



# The Messenger

## The Celebration of Music Concert Series

The Celebration of Music Concert Series is a wonderful outreach opportunity for the entire community to attend a wide variety of free concerts. Typically the concerts take place on Sundays afternoons at 3 p.m. in Trinity's beautiful sanctuary. You will notice below that the concert on March 1 is an exception to that schedule.

### Sunday, February 10 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church The 126th Army Band



The 126th Army Band of the Michigan National Guard, "The Governor's Own" as of 2013, has been entertaining the citizens of Michigan for more than 50 years. The tradition of military music in the Michigan National Guard dates back to colonial militia units at Michigan's frontier forts with drummers, fifers, or buglers as signal musicians. During the Civil War, General George A. Custer, Commanding General of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade, ordered the band first into battle in a famous engagement at Brandy Station. Based in Belmont, Michigan, the band has earned praise from music critics and audiences alike.

### Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Adalbert St. Matthew Passion - J.S. Bach



This event will be performed by the Valparaiso Choir with the Leipzig, Germany, Chamber Orchestra. It will be co-sponsored with the Basilica of St. Adalbert and will be held on Friday, March 1 at St. Adalbert's. The Valparaiso University Chorale continues to earn acclaim as one of the top Lutheran collegiate choirs in the United States upholding the highest standard of choral art. The ensemble maintains an active schedule of touring, performing, and recording. Dr. Cock is Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at Valparaiso University and is Director of the Bach Institute.

Please note: tickets are required for this free concert. See Director of Music Larry Biser or Office Coordinator Jodi VanGorp in the church office to inquire about tickets.

# What's Happening at Trinity in February?

## Weekly at a Glance

### **Sundays**

Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.  
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
Lectio Divina, noon

### **Mondays**

Art Class, 5 p.m.  
Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.  
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal,  
7 p.m.

### **Tuesdays**

Women's Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.  
Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesdays**

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical  
Jesus, 10:30 a.m.  
Alleluia Ringers, 6 p.m.  
Augsburg & TLC Choirs, 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical  
Jesus, 6:30 p.m.

### **Thursdays**

Art Class, 5 p.m.  
Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.  
Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### **Saturdays**

Pre/postnatal Yoga Class, 9 a.m.

## Daily Calendar

### **Friday, February 1**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
Al-Anon Speaker Meeting, 7 p.m.

### **Saturday, February 2**

Trivia Night, 5:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, February 3**

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.  
Lutheran World Relief Quilting, 12 p.m.  
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.  
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

### **Monday, February 4**

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Oasis Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, February 5**

Executive Committee Meeting,  
7:15 a.m.  
SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

### **Thursday, February 7**

"Life Begins at 60", 5:30 p.m.

### **Friday, February 8**

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

### **Saturday, February 9**

Dégagé (Stouten Team), 5:45 p.m.

### **Sunday, February 10**

AED Training for Ushers, 9, 9:45 and  
10:30 a.m.  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.  
Stephen Ministry Peer Support  
Meeting, 12:30 p.m.  
CPR Training for Ushers and Nursery  
Staff, 1 p.m.  
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.  
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.  
Celebration of Music Concert Series -  
The 126th Army Band, 3 p.m.  
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

### **Monday, February 11**

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Congregation Council Meeting,  
6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 13**

Youth & Family Committee Meeting,  
7 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 14**

NARFE, 1:30 p.m.  
Oasis Member Meeting, 6 p.m.

### **Friday, February 15**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
Degage (Talsma Team), 5:45 p.m.

### **Monday, February 18**

Outreach Committee Meeting,  
5:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 21**

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

### **Friday, February 22**

30 Hour Famine begins, 6 p.m.

### **Saturday, February 23**

30 Hour Famine ends, 7 p.m.

### **Sunday, February 24**

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Service project, 3 p.m.

### **Monday, February 25**

Stephen Ministry Peer Support  
Meeting, 6 p.m.

### **Tuesday, February 26**

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.  
Hospitality Committee Meeting,  
5:30 p.m.  
Women's Book Club, 7 p.m.

visit [www.tlcgr.org](http://www.tlcgr.org) for event details

# A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom



## A time of medical intervention, and another new beginning

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;*

*Isaiah 43:1b-2, 5a*

From time to time on my journey through adulthood, I have had to pause for orthopedic medical intervention. As this newsletter comes into the homes of our members and friends, I am amid the next chapter in that intervention.

I was 19 years old when I spent four hours being cut out of the wreckage on Interstate 70 outside of Columbus, Ohio. The heavy fog that had contributed to the accident had lifted, and another fog was settling over me. It would be a few days before I was fully cognizant of the extent of my injuries: fifteen major fractures in my arms and legs and my lower right leg sliced open from the knee to the ankle right down into the bone. I almost lost my lower leg in the weeks that followed when infection set in, but the medical team was able to address that challenge and the prayers of a whole community of church, family and friends were able to wrap around this broken kid in abundant intercession. I was very well cared for as I 'passed through the waters and the fires' of my time of crisis. The abridged version of my story from that time notes five months in traction and a year and a half in leg braces learning to walk again.

A few years later I was a backpacker in the central Cascade Mountains of Washington during a six-month sojourn that included meeting Rebecca, my beautiful future partner on life's journey. For the most part, although it has always been difficult to stay in good health physically, I have lived well and with an optimism and joy for life that has been an ongoing antidote to the aches and pains that lingered.

From time to time I have made my way into further orthopedic support. Full knee replacements in 2006 provided a fresh start, but one of those has failed. My revision surgery is scheduled for January 28. One more time through the 'waters and the fires . . .'

