s) in your household and would like them to receive a care package, please email Jamie Kuntzman at jamkuntzman@gmail.com by October 22, 2018.

Be sure to include the student's first and last name and the complete mailing address of the student at school. Please contact Jamie with any questions at 616-954-0347 or at jamkuntzman@gmail.com.

Overnight Women's Retreat



Women of Trinity will gather for our annual retreat on the shore of Lake Michigan at the Maranatha Conference Center beginning the evening of Friday, November 2 and ending midafternoon on Saturday, November 3. Women from St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be joining us. Using the theme "SeaSide Escape,"

we will take time out of our busy lives to relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and bask in the presence of God. Find out more today after worship at the information table in the narthex.

Trinity Hosting IHN - consider helping on October 4 and/or 6!



Due to construction, Trinity will be hosting IHN families at "The Greenhouse," located at 2600 Breton Road in Grand Rapids where Fifth Reformed Church hosts IHN families. They have kindly agreed to let us use their house for our host week from September 30 to October 7. We especially need volunteer help on

Thursday, October 4 and Saturday, October 6. Please use the SignUp Genius link in the Friday eBlasts or contact Sylvia Stouten for more information.

Help a Child Learn to Read — be a tutor!



Consider becoming a tutor with a program that pairs adults with children in grades Kindergarten through Grade 2 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy. The tutoring program at this GRPS School has been under the direction of First United Methodist Church for 27 years. Training is provided. Thirty minutes a week during the school day could change a child's life. For more information, contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten.

Worship Participants

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Robert Linstrom, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dan Schewe, Associate Pastor
Rev. Karen Niemeyer, Assisting Pastor

Music Staff

Larry Biser, Director of Music & Organist
Sid Hoeksema, Director of Trinity Choir
Diane Biser, Director of Children's Choirs

Traditional Services

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.: Ken Block

Bread Baker: Elizabeth Derbin

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

10:45 a.m.: Joyce Bonbrake, Jo Murphy

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Dave & Sue Wait

10:45 a.m.: Jamie Norris, Marjorie Paul

Lectors

8 a.m.: Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Kris Fox

Greeters

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom

10:45 a.m.: John Fox, Lynn Getzin

Ushers

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Dan Pollert, Paul Getzin, Steve Cairns

Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

Bread Baker: Elizabeth Derbin

Sacristans:

Kim Hysell, John & Linda Holm

Communion Assistants:

Carrie Wygmans, Cindy Zientarski

Lector:

Mike Danielski

Greeters:

Carrie Wygmans, Jeanette Sorensen

Ushers:

Neil Sendler

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry. The total offering for Sunday, September 9, was \$17,843.00. Sunday worship attendance was 465.

YTD through 09/09/2018 Budgeted	\$	644,447
YTD through 09/09/2018 Actual	\$	631,517
YTD Variance	\$	(12,930)
YTD % Variance		-2.0%