



The Messenger

A New Earth Keeping Initiative to launch on Mother's Day

As we give thanks for the gift of family on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019, we will also be offering a focus on our care for 'Mother Earth' as stewards of creation. Led by members of Trinity's Outreach Committee, a new group in our life together at Trinity will be formed this spring to encourage our individual and shared care of the planet as children of God.



As we seek to fulfill that calling we will be encouraged to love neighbor, care for children and families, and protect God's creation in ways that are intentional and focused on the future of our planet. We will be asked to consider prayerfully what we are passing on to our children and grandchildren and how we can help shape a future of hope.

Our faith tradition includes a call to the care of creation in concert with our Creator God. Mother's Day worship will include a Prayer of Confession, a Litany and a Statement of Assurance and Benediction that evoke the Biblical call to stewardship of all of creation.

Consider prayerfully what we are passing on to our children and grandchildren and how we can help shape a future of hope.

Be with us in worship and consider this new earth keeping initiative. There will be an opportunity to sign up to join a new Earth Keeping group at Trinity following all three worship services on Mother's Day.

DEDICATION SUNDAY

Please join us to celebrate the conclusion of our building project.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

ORDER OF DEDICATION AT
ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

(8:00, 9:15 AND 10:45 A.M.)

Receptions in The Courtyard to follow. North/West Lower Michigan Synod Bishop Craig Satterlee will be preaching. All are welcome!



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What's Happening at Trinity in May?

Weekly at a Glance

Sundays

Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Lectio Divina, noon, in The Library
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Mondays

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Grace Group (Lundgren), 7 p.m.
Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Griefshare, 4 p.m.

Daily Calendar

Wednesday, May 1

Rummage Sale Drop Off, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Art Class, 5 p.m.
Rummage Sale Pre-Sale, 6 to 9 p.m.
Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Rummage Sale, 10 a.m. to noon
Marriage of Michelle Blanchard and Kenneth Chaney, 1 p.m.
Rummage Sale, 4 to 8 p.m.
Al-Anon Speaker Meeting, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

Rummage Sale 1/2 Off Sale, 9 a.m. to noon
Confirmation Rehearsal, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Confirmation Sunday
High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Choral Society Concert, 4 p.m.
New Member Curiosity Class, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 6

Art Class, 5 p.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Health Ministry Action Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Oasis Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

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, May 8

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 10:30 a.m.
CPR Training for Ushers, 6 p.m.
Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 6:30 p.m.
Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

NARFE, 1:30 p.m.
Art Class, 5 p.m.
Vegan Potluck, 5:45 p.m.
Resound Bell Choir - Last of the Season, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir - Last of the Season, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day
Mother Earth Sunday
Graduate Sunday
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 13

Messenger Submissions Due
Art Class, 5 p.m.
New Member VIP Night, 6 p.m.
Congregation Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

Synod Assembly
Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.
Art Class, 5 p.m.
Dégagé (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.
Oasis Member Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Synod Assembly
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Dégagé (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Synod Assembly

Sunday, May 19

Building Dedication
New Member Sunday
Sunday School - Last of the Season, 9:30 a.m.
VBS Decorating Day, noon
Lake Effect Saxophone Quartet, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 20

Art Class, 5 p.m.
Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Meeting, 6 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Oasis Member Meeting, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

Graduation Party, 1:30 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

Hospitality Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Spiritual Growth Committee Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
Women's Book Club, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

Wedding Rehearsal, 5 p.m.
Middle School Lock-In

visit www.tlcr.org for event details

A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom



Earth Keeping as an Act of Discipleship

"A saved life is not simply being alive, a saved life is a life worth living. Yes, there is the chance that we will suffer, even die. It is even more likely that we will lose. But we have a choice. We can let our narcissism envelop us and not work for anything we don't think we can fix, or we can join movements with passion rather than expectations, and give our all simply because that is our found purpose. When enough of us give our all to the same purpose, I know we can drive change. That is how we can save our lives."

Kiran Oommen

Kiran Oommen is a community organizer, gardener, and musician currently studying sociology at Seattle University. He is part of a growing young adult movement striving for a livable planet for all present and future generations. At 22, it might be easy to dismiss Oommen's passion as naïve or in need of the seasoning that will come with age and experience. But in many ways, young and idealistic movements have a home in our faith tradition. From the cries of the prophets in the Hebrew scriptures to Jesus' preaching the Sermon on the Mount, the call to stand in solidarity with justice seeking, idealistic dreamers can be a reflection of our Gospel imperative to shape discipleship.

We can choose to move with passion and 'found purpose,' and in so doing drive change and participate in the saving of our very lives. We are challenged to embrace the things that matter. As people of faith, such driving passion can be directed to the mission God is authoring for our discipleship.