Thank you for your prayers, your kind words, your understanding and a bit of time to recover. I look forward to being back in the saddle as the building project is concluding and Lent is beginning. Enlivened by and living in the presence of the God of our forebears and the God of all creation, I am grateful for the promise of tomorrow. And the promise of a few weeks from now . . .

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Bob Linstrom

## Winter Wednesday Forums continue – the Quest for the Historical Jesus

Pastor Linstrom continues an extended adult forum on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. weekly this winter. (During his recovery from knee surgery in early February, Pastor Dan Schewe will facilitate the weekly series.) The series features Dr. Bart Ehrman, the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His 30-minute video presentations are followed by supplemental material provided by Pastor Linstrom and the group's own discussion.

Since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, a significant branch of religious study has been related to the quest for the historical Jesus. This course's source material includes the four Gospels and other Gospels that did not make it into the New Testament canon but that nonetheless purport to narrate the life and teachings of Jesus. We will also examine all the references to Jesus in ancient Jewish and Roman sources. Seeking to see through the historian's lens, this will be a series that searches all available resources to reconstruct what Jesus was really like, and what he really said and did. It is hoped that our study will add a layer of depth to the faith journeys of all who participate.

Topics for February will include Jesus in his context, Jesus under Roman Rule, and Ehrman's profile of Jesus as an apocalyptic prophet. Join us in the weeks ahead!

# Council Corner

## Trinity Congregation Council Members 2018-2019

*Standing committees of the Congregation Council coordinate the mission and ministry of Trinity and provide their leadership in developing new programming.*

*Each committee has a council committee person who acts as the liaison between the council and committee. Executive Committee members and Committee contacts are:*

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I have been blessed to be Trinity Lutheran's Council President for the last two years and it has been a great privilege and honor to serve in this capacity and a pleasure to work with the Council. Your Congregation Council is made up of a diverse group of highly talented, passionate, caring and devoted individuals that consistently demonstrate that God is doing serious, good work through Trinity.

The following are some highlights of the past year:

**Standing Together** - This coalition, led by Pastor Bob, of different faith groups in Grand Rapids: Trinity, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Temple Emanuel, and Masjid At-Tawheed Mosand continues to be an important part of Trinity's commitment to embrace, understand and support other faith communities.

**Strengthen to Serve Capital Campaign** - The campaign and the building project continues to be a great success. It was September 10, 2017 at a Congregation meeting with over 150 members in attendance that the congregation voted to approve the building project. This was a significant day in the life of Trinity and an overwhelming approval of the investment in our physical house and the continued growth of Trinity's spiritual reach for years to come. Now we are nearing the end of the project that can be viewed as nothing less than a complete success.

**Cross Tower** - To keep things in perspective, in September 2017 when I wrote my first President's Annual Report, we had just completed the Cross Tower project with all of its twists and turns and unforeseen issues and we were facing the daunting challenge of the building project.

Look how far we have come as a congregation, a church and a place to worship our savior Jesus Christ. It shows what this congregation can do with hard work, commitment and lots and lots of prayer.

I also want to thank John Basher, Wendy Johnson and Caroline Kuntzman whose terms on Council expire. They all have been significant contributors to the work of the Congregation Council and I cannot adequately express the appreciation for their dedicated, unselfish service to Trinity.

Looking forward to 2019, the construction work of the building renovation will continue to be a factor in our day-to-day life at Trinity, but we have seen the results of our labors and soon, before we know it, the project will be completed. This will undoubtedly be a cause for great celebration.

I ask for your continued prayers for the Congregation Council as we continue to serve Trinity with the health and wellbeing of the congregation and the faith-based mission of Trinity Lutheran as our number one focus.

Grace and peace,

*Paul Crist*

President, Congregation Council  
Trinity Lutheran Church

## Copies of the Annual Report available in the church office and online

The people of Trinity gathered in the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 20, receiving 2018 reports, electing new leaders and adopting a budget for 2019.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office and online at [www.tlcgr.org](http://www.tlcgr.org).

Watch for a report on elections and other Annual Meeting business in the March edition of this newsletter.

# Instructions for Giving Stocks and Securities to Trinity

For those who make plans to offer gifts of stocks and securities to the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, our investment firm Norris Perné & French offers these instructions:

When contacting the firm that is holding your securities you should give the following information:

- DTC Number: 0226
- Receiving Firm: National Financial Services/Fidelity
- Receiving Account Name: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Account Number: 645-063880

Please be advised that you will also want to indicate which securities and how many shares you would like to donate.

REMINDER: do not sell shares in your account as this can trigger capital gains.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with this process, you may contact Elizabeth Poole at 616.459.3421.

## Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals



### Month of December 2018

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	118,901	133,084	14,183	11.9%
Total Expenses	98,503	88,726	9,777	9.9%
Operating Income (Loss)	20,398	44,358	23,960	

Giving was above budget for the month by \$14,200, or about 12%.

In total, spending was below budget for the month by \$9,800, or about 10%. Office/Administration was \$10,000 lower with favorable timing on Interest Expense.

For the month there were some over and under spending versus budget but, in total, everything else was near the budgeted spending level.

### 2018 Fiscal Year-to-Date February 2018 to December 2018

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	989,050	985,415	(3,635)	- 0.4%
Total Expenses	977,396	855,749	121,647	12.4%
Operating Income (Loss)	11,654	129,666	118,012	

On a year to date basis, giving is less than 1% below the budgeted amount.

