

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, March 10, 2019

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

**Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.**

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina Group, noon (in the Library)

Mission Trip Meeting, noon

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

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!

## Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members 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 Schlenderer, 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.

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

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

### Monday, March 11

*Messenger Submissions Due*

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 12

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

Arc of Kent County Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

### Wednesday, March 13

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:15 p.m.

**Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.**

Alleluia Ringers, 6 p.m.

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

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 7:15 p.m.

### Thursday, March 14

NARFE, 1:30 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Vegan Potluck, 5:45 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 15

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Dégagé (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.

"Life Begins at 60" Dinner, 6 p.m.

### Sunday, March 17

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

**Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.**

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina Group, noon (in the Library)

High School Lunch and Learn, noon

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Middle School Event, 5 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

## Lessons for Next Sunday, March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalms 27

Luke 13:31-35

## April 10 Interfaith Seder at Temple Emanuel

Join us on Wednesday, April 10 at Temple Emanuel in Grand Rapids for an Interfaith Seder. Sponsored by our "Standing Together" partner churches, this community event will be a Seder that can be offered by all people of faith.

Rabbi Michael Schadick will be our host for a full Seder with a catered meal at \$25 per participant. Watch for a link in an upcoming eBlast, contact the temple office at 616-459-5976 to make a reservation and payment, or send a check to Temple Emanuel, 1715 Fulton Street E., Grand Rapids 49503.

## Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers begin this week – join us!



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 setup or cleanup 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.

## Midweek Lenten Worship



Each week following the Soup Supper we will gather in the sanctuary for Compline, the Service of Prayer at the Close of the Day. The Compline service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays of Lent. In the quiet liturgy that we offer during the season of Lent, we make ready for the story of the Passion of Our Lord that unfolds during Holy Week and culminates on Easter Day, the Resurrection of our Lord.

## Lenten "Grace Groups" at Trinity



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.

## 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 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:

8 a.m.: Vince Schumacher  
10:45 a.m.: Debora DeWitt

**Bread Baker:** Marcia Schaner

#### Sacristans

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox  
10:45 a.m.: Jan Jacobson, Nancy Mattson

#### Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates  
10:45 a.m.: Bob & Barb Crossman

#### Lectors

8 a.m.: Jim Coates  
10:45 a.m.: Beth Vanderwall

#### Greeters

8 a.m.: David & Nancy Morrison  
10:45 a.m.:

#### Ushers

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom  
10:45 a.m.: Don Kishman, Wayne Snyder, Jamie Norris

### Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

**Band:** Beyond Belief

**Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

**ProPresenter Operator:** Greg Lang

**Bread Baker:** Marcia Schaner

#### Sacristans:

Kristen & Abi Lamprich, Jana Siminski

#### Communion Assistants:

Joanna Waite, Neil Sendler

#### Lector:

Amy Fox

#### Greeters:

Allison Landon

#### Ushers:

### 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, March 3, was \$29,506. Sunday worship attendance was 419.

YTD through 03/03/2019 Budgeted	\$ 113,042
YTD through 03/03/2019 Actual	\$ 106,647
YTD Variance	\$ (6,395)
YTD % Variance	-5.7%