Amid all the busyness of the last weeks of our building project, the relocation of church staff to renovated offices, the Lenten disciplines of sharing food and midweek prayer, the preparations for Holy Week, the blessing of fifth graders and the Confirmation of 8th graders, a quiet new initiative is unfolding at Trinity. Beginning with Mother's Day, May 12, a group of Trinity members is forming around an earth keeping initiative. As stewards of creation, all of God's people are called to be co-creators with the Creator, seeking in our time to better the world in which we enjoy the blessings of our place in that world. So, Mother's Day at Trinity will have a 'Mother Earth' focus in 2019, with litany and prayer, confession and songs of praise, homily and children's moments directed to our consideration of what one might call "creation justice." Clipboards will follow worship as a few committed members begin to gather others to come together and envision this earth keeping initiative at Trinity. Expect to hear more regarding this effort in the months ahead, as we hope to identify the passion and found purpose that will provide a foundation for this initiative.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12) Perhaps it is time for old senior pastors and other church elders to listen as the next generation rises. As we face the reality of our world today, and our need to be better stewards of creation, we must consider what kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. Perhaps the young will show us a way to a future of hope. "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11)

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Bob Linstrom

Wednesday Forums conclude in May – the Quest for the Historical Jesus

"The Quest for the Historical Jesus" concludes on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during the month of May. The series has featured 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 have been followed by supplemental material provided by Pastor Linstrom and the group's own discussion.

Seeking to see through the historian's lens, this series has searched 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 participated.

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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Our building project is coming to a successful conclusion with the dedication scheduled for May 19. It is impressive how well the project has been executed from start to finish. We are a very blessed congregation to have such an impressive facility in which to worship and bring new members to Christ's word and teachings.

This project has been accomplished through the hard work, commitment, sacrifice and patience of countless congregation members and church staff.

It is important that we recognize the significant role the Building Committee played in the project. Members of this committee include Frank Remsburg, David Mester, Roger Marks, Neil Sandler and Jim Boles. The tireless efforts of these gentlemen and their building, construction and project management experience had a profoundly positive impact on the project's quality, timeliness, and budget. When you see them, shake their hand and say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Additionally, the moving crew, organized by Phil Wittry, Brad Blair, Chris Engle and Jim Coates deserve recognition for their efforts to organize and mobilize the move of everything out of the church into storage as well as the move of everything back into church. Many thanks to those who gave their time and labor during these moves. Thank you.

Church staff, having recently returned to their offices after a seven-month dislocation, also deserve recognition and appreciation for their patience and extreme flexibility. Thank you for continuing your work in the midst of much change and interruption – all while keeping Trinity programming and services humming along. Thank you.

Lastly, thank you to all that supported the Capital Campaign. Without the financial support of the Congregation this project would not have been possible. Our prayers have been answered and we have built a church that will better serve the congregation for decades to come. Thank you.

While we cannot recognize everyone that contributed time and talent to the project, please know that our Church is a better place to worship God and is a beacon of hope and love in the Grand Rapids community because of the work of Trinity members. You played a vital role in the success of this project. Thank you.

Grace and peace,

Paul Crist

President, Congregation Council
Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of March 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	91,000	102,033	11,033	12.1%
Total Expenses	86,037	92,609	(6,572)	- 7.6%
Operating Income (Loss)	4,963	9,425	4,462	



Giving is above budget for the month by \$11,000, or about 12%.

In total, spending is above budget for the month by \$6,500, or 7.6%. Significant items include: \$5,500 for unexpected repairs to the boiler, Utilities \$2,900 higher than expected due to the colder than normal winter/construction, and \$900 higher than normal snow removal. These were offset by \$2,000 favorable interest expense, \$1,200 favorable cleaning service/lower hourly payroll and \$500 unfavorable timing across the rest of the areas.

2019 Fiscal Year-to-Date February 2019 to March 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	180,830	179,910	(920)	- 0.5%
Total Expenses	167,832	169,345	(1,513)	- 0.9%
Operating Income (Loss)	12,998	10,565	(2,433)	

Giving is below budget Year-To-Date by \$920, or about 0.5%.

In total, spending is above budget Year-To-Date by \$1,500, or 0.9%. Unexpected repairs to the boiler of \$5,500, Utilities \$3,600 higher than expected due to the colder than normal winter/construction, \$1,500 higher than normal snow removal offset by \$3,100 favorable interest expense, \$2,900 favorable cleaning service/lower hourly payroll, \$1,500 favorable property expenses, and \$1,600 favorable timing across the rest of the areas.

Trinity's Voting Members Prepare for May Synod Assembly

Eleven Trinity members will represent our congregation at the May 2019 Synod Assembly, May 16 to 18, in Mt. Pleasant. Among the many agenda items under consideration will be the election of a bishop. Bishop Craig Satterlee, elected at Synod Assembly six years ago, has indicated his willingness to continue to serve if elected.