Year-to-Date spending was below budget by about 12%. Payroll wages/taxes were \$45,600 lower from multiple vacancies, less hourly payroll and less cleaning services. Favorable timing of spending on the building project has lowered Interest Expense by \$41,500. The building project also canceled both the Art and Music camp and VBS for \$2,100 of improvement in Music and \$2,700 improvement in Christian Education respectively. There is favorable timing versus the budget of approximately \$29,700 for the following areas: Property \$15,000, Leases \$3,800, Worship \$2,800 and Congregational Life \$2,700. This leaves roughly \$5,400 of favorable spending across the rest of the areas.

## A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."*  
Philippians 1:3 - 6

As Paul begins his letter to the Philippians he does not start by launching into his important teaching for them, or admonishments, but instead with a word of thanks. He thanks them for their partnership in the work God is calling them to and for how they have supported him. He starts by saying thank you.

Oh behalf of our youth, I thank you for your generosity. Thank you for investing in their lives, what God is doing through them, and calling them toward. Thank you for modeling what a generous life looks like. Thank you for how you have supported and continue to support them in their faith journeys. Our youth are blessed by your generosity.

This summer our senior high youth are headed to Mission, South Dakota, for our annual mission trip. Mission is located on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, and the people we will be serving are primarily of the Sicangu Lakota, "Burnt-Thigh Nation." There we will be working on the homes of residents while God is working on our hearts. I feel that this trip will be the most impactful trip we have taken as a group as we encounter our brothers and sisters in their community and see how God is walking with them. I am looking forward to how we are changed by this experience.

We have five fundraising efforts planned throughout the year to help fund this trip:

- In the fall we sell Christmas wreaths grown at a local farm.
- In February we begin our 'Sponsor a Mile' campaign where we ask you to sponsor some of the 1,900 miles we will be traveling to South Dakota and back.
- In April our youth serve breakfast on Easter morning.
- In May Trinity is transformed for our annual rummage sale which will be bigger and better than ever this year.
- In June we hold a competitive can drive where the participants of the trip compete against each other to raise the most money, while tending to the environment.

Thank you for your generosity that makes this life changing experience a reality for many of our youth. Thank you for your partnership and support.

Shalom,  
Pastor Dan Schewe



## Middle School Ministry Schedule for February and March

February 3 and 10: Middle School Youth Group 2 p.m., Confirmation Class 3 p.m.

February 17: No Class—mid-winter break

February 24: Local community service project instead of class, 3 to 5 p.m.

March 3 and 10: Middle School Youth Group 2 p.m., Confirmation Class 3 p.m.

March 17: Confirmation Class 3 p.m. Activity following class

March 24: No class – Charge Conference

Stay connected with our middle school ministries via Remind: text @99326gh to the number 81010



# A Message from Assisting Pastor Karen Niemeyer



## **GriefShare Support/Seminar**

Wednesdays, March 20 through June 12  
4 to 5:30 p.m.

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

No matter the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. To support those of us who are in that process, Kristin Bradley, Trinity's Faith Community Nurse, and I will be co-offering a 13-week *GriefShare* Seminar/Support group beginning Wednesday, March 20, at 4 p.m. at Trinity.

Understanding that people grieve differently and that there is no right or wrong way to grieve, our 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," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." Following the videos there will be time for discussion for those who would like to do so. A \$15 registration fee will cover the cost of each workbook. Here are some comments about the seminar from past participants:

*I came into the GriefShare sessions midway, Ken hadn't passed away when it started. I feel like it was beneficial to be in the company of others who were grieving and to share God's Word and promises for us and give us hope.*  
Elaine Rongey

*Participating in the GriefShare sessions helped me to see grieving as a personal healing time that can be with us all our life. The program gave us words and direction to be accepting of our own grieving along with the grieving others are experiencing. GriefShare grows the belief and feeling that God walks with us through the depths of grief—you cannot get over or around grief, you must go through grief.*  
Jan Palm

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us Wednesday afternoons to learn more about grief and how we might support each other on our journeys through the grief process. To register, please contact Kristin Bradley or myself. *(Please note pre-registration is required for this seminar/support group.)*

Together in Christ,  
Pastor Karen

# Children's Ministry

## "Pancakes and Playtime"

**Saturday, March 9 from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Families with children ages birth to 3 years are invited to a St. Patrick's Day breakfast! We will enjoy pancakes with some fun, Irish-inspired toppings. During story-time, children learn about St. Patrick and hear a Bible lesson. Grandparents, friends, neighbors, and older siblings are welcome to join.

For more information, please contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall.

## Kids Helping Kids on Sundays in February and March

Homelessness is uniquely hard on children. Trinity's Sunday School children are starting a month-long campaign to help. All month, we will be collecting items to fill 20 backpacks for children in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program. The hope is to provide a little comfort and joy to the IHN kids during this difficult time. The campaign will kick-off on February 3, when a representative from Family Promise of Grand Rapids will speak to our Sunday School and answer questions.

**Please help Trinity's children meet their goal of filling 20 backpacks by March 10.**

Donations can be dropped off in the office. Items needed include:

- Colored pencils, markers, crayons, colored pens
- Stickers, coloring books/color by number books, blank sketchbooks
- Nail polish & remover, hair accessories, combs, brushes, bath bombs, bath toys
- Cute band-aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss
- Socks (boys and girls, sizes: toddler, little kid, big kid)
- Hot Wheels, small stuffed toys
- Decks of playing cards; Uno, Skip-Bo
- Rubik's cubes, travel size games of Connect 4, Blokus, Trouble, etc.
- Mini footballs and basketballs, Velcro toss game
- Monetary donations will be put toward the purchase of backpacks and additional items.



