

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, March 3, 2019

Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina Group, noon (in the Library)

Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 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, and at the Information Center in The Courtyard. 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!

Baptism: Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Emma Jean Conrad into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Emma's parents are CJ and Rich Conrad. Her sponsors are Tiffany Conrad and Keith Driscoll.

Eternal Light: The Eternal Light reminds us of God's presence among us. The Eternal Light for today was given by Cheryl & Don Bushman in memory of Chip Nelson.

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Nancy Anderson, Dan Babin, Lisa Barkema, Kelli Basher, George and Julia Bauer, Ken Block, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Flo Bouwman, Dixie Brinks, Joanne & Dana Brouse, Bob Carlson, Bob Carwell, Kate Christenson, Joanna Czaban, Kim and Mike Danielski, Jack and Donna Danielson, Ally DeStefano, Beth Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Kristi Flatt, Elias Frezghi, Phyllis Gehl, Diane Gohlke, Griewahn family, Mark Hahn, Gary Hall, Ian Hall, Joan Hansen, Jerry Hendricks, Hoff family, Jean Hollebeck, Callan Hughes, Ashlie Johnson, Hulda Johnson, Karen Johnson, Mary Johnson, Bob Karman, Jim Kubicek, Susan Kwast, Kaitlyn Landon, Lloyd Landon, Larson family, Pastor Bob Linstrom, Bob & Cathy Luders, Carolyn McCready, Marilyn Mellema, Nan Pederson, Louise Pfau, Midge Reges, Jacqueline Riegling, Ethan and Caleb Ruble, Ralph Schenk, Sam Schewe, Bruce Schlanderer, Chris Schomberg, Ilene Seadal, Jim Searfoss, Shannon Family, Michael Smith, Lauren Sytsma, Linda Taffs, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, John Walls, Erma Wilcox, Peyton Wollen, and Kathryn Zielinski.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, March 4

Blood Drive, 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

Executive Committee Meeting, 7:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.

SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship, 4 p.m.

Alleluia Ringers, 6 p.m.

Combined Children's Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Art Class, 5 p.m.

NELL Coaches Meeting, 6 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8

Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 9

Pancakes & Playtime, 9 a.m.

Sunday, March 10

Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina Group, noon (in the Library)

Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 12:30 p.m.

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

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ELCA Parish in Our Prayers

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

Lessons for Next Sunday, March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8b-13

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Luke 4:1-13

Pancakes and Playtime—Saturday, March 9, from 9 to 11 a.m.



Families with children newborn to 3 years of age are invited to a St. Patrick's Day breakfast! We will enjoy pancakes with some fun, Irish-inspired toppings. To sign-up, look for a link in the Friday eBlast or an invitation sent to your email. For more information, please contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall at 616.949.2510 x113.

Lenten "Grace Groups" at Trinity begin in March



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. To participate in one of our small group Bible Studies that meet weekly during the five weeks of Lent, please go to the link in our Friday eBlasts to SignUpGenius. You will see a variety of groups meeting on different days, times and locations. This year's Grace Group study is entitled "At the Crossroads" with studies that follow the themes of Confession, Betrayal,

Judgment, Compassion, Declaration and Obedience. All adult Trinity members are encouraged to join a small group to read and reflect on the Grace Group topics. Study guides are available at the Information Center in The Courtyard. A \$5 donation is requested for each book. Contact the church office at 616.949.2510 for more information.

Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers begin on March 13



For five Wednesdays beginning on March 13, a wide variety of delicious soups will be served on Wednesday evenings in The Courtyard from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Please consider providing soup, bread, helping with set-up or clean-up for one or more of our Soup Supper dates. Sign up to volunteer using the link in our Friday eBlasts to SignUpGenius. You can find details in the March

Messenger or contact the church office for more information.

GriefShare Seminar/Support Group begins March 20



Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? No matter the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. To support those in the grief process, a 13-week GriefShare Seminar/Support group will be offered beginning Wednesday, March 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Weekly gatherings will include a 40-minute video featuring nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics such as "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." A \$15 registration fee will cover the cost of each workbook. Contact Pastor Karen at 616.949.2510 x112 or Kristin Bradley, Faith Community Nurse at 616.949.2510 x119 to register for the group. Please note pre-registration is required for this seminar/support group.

Personal Care Items Appreciated



We are collecting personal care products at Trinity through April for distribution to area agencies. Items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste are simple things we take for granted but are difficult for many to afford. Please consider purchasing regular size items to put together welcome baskets for Dwelling Place. You may drop off your donations in the labeled black barrels found in the Narthex and in The Courtyard by the Information Center through Sunday, April 28. Thank you!

Worship Participants

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Robert Linstrom, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dan Schewe, Associate Pastor
Rev. Karen Niemeier, 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.: Sid Hoeksema

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

10:45 a.m.: Jamie Norris, Linda Taffs

Lectors

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide

10:45 a.m.: James Vanderwall

Greeters

8 a.m.: Bill & Meri Leidel

10:45 a.m.:

Ushers

8 a.m.: Dave Wait, John Potter

10:45 a.m.: Scott Stoll, Dale Elliott, Brian

Meuser, Brad Kessel, Tim Lundgren

Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Trevor Bidle

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

Sacristans:

Lisa & Matt Mead, John & Linda Holm

Communion Assistants:

Michael Bishop, Kim Brock

Lector:

Kelly Wittry

Greeters:

Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field

Ushers:

Dan & Carol Butler, Karen Nagle

Trinity's Inclement Weather Policy: *When the Forest Hills School District closes during the day, all Trinity daytime activities are cancelled and the church office is closed. After 3 p.m., check WOOD TV8 or WZZM TV13 to learn the status of our congregation's evening activities.*



When Forest Hills Schools announce a two hour morning delay, morning programming at Trinity will also be cancelled.

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry. The total offering for Sunday, February 24, was \$14,848. Sunday worship attendance was 311.

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| YTD through 02/24/2019 Budgeted | \$ 88,316 |
| YTD through 02/24/2019 Actual | \$ 77,141 |
| YTD Variance | \$ (11,175) |
| YTD % Variance | -12.7% |