Senior Pastor Bob Linstrom, Associate Pastor Dan Schewe, Assisting Pastor Karen Niemeyer, Pastors Galen Knutson and Donna Erickson, four lay representatives, Michael and Charmayne Mulligan, Christophe and Benita Muganza, and two youth representatives, Elizabeth Mulligan and Isabelle McKinney, will represent Trinity Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids as voting members. Please keep these voting members in your prayers as they seek to care well for our ministry together in the wider regional and national expressions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Like Living Stones
1 Peter 2:5

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

I love watching plants grow.

It might be because my dad grew up on a farm and tried to help me maintain some connection to the land. It could also be because we always had a garden in our backyard that I helped with and enjoyed the resulting fruits. It might also be the hope that springs forth from the ground letting us know that winter is finally over. I'm not completely sure why, but I love watching plants grow.

I love watching those buds poke out of the dirt and start to sprout. I like to imagine what they might turn into, a mental foretaste of the beauty to come.

This spring my boys helped us plant some flowers in front of our house. We dug the holes together, put in the seeds and bulbs, covered them back up, watered them, and continue to take care of them. The boys enjoy looking out the windows to see what is growing. They don't like the waiting as much.

To help plants grow to their full potential takes work. Yes, they tend to grow on their own fairly well, but to help them flourish takes work. You have to remove the weeds from around them, water them, and occasionally prune them.

I find our faith to be the same. It takes work to help your faith flourish.

Again and again, Jesus used the metaphor of plants and seeds to talk about faith and the kingdom of God. He talked about seeds scattered, seeds that grow, plants that need to be pruned and harvested, and on and on.

We may not live in an agricultural society but the metaphor still rings true. We must find ways to remove the things in our lives that eat away at our faith, like those annoying pests that eat our flowers. We have to find ways to keep them from eating what is growing.

We also must to find ways to weed out the things that crowd faith out of our hearts and minds, things that vie for our attention, that have to be removed so our faith has space to grow.

We need to water and prune our faith. It needs tending to grow. Faith also takes time to grow, time to process all the things we are taking in and how God is speaking into our lives. Growing faith is hard work.

This spring as the plants come alive around us I hope and pray you tend to your faith. Find ways to help it grow and flourish.

Shalom,
Pastor Dan



Middle School Youth Ministry Schedule

April 28: Confirmation Class 3 p.m.

May 5: Confirmation Sunday!

May 31 to June 1: End of the year middle school lock-in, mark your calendars now!

Stay connected with our middle school ministries via Remind: text @99326gh to the number 81010. Note Verizon is continuing to carry Remind messages with no additional charge.



A Message from Assisting Pastor Karen Niemeyer



In a recent gathering of Trinity's *GriefShare* group (meeting Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.) we all lamented over times when well-meaning but hurtful, insensitive comments have been said to us by others, including loving friends and family. We realized that everyone *wants* to help us as we go through a rough time after the death of a loved one. But we also recognized that often people just don't know *what* to say. In hopes of helping us all communicate support and encouragement to our grieving sisters and brothers, it is hoped that excerpted portions from *How To Express Sympathy: What To Say And What Not to Say** will be a helpful guide.

What To Say To Express Sympathy

The most important thing to communicate is that you care about the bereaved person and you are available as a source of support.

- **"I'm sorry for your loss."** While this phrase has become a cliché, it is also a simple and succinct way of communicating your empathy and letting the person know you care.
- **"You are in my thoughts/I'm thinking of you."** Letting the person know that you are aware of the emotional difficulty of the situation can help a bereaved person feel less isolated in his or her experience.
- **"I love you."** If you're close enough, reminding a grieving person that you love him or her can be powerful. Grief can leave people feeling alone, and by reminding them that you love them and are there for them you can remind them that they are not alone.
- **"He/she was a wonderful person."**
- **"I will miss him/her."**

What NOT To Say To Someone Who Has Experienced A Loss

Three good rules to follow when figuring out what not to say are: 1. Don't deny that the person who died is dead. 2. Don't deny that the bereaved is in emotional pain. 3. Don't deny that this death may change everyone's lives.

- **"I know how you are feeling."** While this may seem like an empathic statement, it can often have the opposite effect. Everyone experiences loss and grief differently.
- **"S/he is in a better place."** Unless you know for sure that the person who died and the bereaved person both believed in an afterlife, this statement has the potential to be offensive. Instead, try acknowledging that the bereaved may be in pain, and that is okay.
- **"How are you doing/holding up?"** For most people who have experienced a death, the answer to this question is "Not well." While we want to check in with people who are in grief, the casualness of this question often forces someone struggling with grief to put on a false face.
- **"Now you can start moving on with your life."** Especially after a prolonged or painful illness, death can seem like a relief. Still, a grieving person needs time and space to grieve. Support the bereaved person in taking the time and space that he or she may need.
- **"I don't know what I would do if my [deceased's relationship to the bereaved] died."** While this statement may be absolutely true for you, it does nothing to comfort the bereaved.
- **"At least the death was quick so there wasn't pain/slow so you had a chance to say goodbye."** Death is incredibly difficult, no matter the form it takes.
- **"Don't worry, you'll feel better soon."** While you may want to help the bereaved look toward the future, it's important to give a grieving person the time and space to experience his or her feelings. Don't pressure him or her to "get over it."