## Vacation Bible School 2019: Leaders needed!

VBS is the highlight of the summer for Trinity kids and children in the community. Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School: 9 a.m. to noon, July 15 to 19.

Planning starts now! Join the team of VBS leaders! We are looking for lead volunteers for:

**Skits:** Introduce the day's lesson at the opening and closing celebrations

**Music:** Energize the kids through song and dance at the opening and closing

**Crafts:** Teach kids how to make fun craft projects

**Storytelling:** Interact with the kids through drama and activities

**Games:** Lead low-tech, high energy games that reinforce the day's lesson

**Snacks:** Prepare and serve themed snacks each day

**Pre-school:** Direct the programming for our 3-5 year-olds

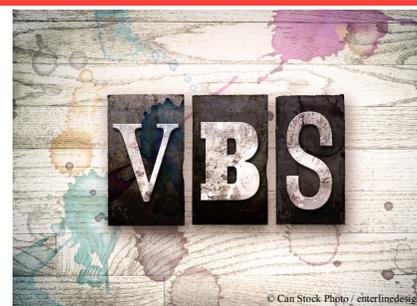
**Decorations:** Create fun scenery and props

**Registrar:** Oversee registration and attendance

**Publicity:** Organize efforts to get the word out about our awesome VBS!

At Trinity, we use a VBS curriculum that provides all the lessons, scripts and ideas. As a lead volunteer, you would also get loads of support from us! Please consider adding your talents to our VBS team! Contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall for more information.

Rachele, James, and Ingrid  
Children's Ministry at Trinity



## New and Upcoming Things - High School News



Stay connected with our high school ministries via Remind: text @ek8k8bc to the number 81010

### First Sunday of the Month Bible Study Not Meeting in February

In February we will not be holding our first Sunday of the month Bible study, instead our high schoolers will be helping Pastor Dan lead worship services!

### Youth Group Sunday, February 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room

All senior high youth and their friends are invited to youth group on February 10 at 6:30 p.m. Come for some fun, fellowship, and study into how God is calling us to live. Pastor Dan is planning to turn our monthly youth group into a weekly event for our high schoolers. Watch for his messages and texts for more information.

### 30 Hour Famine February 22 at 6 p.m. to February 23 at 7 p.m.

Delve deeper into world hunger and local service with your friends at Trinity. This lock-in will focus on hunger and how we can help feed people locally and internationally.

We will spend our time together playing hunger related games, volunteering, and learning. Participants are encouraged to start fasting (not eating) after lunch on Friday. We will conclude our time together with a celebration of the eucharist and a feast on Saturday. Those participating in this event can gain fundraising credits.

## Fifth Grade Holy Communion Class meeting during Lent



Pastor Linstrom is leading a Fifth Grade Communion class for Trinity kids on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm. during the season of Lent. All of our fifth graders will be presented with the Study Bible they will use in sixth, seventh and eighth grade Confirmation classes at the end of the four-session Sunday class, with that presentation and an order of blessing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 14.

The four-session class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons in the Library on March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Be in touch with Pastor Bob with questions or for more information.

## Trivia Night at Trinity on Saturday, February 2

**Fun for the Entire Family!**



Join us on Saturday, February 2 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. when teams of eight people compete against each other to see which team is the most knowledgeable about random information! It's a great time for everyone ages 12 to 112. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Childcare is provided with pizza and movies - the kids have a great time, too.

Sign up for Trivia Night at Trinity on the large poster near the Information Center in The Courtyard. You can sign up as an entire team, as an individual, couple or family.

Not into trivia? Don't worry! You will still have a great time! You would be amazed at the random information only YOU know! Besides, you will be on a team of eight people and share each other's knowledge.

Please contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten with questions.

## A Night Out at Thousand Oaks Golf Club



Join us as we gather for a first-class dining experience at **REDS Restaurant at the Thousand Oaks Golf Club, 4100 Thousand Oaks NE, on Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m.**

If you are 60 years or older, please join us!

**Note:** Reservations will be limited to the first 29 people who register. Contact Carol or Dan Butler (616.540.1660 or [caroljb43@gmail.com](mailto:caroljb43@gmail.com)) or Pastor Karen to make your reservation.

## SOLO Together in February



"SOLO Together" just might be a great way for you to get out more often and enjoy the company of other women! Trinity women and friends who are at least fifty years of age and are widowed, divorced or are single without a significant other have been having a great time together. They meet for lunch at a variety of area restaurants on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. to simply have fun!

On Tuesday, February 5, the group will have lunch at P.F. Chang's, 2064 East Beltline in Grand Rapids.

Reservations are made for the group in advance so it is important to RSVP. Please contact Trinity member Marjorie Paul by Sunday, February 3 to let her know you would like to attend on the February date or if you have questions. Marjorie can be reached at 616.209.5263.

## The Caregiver's Compass & Stephen Ministry

The Caregiver's Compass is a symbol that summarizes the most important characteristics of a Stephen Minister. It guides Stephen Ministers in their caregiving and their learning.

Stephen Ministers are **compassionate** caregivers; they share their care receivers' pain and help them bear it. They embody Jesus' promise to never let us suffer alone.

By God's grace, Stephen Ministers are **full of faith**. They bring Christ's care to their care receivers and trust God to bring results. They pray for their care receivers, share Scripture with them, and use other distinctively Christian caring tools in their caring relationships.

