

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, July 14, 2019

IHN Guests leaving this morning
Blessing of VBS Teachers & Volunteers
Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
 VBS Training, 10:30 a.m.
 Lectio Divina Group, noon (in the Library)
 VBS Workday, noon (help us set up for tomorrow's kick off!)

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 Welcome 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 8 a.m. we welcome Levi James Mathison into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Levi's parents are Grant and Katelyn Mathison, and he is little brother to Kourtney Mathison. His sponsors are Hannah and Jake Stevens.

Online Giving to Trinity through "Tithe.ly"

Online giving through Tithe.ly is easy and convenient so you never have to miss a week of offering support! Sign up now at <https://get.tithe.ly/> or pick up an authorization form at the Welcome Center. Direct questions and completed forms to our Finance Assistant Joanna Waite at 616.949.2510 x 111.

Buy a Book of Bus Tickets – July appeal



Help support some of our community's most vulnerable members who must rely totally on public transportation – bus tickets can provide stability for families and individuals who are struggling. Please consider buying one or more books of bus tickets – a book of 10 tickets is now \$13.50. Make checks payable to Trinity

Lutheran Church with "bus tickets" in the memo line. We will collect for this special program through the end of July.

Lessons for Next Sunday, July 21

Genesis 18:1-10a
 Colossians 1:15-28

Psalms 15
 Luke 10:38-42

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, July 15

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Rejoice Band Leaders Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Health Ministry Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
 Hospitality Committee Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
 Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Al-Anon Parent Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Know Mercy Softball Game
 Manhattan Park field #2, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Cottage Meeting Potluck and Forum, 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 18

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.
 Dégagé (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.
 Earth Keeping Meeting, 6 p.m.

Friday, July 19

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
 Dégagé (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, July 20

Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, July 21

Stony Lake
Blessing of Campers
Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
 Lectio Divina Group, noon (in the Library)

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Deb Bambini, Kelli Basher, George and Julia Bauer, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Kristin Bradley, Dixie Brinks, Kate Christenson, Elisabeth Crist, Jack Danielson, Samantha DeBoer, Beth Engstrom, Carol Eriksen, Ruth Ann Evans, Mike Franz, Mary Frick, Phyllis Gehl, Diane Gohlke, Mark Hahn, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Jean Hollebeck, Callan Hughes, Hulda Johnson, Karen Johnson, Sandy Kishman, Joni Korb, Susan Kwast, Larson family, Bob & Cathy Luders, Carolyn McCready, Marilyn Mellema, Nan Pederson, Roger Perham, John Racek, Jacqueline Riegling, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, Joyce Snyder, Lauren Sytsma, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, Rollie Varner, Allison Vigna, John Walls, Peyton Wollen, Kathy Young, Susan Youngren and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up in prayer this morning the pastor and people of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Gladwin, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Volunteer for VBS, July 15-19 (this week!) from 9 a.m. to



Decorating help is needed after worship today! A light lunch will be provided and we begin at noon.

We still need adult and high school volunteers. Can you help one or two mornings this week? Contact Family Ministry Coordinator Rachele ASAP at rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org.

School Shoes for Kids? Help our VBS kids make a



VBS is collecting new shoes for kids in Grand Rapids, gifts which will be distributed through "In the Image." You can help by donating in today's reverse offering, or by bringing new shoes to drop off at the church this week.

Donations for October 12 Silent and Live Auction

Trinity is hosting our first annual Silent and Live Auction to benefit Family Promise and Trinity Youth Missions on Saturday, October 12. Please save the date and join us for a wonderful evening! More details to come.

We are currently seeking donations for the auction (handmade items, gift certificates, tickets to events, services, etc.) Please contact Tess Lundgren at tesslundgren@gmail.com with donations or questions.

Cottage Meetings in July and August — sign up now!



Pastor Linstrom is inviting the people of Trinity to gather for a simple potluck supper and some conversation on one of six Wednesday evenings in July and August of 2019. We will gather to share a meal and then spend time in conversation regarding the strengths of the ministry we share, our growth areas and our dreams for Trinity's future. For more information or to sign up, look for the link in our Friday eBlast or contact the church office at 616.949.2510.

Health Ministry Survey — your input is valuable!

If you haven't had a chance to complete the Health Ministry Programs Survey yet, they will be available at all of the July cottage meetings! You can also get a copy from Kristin or Jodi. All confirmed members can participate. Your input is very valuable for future programming. Thank you!

Back to School Supplies for Congress Elementary!



Our church family members have an opportunity once again to take an entire school building full of eager elementary students "under our wings." Would you please help supply much needed back-to-school items for use by the students at Congress Elementary School? Use the SignUp Genius link found in Friday eBlasts to sign up to provide specific requested items. Place your donations in the large plastic labeled barrels in the Courtyard and in the Narthex. Additional information can be found in the July edition of *The Messenger*.

"Life Begins at 60" Meijer Gardens Gathering on July 30

If you're sixty or over, please join us on Tuesday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m. at Meijer Gardens Amphitheater for an evening of great music. Since seats cannot be reserved, we'll gather on the upper left side of the amphitheater. Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. so we can all sit together (since we can't save seats). Pack a picnic basket or purchase supper at the amphitheater concession stand (see Meijer Food & Drink Guidelines in the July *Messenger*). Bring your own chairs. Chairs of all heights are welcomed. Admission is free for Meijer Gardens members, but there is a general admission fee for non-members. Contact Carol or Dan Butler at 616.540.1660 or caroljb43@gmail.com to make your reservation.

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
Kim Owens, Rejoice Music Coordinator

Traditional Services

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.: Anna Griewahn

Bread Baker: Rebecca Linstrom

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Elaine Rongey

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

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Bob & Barb Crossman

Lectors

8 a.m.: Dale Barkema

10:45 a.m.: Melissa Haneline

Greeters

8 a.m.: Gordy & Beth Engstrom

10:45 a.m.: Kate Bredwell

Ushers

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom

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

Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Laura Fawcett

Bread Baker: Rebecca Linstrom

Sacristans:

Kim Hysell, Steve Stephan

Communion Assistants:

Dan & Carol Butler

Lector:

Amy Fox

Greeters:

Dan & Carol Butler

Ushers:

Steve Stephan

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.
The total offering for Sunday, July 7, was
\$15,146. Sunday worship attendance was 289.

YTD through 07/07/2019 Budgeted	\$ 507,243
YTD through 07/07/2019 Actual	\$ 490,857
YTD Variance	\$ (16,387)
YTD % Variance	-3.2%