*www.everplans.com

Together in Christ,
Pastor Karen

Children's Ministry



Who is our next Sunday School Coordinator?

Ingrid Brang has done an amazing job serving as Interim Sunday School Coordinator for the 2018/2019 school year. We are blessed to have had her as part of our Children's Ministry team. Anticipating a busy family schedule next fall, Ingrid has chosen to step down from her staff position, but still plans to teach. Thank you for your service, Ingrid!

The search has begun for Trinity's next Sunday School Coordinator. This paid staff position involves a commitment of about 10 hours per week. Classes meet weekly from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. during the school year. The Sunday School Coordinator provides oversight of the curriculum and responsibilities include printing lessons from a Lutheran curriculum, preparing crafts and activities, ordering supplies, recruiting volunteers, and scheduling teachers and parent helpers.

Interested applicants are asked to contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall or Pastor Bob Linstrom for more information.

Sunday School Spring Schedule



April 28 to May 19: Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

May 19: Final day of Sunday School; classes resume in September.

VBS Registration is open!



Trinity kids ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to sign-up today! This year's dates are July 15 to 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Space is limited, so register by May 31 to reserve your spot! Visit tlcgr.org and click on the VBS link.

What makes Roar VBS awesome? You do!

- Calling all VBS volunteers! Adults, middle school, and high school youth are encouraged to sign-up. Roles include: crew leaders, crew helpers, station helpers, registration assistants, kitchen helpers, and more! To sign-up go to: tlcgr.org and click on the VBS link.
- We need ROAR resources! Do you have any props or African theme decorations we can borrow? Can you help purchase some supplies? Look for our "ROAR Resources" board at church on Sunday mornings.
- Decoration Days! On May 19 from noon to 3 p.m., June 23 from noon to 3 p.m. and July 14 from noon to 6 p.m., we'll be getting crafty making props, signs, and scenery to transform the church into Africa! Sign-up by contacting Rachele Battreall.

What's VBS all about?

Go to group.com/Roar to find out or contact VBS co-directors Rachele Battreall and James Morin.

Camp Scholarship Fund Appeal

Last year we had over thirty youth attend summer camp at Stony Lake, and this year we already have that many registered. These kids participate in elementary, middle, and high school programs tailored to their age group to help them encounter God. While at camp our youth experience God and community in amazing ways. This is largely possible because of our camp scholarship fund. We ask families to pay a \$100 deposit per camper and the fund covers the rest of the cost. This makes the life-changing experience of camp extremely affordable for every family. Many of our youth are only able to attend camp because of your generosity.



In May we are seeking to replenish this fund.

- \$150 sponsors one first through third grader for a Sunday through Wednesday camp experience.
- \$280 sponsors one third through twelfth grader for a week of camp.

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to help support this life changing experience in the lives of Trinity's youth.

Charge Recap

In March fifteen of our middle school youth and five adults attended the "Charge" conference at the Great Wolf Lodge, in Traverse City. This event was organized by our friends at Living Water Ministries, the same people who organize camp at Stony Lake. The group had an amazing time getting to know each other and deepening our faith!



Trinity's Annual Youth Rummage Sale

It's back and bigger than ever! A highlight of the spring of the year, Trinity's Rummage Sale is typically the biggest fundraiser for our high school youth. All proceeds help to offset the cost for the participants of the Youth Mission Trip in the summer of 2019 to Mission, South Dakota. Mission is located on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation.

Thank you for how your donated items help support our mission trip and those who need them around the community.

Contributions Accepted: *

Sunday, April 28, noon to 5 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday, April 29 to May 1
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Please drop off your donation items in
The Courtyard

Rummage Sale Dates/Times:

Pre-Sale: Thursday, May 2, 6 to 9 p.m.
(\$5 admission)

Regular Sale:

Friday, May 3, 10 a.m. to noon and 4 to 8 p.m.
and Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to noon

Got Stuff?! Items We are Thrilled to Accept:

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Jewelry
- Clothing Accessories
- Housewares
- Linens
- Art
- Rugs
- Furniture *
- Books
- Antiques
- Collectibles
- Sporting Goods
- Tools
- Toys
- Games
- CD's & Records, Cassette Tapes, Videos & DVDs

These items are also welcome (as long as they still work):

- *Digital* Televisions that do **not** require a converter box and are smaller than 42 inches
- Electronics
- Cameras
- Small Appliances
- Flat Screen Computer Monitors

Sorry! These Items Cannot be Sold

We are unable to accept or sell some items due to safety laws (and we cannot donate these items to another charity). So, please do **NOT** donate the following:

- Any item that has been recalled, banned or does not meet current safety standards
- Exercise equipment, including stationary bicycles
- Older baby items (i.e., cribs, mattresses, car seats)
- Mattresses (You may donate clean mattresses in good condition directly to "In The Image")
- Electronic or kerosene heaters; paint or paint thinner; other flammable, poisonous or hazardous substances; car batteries or other corrosive materials; used tires; large appliances; most building materials
- Non-digital televisions or digital televisions that require converter boxes
- CRT computer monitors (large, non-flat screen)

* We are happy to pick up large items, including furniture. Schedule a pick-up by contacting:

Pastor Dan at 616.949.2510 ext. 124 or dan.schewe@tlcgr.org

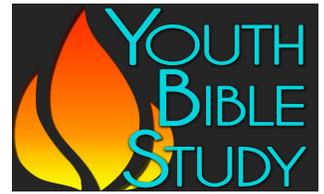
We will be accepting donations starting April 28 and up to May 2.

High School News and Announcements

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

First Sunday of the Month Bible Study May 5 at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room

Join Pastor Dan for Bible study in the youth room! Come for the donuts and stay for the conversation. Let Pastor Dan know the best location for him to get donuts!



WEEKLY Youth Group Sundays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room

All senior high youth and their friends are invited to join us for youth group weekly at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room. Come join the fun, fellowship, and reflection on how God is calling us to live. We are also finding service projects we can offer on Sunday evenings.



Graduate Sunday Sunday, May 12

On Sunday May 12 we are celebrating high school graduates at each service. They will be blessed, given a gift, and celebrated for their accomplishments.

Join us in celebrating Trinity's high school graduates!



Can Drive is Coming

Hold on to all your cans and bottles, because this summer our youth are again holding a competitive can drive! Those attending the mission trip are being split into two teams to compete over who can bring in the most cans.

Watch the Friday eBlasts and Sunday Weekly Connections for more information!



Schubert Support for Trinity Youth Mission

They perform many concerts throughout West Michigan. This year's annual spring concert is an invitation to "Turn Your Radio On." The event will be held at East Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. The Performing Arts Center is located at 2211 Lake Drive SE. Tickets for the concert are \$20 in advance, but \$10 of every ticket sold by our own Schubert singers will benefit Trinity's Youth mission trip this summer!

Our Trinity Schubert members are Ken Block (616.780.0707) and Doug Haneline (231.679.2668). It will be a fun evening and will help fund our youth mission trip. Get your tickets from Ken, Doug or from Jodi in the church office.



A note from our High School Youth

Thank you for supporting our "Sponsor a Mile" fund raiser, for the donations of food and for joining us for the Easter Breakfast, and thank you for all of your donations to the rummage sale. Please come to the sale on May 2, 3, and 4. We are elated by your support!



Fifth Graders Blessed and Presented with Study Bibles



After completing a four-week Sunday afternoon Communion Class with Pastor Linstrom during the season of Lent, Trinity's fifth graders and their families stood before the congregation at all three worship services on Palm Sunday to receive a blessing and the presentation of the Study Bibles they will use in Confirmation as sixth graders. An annual Lenten discipline at Trinity, the fifth grade mini-course on the sacrament of Holy Communion lays the groundwork for Trinity's three-year Confirmation program led by Pastor Dan Schewe. Several of the fifth graders also received their First Communion after the blessing on Palm Sunday.

If you would like more information about our communion faith formation program for young children, fifth graders and middle school Confirmands, speak with one of our pastors.

Confirmation Sunday May 5



Confirmation Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5 in 2019. Be with us as we confirm 15 eighth graders in their journeys of faith formation at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 5. Our 2019 Confirmands are:

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| Megan Ahrens | Audrey Kind | Julia Pfeiffle |
| Benjamin Battreall | Annierae Lang | Luke Sommers |
| Eric Bryce | Alaina Lundgren | Charlotte Stephan |
| Raymond Cargill | Bergen Marquardt | Molly Teichow |
| Jack Cole | Ronald McNally | Ted Turnage |

Keep our Confirmands and their families in your prayers as we commend them to their journeys of faith and life.

Mother's Day, May 12 – bring your favorite mother to worship!



We will celebrate the gift of family at Trinity on Mother's Day, May 12. A 'reverse offering' will occur again in 2019 with the presentation of a carnation to all women in worship that day – we will honor mothers and grandmothers and all families – we all have a mother to lift up in thanksgiving! We will also kick off the annual Trinity Diaper Drive on Mother's Day, an appeal that will conclude on Father's Day in June.

Start off your Mother's Day celebration with the Trinity family gathered in worship and let us be those who intentionally give great thanks to God for the gifts of faith, family and friends.

"Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."
Colossians 3:14

Trinity Building Project concluding; Dedication Sunday on May 19

Groundbreaking for Trinity's yearlong building project began on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 and construction commenced on April 9. Working with Owen-Ames-Kimball as our Construction Manager and the architects and engineers of Progressive AE, the three-phase project has been a challenge to our staff and programming, but the remarkable flexibility of the staff and people of Trinity has allowed us to remain on site and operational throughout the entire yearlong project.



With the new parking lot, Cross Tower remediation project, and extensive asbestos abatement as first projects, the renovation included construction of the new Courtyard fellowship area, a significantly upgraded Centennial Hall as our center for Rejoice worship, new youth rooms, meeting rooms and restrooms, fully renovated church offices and major systems upgrades (HVAC, flat roofs, etc.). A period of nearly six years of major initiatives have been completed and strong leadership from the people of Trinity has facilitated a very successful building project.

Join us in celebration as we observe a Dedication Sunday on May 19, 2019, in worship and fellowship.

Spring New Members Celebration Being Organized for May 19

Are you finding a home at Trinity? Are you back among the people of Trinity after a time away? Are you curious about these Lutheran-flavored folks and hoping to learn more, even if you are not sure that you are ready to become a member of Trinity Lutheran Church?

Pastor's Classes for prospective members will be offered in April and May for those who are ready to dig into this tradition of ours more deeply. Others may wish to affiliate as members of Trinity by a simple letter of transfer or by Affirmation of Faith. A New Members Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, May 19. Even if you are not a "joiner," or if you are unsure that membership with Trinity is the right thing for you, please know that you are welcome to explore what it would mean to affirm membership with the people of Trinity in mission and ministry.

All are welcome – contact Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis or one of the pastors for more information.



Fourth Annual Prayer Tree Participants Celebration

Pizza Party and Frozen Custard Social Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Since the fall of 2016, many of our Trinity members have been participating in an intergenerational opportunity through which older members have been praying for our younger church family members.

On Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. in The Courtyard, we are bringing together the adult pray-ers and the young people (ages in-utero to 18) they have been praying for since the fall. We will gather for fellowship, a take home craft, pizza, frozen custard and lots of fun toppings.

Invitations should be received by your child and/or the adult pray-ers by the middle of May. If you do not receive your invitation in the mail, please contact Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis.



Start of Summer Celebration - Wednesday, June 19

Do YOU like to have FUN? Do YOU like to help others have FUN?

Volunteers needed!

Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis is seeking volunteers to assist with this year's Start of Summer Celebration on Wednesday, June 19. With the help of many people, we are all able to enjoy a summer evening together!



Volunteer opportunities for the Start of Summer Celebration include setup, cleanup, grilling, activity supervision, and more. Please contact Angela Davis if you would like to be involved with the planning and implementation of this exciting event. Highlights of the evening include:

- Dinner favorites - pulled pork, hot dogs, fruit salad, chips and more!
- Bingo, bounce house, sidewalk chalk, face-painting, and more!
- Bring your lawn chair/picnic blanket, and your friends and neighbors!

Mark your calendars now for Trinity's Start of Summer Celebration! Let Angela know how you would like to be of help!

Donations needed!

Bingo is a very popular activity at our Start of Summer celebrations and the winners have had an exciting array of items from which to choose in the past! All types of gifts are appreciated and should be appropriate for various age ranges such as 4 to 10, 11 to 16 and 17 and up. These prizes do not need to be expensive. Bingo winners enjoy gift cards, meal cards, games, movie passes, accessories, toys, etc.

Please drop off Bingo gifts no later than noon on Tuesday, June 18.

Music and Fine Arts Camp Returns June 17 to 21!



Music and Fine Arts Camp is for all children who have completed third through eighth grades. Activities include vocal and bell choir, fine arts, field trips, demonstrations by local artists and musicians and more!

Camp will take place from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily with some optional afternoon field trips.

As part of the fine arts portion of the camp, we will be utilizing the expertise of art majors from Aquinas College to instruct the children on choosing a subject to paint and then learning how to go about sketching, rough drafts, and, finally, completing their paintings.

The music portion of camp will include singing, learning about and playing handbells, music fundamentals, learning about Trinity's musical instruments, and special guests.

For additional information, please contact Director of Children's Choirs Diane Biser.

Help With Habitat for Humanity Build on Saturday, June 29



Trinity members are invited to help with a home for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 372 Rumsey Street SW in Grand Rapids. The scheduled task for that day is exterior work (framing or siding). Volunteers 16 years of age and older are welcome to participate in the project. Chaperones are required for youth under 18 years old.

This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in an important outreach ministry that focuses on building houses for qualified families using mostly volunteer labor and donated materials.

Gloria Von der Heide is Trinity's Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact her ASAP at 616.454.7454 or at g_vonderheide@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer that day.

Diapers and Underwear Appreciated



One child goes through thousands of disposable diapers. Now imagine you have a limited income and can't afford to buy them. As a result, you resort to changing your baby's diaper only once or twice a day. Soon you have a very unhappy baby with diaper rash!