Stephen Ministers are **skilled** caregivers. They take their training seriously and are so committed to their care receivers that they strive to care in the right way at the right time. They not only recognize their God-given gifts, they work to develop them.

Stephen Ministers know that trust makes caring relationships possible, so they relate to their care receivers in a **trust-worthy** manner. They maintain confidentiality. They show up for visits and follow through on promises. They stick with their care receivers through thick and thin.

The first and most important element is the symbol at the center of the compass. That is a **Chi-Rho**, which is a symbol for Christ. Stephen Ministers are **Christ-centered**. They know that their calling to care comes from Jesus and that he is the power behind all that they do as Stephen Ministers. When Stephen Ministers care, they bring Christ's care to their care receivers; they never think their care receivers' well-being depends on what they do, but on what Jesus does in and through them. Stephen Ministers work on staying connected to Jesus so that they will be able to bring his love to others.

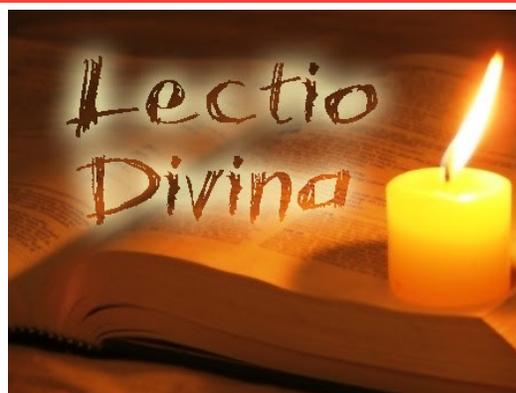


## Lectio Divina Group meets on Sundays at Trinity

Join Trinity member Mark Mattison as he facilitates the traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer. *Lectio Divina* is a contemplative blend of silence and slow, prayerful reading of Scripture.

The group meets at noon in The Library/Conference room off of The Courtyard on Sundays.

Are you new to *Lectio Divina*? All are welcome – come on your own or invite a friend.



## Grand Rapids Cohort of Interfaith Photovoice Initiative

### Opening Night Reception and Exhibition Monday, February 4, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

During the fall of 2018, three members of Trinity, Dan Butler, Angela Davis and Kelly Wittry, participated in a joint project with The Kaufman Interfaith Institute, The Standing Together initiative and Calvin College. Over the course of five weeks, Christians and Muslims came together to share a meal and their photos based on the question posed by the project director, Dr. Roman R. Williams, Assistant Professor, Director of the McGregor Undergraduate Research Program for the Humanities and Social Sciences at Calvin College. The project will unfold over several weeks with a group of people who work together to identify, photograph, and discuss shared experiences, needs, and concerns within their community.

On Monday, February 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, there will be an opening night reception for the exhibition of work from the Grand Rapids cohort. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The exhibition will be at First United Methodist Church, 227 Fulton Street East in Grand Rapids, for the month of February. To learn more about PhotoVoice you can check out <https://photovoice.org/>



Photography for  
Social Justice

## Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering - Save the Date!

### Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trinity will be hosting the North/West Lower Michigan Synod's **Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering** on Saturday, April 27. The women of Trinity will gather with other women from around our synod. If anyone is interested in helping with this event please contact Angela Davis, Director of Congregational Life.

Can You Answer the Following Questions with a "Yes?"

- Are you currently a member of an ELCA church?
- Are you a woman?

If you answered "yes" to both of these questions you are automatically a member of "WELCA" which is an easy way to say, "Women of the Evangelical Church in America." The mission of WELCA is "mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ."

Trinity does not currently have an "active" unit of WELCA. To become an active unit, we must commit to four items.

- Come together for study, support and action.
- Participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond the congregation.
- Support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA.
- Designate leadership that shall be in communication with the synodical and Churchwide women's organization.

If anyone is interested in helping Trinity become an active/official unit of WELCA, please contact Angela Davis, Director of Congregational Life.



## Mission Interpreters



You may already know that your gifts to the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) through TLC (Trinity Lutheran Church—Grand Rapids) support mission work in 83 countries! But did you know that while the world is struggling through a refugee crisis unlike anything we've seen in recent history, Lutherans are managing some of the world's largest refugee camps leading to resettlement efforts. Following long and dangerous journeys, food and water along with other survival supplies are critical to help families recover their strength and prepare for a fresh start. Lutherans are known for providing lifesaving care for refugees from Syria, South Sudan, Somalia and other troubled nations.

Though we may not be able to physically be there to offer that drink of water or much needed morsel of food we can provide through our church for the needs of many. "Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord..." 1 Chronicles 29:9.

Let us be thankful for our comfortably spacious homes every day and pray for the refugees in transit to find the safety and security they seek.

## Prenatal/Postnatal Yoga Classes Saturdays at Trinity



**January 26 through March 2  
9 to 10 a.m.**

*Calling all new and expectant moms! Join me, Aly Peacy, for a 6-week prenatal/postnatal yoga series at Trinity Lutheran Church every Saturday at 9 a.m. from January 26 to March 2.*

*I am a mom of two boys, a spunky two year old and a sweet six month old. I am a certified yoga instructor, and I practiced prenatal yoga for the entirety of both of my pregnancies.*

*This class is for women at any stage of pregnancy, and for women who recently had their baby(ies). All experience levels are encouraged to participate!*

*Prenatal yoga can help you prepare for labor both physically and mentally. It is also a great way to meet other expectant mothers and mothers who just gave birth.*

*During the six weeks we will focus on strengthening the body for childbirth, decreasing pregnancy (and post pregnancy) pains, breathing techniques for labor (and keeping calm while "momming"), and go through some guided meditation for relaxation.*

*Pricing:  
\$12 per class OR \$60 for all six classes*

*Thank you!  
Aly Peacy*

Go to Aly's Facebook page to learn more:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/359227341535129/>

## Lent Begins in Worship on Ash Wednesday - March 6



### Mark Your Calendars for the Journey from Ashes to Easter

Lent arrives with our observance of Ash Wednesday on March 6. Mark your calendar now for the journey through Lent to Easter at Trinity in 2019.

**Ash Wednesday**, March 6 – Liturgies of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 4 and 7 p.m.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in the Ash Wednesday readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

**Wednesdays in Lent** (March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10) – Soup Suppers at 5:15 p.m. and Lenten Midweek Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday**, April 14

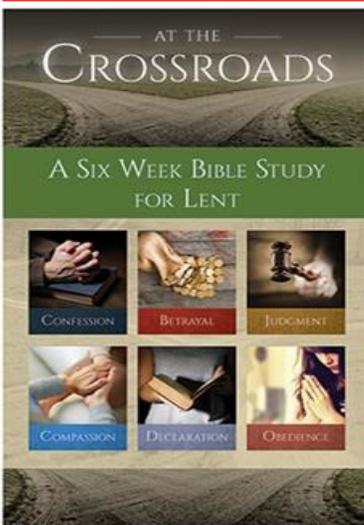
**Maundy Thursday**, April 18 – Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday**, April 19 – Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of Our Lord, April 21** – Festival Liturgies at 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast will be served in The Courtyard from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt for the children will take place at 9:30 a.m.

Plan now to be with us as we get “to the heart of the story” during Lent and Easter in 2019!

## Grace Groups Return for Lent 2019



In 2018, Lenten “Grace Groups” returned to Trinity. More than 100 participants met in eleven short-term small group Bible Studies during the five weeks of Lent between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week for weekly study and conversation. Trinity members volunteer to serve as small group facilitators and each Grace Group studies the same topic and uses the same materials. The small groups are scheduled on a variety of days of the week, times and locations. Grace Groups are especially appealing for people who are unable to make a commitment to long term Bible Studies.

The members of Trinity's Spiritual Growth Committee are currently working to form 2019 Lenten Grace Groups. We will be using a study book entitled “At the Crossroads” by Carol Geisler that follows the themes of Confession, Betrayal, Judgment, Compassion, Declaration and Obedience. We will be encouraging everyone to join a small group that will meet weekly to read and reflect on the topic. Study books will be available for purchase in February. Ash Wednesday takes place on March 6 in 2019.

Look for more information in the weeks to come about how to join a Grace Group!

## Spring JOYful Days begin March 27

We look forward to our five special Wednesdays this spring when Trinity members and friends will enjoy talking with each other, learning, laughing and, of course, eating very delicious food!

You can come to the Bible Study in Centennial Hall at 10:30 a.m. If you arrive a little early, you can help yourself to donuts and coffee in The Courtyard! Stay for the entire time or arrive at 11:30 a.m. for the luncheon and speaker.

Reservations for the catered luncheon are required by **Monday noon before the Wednesday** you would like to attend.

If you have questions about JOYful Days, please contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten.

While many who attend JOYful Days are senior adults, we welcome participants of all ages. If you have time in your day, you should join us for JOYful Days!

**Mark Your Calendars  
NOW!**

**Wednesdays**

**March 27**

**April 3, 10, 17 and 24**



## Trinity Women - Do you play Bridge?

Trinity's Ladies Bridge group would welcome new members! They play on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Please contact Joyce Schenk (616.365.9679) for more information or if you would like to join the group.



## A Special Thank You!

Thank you to my Trinity friends for the beautiful poinsettia that I received for Christmas. Thank you, too, to the young people who made the homemade cookies for me. My Trinity family helped to make my Christmas extra special.

Ronnie VanderVen



## A Clean Start in the New Year

As you plan ahead, please be aware that we are again collecting cleaning supplies for distribution to area food pantries and social service agencies. The Food Stamp/Bridge Card program does not cover such things as laundry detergent and assorted household cleaning necessities.

So why not buy a laundry basket or cleaning bucket and fill it with cleaning supplies? Here are just a few suggested items:

- dish detergent, all purpose spray cleaner, powdered cleanser
- glass cleaner, disinfectant (bleach or other), disinfectant wipes
- toilet bowl cleaner, toilet bowl brush
- sponges, scrub brush, rubber gloves, paper towels
- laundry detergent, stain remover, fabric softener sheets

Please drop off your donations during the month of February in the labeled black barrels located in the narthex and The Courtyard.



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## You can make a difference - tutor an adult to read!

As many as one in eight adults in West Michigan cannot read or write above the ninth grade level. Low literacy often limits the ability of these adults to access West Michigan's rich social and economic resources, and can prevent them from feeling a part of the larger community.

You can make a big difference by becoming a tutor. No special skills are needed - just the ability to read and write in English, and the desire to help someone else do the same. Tutors work one-on-one alongside an adult learner. Training, materials and instructional support are provided.

Would you like to learn more about becoming a volunteer tutor? The first step is to attend a one-hour volunteer orientation session. Several sessions are offered each month and are held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, 1120 Monroe NW, Suite 240 in Grand Rapids.