Beginning on Mother's Day and continuing through Father's Day, we will gladly welcome your contributions of diapers and underwear. Please consider donating all sizes of NEW unopened packages of children's, women's and men's underwear, undershirts and socks as well as diapers. You may place your donations in the labeled bins located in the narthex and in The Courtyard.

Monetary gifts are also appreciated. If you are writing a check, make it payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, and write "Diaper/Undie Sunday" in the memo line.

The underwear will be distributed through local Grand Rapids organizations that serve our community's most vulnerable families. There is a need, especially, for larger adult size underwear and undershirts such XXXL.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Mission Interpreters



"I can't know who I would have been without Women of the ELCA, but by God's grace and the support of so many generous women, I don't have to know," writes today's blogger. What's your story about Women of the ELCA? (blog post dated April 1 on womenoftheelca.org).

Although our congregation has not had been actively involved in the group for some years, many Trinity members will remember quite an active WELCA organization here in years past. Some who have moved here from other Lutheran congregations will also have stories to tell of active groups who reached out to their communities and the world through thank offerings collected, layettes prepared and women encouraged to provide leadership for such mission work.

Today, the work of the organization is carried out through the Faithful Friends Fund and Katie's Fund established in 1997 to honor the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther, raise up bold leaders for the women's organization and support bold and creative ministry for generations to come. Katie's Fund supports ministry in three areas: leadership development, global connections and living theology.

Through WELCA, participants practice seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving. Whether it be making quilts, health and school kits for Lutheran World Relief, studying the Bible together, or assisting in worship, they grow in faith and share what they've learned with friends and neighbors.

As a woman participating in the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church you are already considered to be a member of this far-reaching segment of the Evangelical Church in America. To learn more about it please see their website at womenoftheelca.org and find resources you can use.

"Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter;
whoever finds one has found a treasure.

Faithful friends are beyond price;
no amount can balance their worth.

Faithful friends are life-saving medicine;
and those who fear the Lord will find them.

(Ecclesiasticus 6:14-16)

The Good Listener

Listening is perhaps the most important skill that a Stephen Minister uses. Even though you might think of listening as a simple, natural activity, it is also a powerful caregiving tool!

In his book, "The Good Listener," Fr. James E. Sullivan lists four crucial steps to good listening:

1. *Stepping Out of My Own World*—The first and foremost requirement is that I must step out of my own world, my own thoughts and feelings. I have to put aside—at least for the moment—my own preconceived notions and prejudices and my own point of view. This is an essential step, and it is no easy task!

2. *Entering Into Your World*—This brings us to the second essential requirement for good listening. I must not only leave my own world, but I must also enter into your world, understand your point of view, and see your world as though I were looking at it through your eyes.

3. *Sensing Your Deepest Feelings*—The third requirement for being a sensitive listener is my effort to search for your deepest hurt; the thing that bothers you the most. Many things may be hurtful to you. And when I respond to any one of them with understanding and care, that response is a big help to you. But, I help you the most when I am able to identify your deepest pain and respond to that with understanding and support.

4. *Giving an Adequate Response*—The final condition for good listening is that I make an adequate response to what you have shared with me. This final step is essential. When you're hurting, you need a warm, caring response to show you that I understand and care. It is not sufficient that I understand internally. That doesn't touch you, unless I show it to you in a clear and adequate way. You need to know that I understand your feelings. You need to have concrete evidence that I don't blame you for them before you can stop blaming yourself.

Would you or someone you know benefit from meeting with one of our Stephen Ministers with this special skill? Please contact our Faith Community Nurse, Kristin Bradley, Referrals Coordinator, Brenda Heacock (616.949.3907) or one of our pastors.



Health Ministry

New Opportunity to Serve at Trinity!

Kristin Bradley, our Faith Community Nurse, is gathering a new Health Ministries Action Committee and YOU might be the perfect addition! Whether you have experience in healthcare, have a compassionate spirit, enjoy connecting with others, or like organizing and facilitating, we have something for you.

Please join us for our first meeting on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. Never fear, coming to this meeting doesn't sign you up for anything. It's simply an opportunity to share ideas, knowledge and resources to plan for a healthier Trinity!



Interfaith Hospitality Network at Trinity July 7 to 14

Trinity has been a Host Congregation for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for over 20 years, since 1997 when the network was established in Grand Rapids. This amazing ministry is operated as a division of Family Promise of Grand Rapids. IHN involves Grand Rapids area churches that house homeless families on a rotating basis in church buildings four times per year for a week at a time. A small army of welcoming volunteers are needed at each church during host weeks to act as an evening host, prepare evening meals, stay overnight, provide activities for the children and/or help with set-up or tear-down.



Our next host week at Trinity is from July 7 to 14. Look for a link in Trinity's Friday eBlasts to the SignUp Genius to volunteer. There may be quite a few of our Trinity volunteers on a summer vacation during that week in July. So if you will be in town please consider sharing some of your time with these precious families.