For more information or to sign up for a volunteer orientation session online, please go to: [www.literacycenterwm.org/volunteer](http://www.literacycenterwm.org/volunteer).



## Sponsor a Mile



This summer our high school youth are traveling to Mission, South Dakota, on our annual mission trip. Mission is located on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. We will be primarily serving members of the Sicangu Lakota, "Burnt-Thigh" Nation.

Help sponsor some of the 1,900 miles we will be traveling! Look for the sponsor a mile board outside of worship beginning Sunday, February 3.

## Arbor Circle Youth - Host Home Program



*Every day in West Michigan, more than 3,300 young people experience homelessness.\**

**Be the change.**

### Host a young person experiencing homelessness in your home.

Arbor Circle's Host Home Program is designed to address the needs of young people experiencing homelessness by connecting them with caring adults who are willing to provide safe housing and support. This community and volunteer-based approach is available to youth ages 18-20 who are seeking to increase stability in their housing.

The experience of homelessness can be a traumatic one and can have a ripple effect in other areas of an individual's life, including their work and education. Youth experiencing homelessness often share that the choices they must make in order to survive can be unsafe and compromise their health and wellness. Youth on the streets are more likely to be trafficked, assaulted or coerced by predators, experience unplanned pregnancy, have difficulty accessing medical and mental health care, and lack the necessary food and shelter to survive.

Youth benefit from living with adult allies through the host home model. Safe and stable housing with positive adult relationships is the beginning of addressing larger life-shaping issues. Arbor Circle strives to make the hosting process empowering and gratifying for both the youth and the host. Support for host volunteers includes:

- 16 hours of training prior to becoming a host
- Ongoing support from the program
- Housing Coordinator
- Regular host volunteer support groups
- Ongoing training

Support for youth includes:

- Development of personalized goals
- Weekly meetings with an assigned clinician
- Connection to community resources
- Guidance in community housing options

If you're ready to get involved, or would like more information about becoming a host volunteer, please contact Andrea Martin, Arbor Circle's Housing Coordinator, at [amartin@arborcircle.org](mailto:amartin@arborcircle.org) or 616.451.3001.

\* Source: Michigan's Center of Educational Performance and Information

# Inclement Weather Policy

When the Forest Hills Public Schools close during the day, all Trinity daytime activities are cancelled and the church offices are closed. When Forest Hills Schools announce a two-hour morning delay, morning programming at Trinity will be cancelled.

After 3 p.m. and on weekends, check WOOD TV8 or WZZM TV13 about the status of our evening or weekend activities.

Please be as certain as possible that it will be safe for you to be out on the road. We will miss you if you are unable to join us for worship or a church event, but we count on you to use your best judgment when it comes to your personal safety this winter!

## Save the Date

### MARCH

Mar. 1 – Celebration of Music Concert Series -  
Bach's St. Matthew Passion at the Basilica of  
St. Adalbert, 7:30 p.m.  
Mar. 3 – Lutheran World Relief Quilting, Noon  
Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24 – Fifth Grade Communion Class,  
2 p.m.  
Mar. 4 – Blood Drive, 12:30 p.m.  
Mar. 6 – Ash Wednesday Worship, 4 & 7 p.m.  
Mar. 9 – Pancakes & Playtime, 9 a.m.  
Mar. 11 – *Messenger* Submissions Due  
Mar. 11 – Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Mar. 13, 20, & 27 – Lenten Soup Supper, 5:15 p.m.  
Mar. 13, 20, & 27 – Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.  
Mar. 15 – Dégagé (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.  
Mar. 17 – High School Lunch and Learn, Noon  
Mar. 21 – Dégagé (Coates Team)  
Mar. 22-24 – Middle School Charge Event  
Mar. 27 – JOYful Days, 10 a.m.

### APRIL

Apr. 3, 10, 17, & 24 – JOYful Days, 10 a.m.  
Apr. 3 & 10 – Lenten Soup Supper, 5:15 p.m.  
Apr. 3 & 10 – Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 7 – Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon  
Apr. 8 – *Messenger* Submissions Due  
Apr. 8 – Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 10 – Interfaith Seder at Temple Emanuel  
Apr. 13 – Dégagé (Stouten Team), 5:45 p.m.  
Apr. 14 – *Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion*  
Apr. 14 – Fifth Grade Blessing and Bibles  
Apr. 18 – Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 19 – Dégagé (Talsma Team), 5:45 p.m.  
Apr. 19 – Good Friday Worship, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 21 – *Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday*  
Apr. 21 – Easter Breakfast, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Apr. 21 – Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m.  
Apr. 21 – Easter Festival Worship, 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
Apr. 26-28 – Dinner Group Weekend  
Apr. 27 – Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.  
Apr. 27 – NW Lower Michigan Synod Spring Gathering of  
WELCA, 10 a.m.  
Apr. 28 – New Member Curiosity Class, 6 p.m.  
Apr. 28 – Rummage Sale Drop Off, noon to 3 p.m.  
Apr. 29 & 30 – Rummage Sale Drop Off, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### MAY

May 1 – Rummage Sale Drop Off, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
May 2 – Rummage Sale Pre-Sale, 6 to 9 p.m.  
May 3 – Rummage Sale, 10 a.m. to noon and 4 to 8 p.m.  
May 4 – Rummage Sale Half Off Sale, 9 a.m. to noon  
May 4 – Confirmation Rehearsal, 1 p.m.  
May 5 – Confirmation Sunday  
May 5 – Lutheran World Relief Quilting, Noon  
May 5 – Choral Society Concert, 4 p.m.  
May 5 – New Member Curiosity Class, 6 p.m.  
May 7 – SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.  
May 9 – Resound Bell Choir - Last Rehearsal of the  
Season, 6 p.m.  
May 9 – Trinity Choir - Last Rehearsal of the Season,  
7:30 p.m.  
May 12 – Mother's Day  
May 13 – New Member VIP Night, 6 p.m.  
May 13 – Congregation Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
May 13 – *Messenger* Submissions Due  
May 16 – Dégagé (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.  
May 16-18 – Synod Assembly  
May 17 – Dégagé (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.  
May 19 – New Member Sunday  
May 19 – Building Project Dedication Sunday  
May 27 – *Memorial Day - Office Closed*

# February Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations!

## February 1

Adam Ardolino  
Cindy Burchfield  
Cami Estep  
Craig Mutch  
Terry Zabel  
*Steve & Helen Johnson*

## February 2

James Genow  
*Jason & Heather Loepf*  
*Dan & Deb Pollert*

## February 3

Kerry McKee  
Lleyton Olson  
Paul Reges

## February 4

Tom Albaitis  
Elliot Bekker  
Ashlynn Kimble  
Christian Kimble  
Kylee Kimble  
Molly Teichow  
*Bob & Louise Pfau*

## February 5

Kara Day  
Jude Gingras  
Janine Johnson  
Marilla Marks  
Emily Oswald  
Annette Remsburg  
*Cliff & Margaret Hartline*

## February 6

Jerry Anderson  
Corina Dulecki  
Sharon Fourcha  
Mike Franz  
Susan Guterrez  
Erick Kind  
Benedicte Mukadi  
Nick Pardy

## February 7

Ali Bredwell  
Allison Landon  
Olivia Ulrich

## February 8

Song Anderson  
Gavin Faas  
Diane Gohlke  
Heather Palaszek  
Michelle Tshilumba  
Caleigh Wood

## February 9

Owen Battreall  
Jamie Kuntzman  
Laura Price  
Ann Schomberg  
Joan Sellman

## February 10

Eric Gohlke  
Ericka Peters  
Morgan Taylor  
Carrie Woolworth  
Mark Youngren

## February 11

Andrew Bush  
Doug Earhart  
Chris Luders  
Jurgen Luders  
Karen Niemeyer  
Sara Robach

## February 12

Cheryl Bushman  
David Flink  
Pamela Gotch  
Marcia Schaner  
*John & Karin Moglia*

## February 13

Wendy Burns-Ardolino  
Shelley Mishler  
Joyce Snyder  
Steve Stephan

## February 14

Stephen Brink  
Kaleigh McKee  
Lindsey McKee  
Sam Siminski  
Erica Spalding  
*Scott & Kari Proux*

## February 15

Garrett Bakkila  
Jeanne Becker  
Jack Bishop  
Tom Cannon  
Janet Chobanian  
Lloyd Landon  
George Mencarelli  
Beth Meuser  
*Andy & Ausma Pupel*  
*Bruce & Joyce Schlanderer*  
*Tom & Amy Williams*

## February 16

Brody Conway  
Ryan Hall  
Isaac Keller  
Bergen Marquardt  
Rebecca Ulrich

## February 17

William Severns  
Patricia Whittemore  
Allie Zollman

## February 18

Lindsey Peters  
Shad Selleck  
*Brian & Beth Meuser*

## February 19

Steven Basher  
Chase Bidle  
Patty Boer  
Linda Holm  
Fritz Kilcrease  
Mike McCardell  
Jon Mirque  
Jason Montgomery  
Joseph VanVliet

## February 20

George Bauer  
John Fuger  
Catherine Hagenbush  
John E. Leese  
Beth Vanderwall  
*Bob & Edie Pergler*

## February 22

Cheryl Ahrens  
Brett Bradbury  
Owen Loepf  
Jenna Ludeman  
Nicole Rodammer  
*Kevin & Kate Schaefer*

## February 23

Joyce Kuecherer  
Sam Patton  
Zewditu Zeratsion

## February 24

Claire Robach  
*Fran & Marjorie Bolthuis*  
*Jim & Melissa Owens*

## February 25

Dawn Brackmann  
John Holm  
Emmet Schmeehling  
Sheila Talsma  
Linda Zabel

## February 26

Isla Anderson  
Katelynn Bowman  
Steve Hale  
Linda Heine  
Galen Knutson  
Allison Potter  
Turner Sytsma  
Jing Zhao-Cairns  
*Jim & Sue Coates*

## February 27

David Benkert  
Sherry Blair  
Andrew Ryan

## February 28

Jimmy Bennett  
Ella Estep  
Karin Neal  
Nathan Nickelson  
Vince Schumacher  
Mike Unruh

## February 29

Nathan Feutz

# Trinity's Spring Welcome of New Members

Plans are already in the works to welcome Trinity New Members this Spring, including the following events:

## TWO CURIOSITY CLASSES

### Part 1

**Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m.**

*Lutheran Theology, Trinity Style*

Led by Pastor Bob Linstrom

### Part 2

**Sunday, May 5 at 6 p.m.**

*Lutheran Theology, Trinity Style (cont.)*

Led by Pastor Karen Niemeyer

## NEW MEMBER VIP NIGHT

**Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m.**

Hosted by Director of Congregational Life

Angela Davis and the Trinity Congregation

Council

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 19, during the 9:15 and**

**10:45 a.m. worship services**



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