If you have questions about this important ministry, please contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten.

New Earth Keeping Group Forming

Are you concerned about environmental issues? Do you feel strongly about our responsibility to take care of God's creation?

A new group is forming at Trinity that will focus on ways that we can be better stewards of the environment. You are invited to get in on the "ground floor" to help establish the group's initial goals and projects to be addressed.



There are many Trinity households just beginning to recycle at their own homes who might benefit from some tips and encouragement. Now that the building project is completed at Trinity, it's a good time to focus on freshening up the grounds and landscaping. Or perhaps Trinity volunteers could help with an environmental concern in the community. The members of the group will have an opportunity to "think outside the box" in planning for their ongoing earth keeping work.

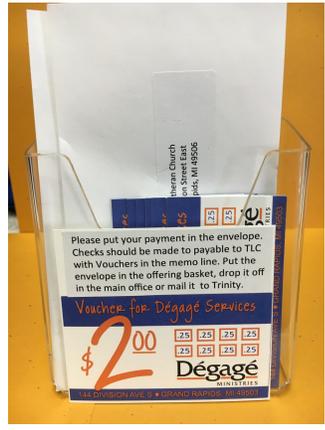
If you missed the opportunity to sign up at worship on Mother's Day to receive information about the group's formation, please be in touch with Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten.

Dégagé Panhandler Vouchers

For some time now, it has been possible for Trinity members and friends to purchase Panhandler Vouchers from Dégagé Ministries. For \$2 per voucher, these can be distributed to people who are publicly asking for money. Each panhandler voucher, when taken to Dégagé Ministries in downtown Grand Rapids, can be used for the purchase of a simple, nutritious meal, a hair cut, a locker for a week, a pair of warm socks, one load of laundry and much more.

Look for the display like the one pictured to the right located at the Information Center in the Courtyard. Vouchers can be purchased using the instructions on the displays.

Panhandler vouchers are a wonderful way to genuinely be of help to those who are struggling in a time of crisis.



Why We LOVE IHN

At a recent meeting of Grand Rapids area IHN coordinators, individuals were asked why they love volunteering with Interfaith Hospitality Network. In reading their responses below consider how you, too, might enjoy being a volunteer with IHN. If you have questions about volunteering with Interfaith Hospitality Network at Trinity, please contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten.

Family Promise of Grand Rapids - Interfaith Hospitality Network

I can bring my family and my kids to volunteer.

We get to be a bright spot in the midst of chaos.

It works! Families get housed after staying in shelter.

I GET TO LEARN FROM OTHERS AND IT HELPS ME BE A BETTER PERSON.

I love that we get to open our doors to people in the community.

I love to play with the kids!

We get to know the families. Every night, I get to give them a smile and a high five as we get to know them.

We get to put our arms around someone who needs a lift.

FAMILY PROMISE WORKS WITH FAMILIES ONCE THEY MOVE HOME.

I can bring my kids to volunteer and it has grown them in amazing ways.

We get to help people.

I can change one child's circumstances so history doesn't repeat itself.

I love that families in shelter are like one big family - we get to celebrate successes with families.

I LOVE THE OOHS AND AHHS WHEN FAMILIES SEE THE DINNER PREPARED FOR THEM.

I love the community response for shelter for kids that have no other safe place to be.

I love that we all come together 365 days a year for our community.

I love IHN because it let's families in a really tough spot in life know that they are not alone and that their community cares about them. IHN gives hope to humanity.

I love how we are able to help people in our community who have fallen on hard times.

I love seeing how everyone is treated with respect and the impact on the kids futures.

We are: Ending Homelessness... One Family at a Time. What's your superpower?

Mission in India Update

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 1:3-5

Greetings from India! It is already time to look forward to a new school year (which begins in June). Last year there were many changes made to improve the school and enhance education, including increased involvement by Sangster and Asha (Shadrach and Gladys' son and daughter-in-law), focused teacher training, and reorganizing some of the overall administration. We are pleased to report that it was a good school year with noticeable growth in studies, greater teacher involvement, and improved final exam results. Our goal was to bring up the standard of education for the children - with new teachers and procedures, it worked. Besides academics, the students did well in extracurricular activities, like art-work, clay modeling, drama, and outdoor activities like cricket, basketball, badminton and other athletics.

A big accomplishment for the school year was with our class 10, most of whom struggled in their studies. We divided the class into students who had the capacity to perform by themselves and the ones who were poor at studies. With more individualized coaching, we found the weaker children had progressed and were able to comprehend all the subjects.

Gladys and Shadrach continue to nurture the hostel children with morning Bible studies; hostel wardens lead evening devotions which include teaching songs, performing skits, and learning memory verses. Pastor Anil continues to do a great job reaching out to nearby villages with the Gospel, leading the church service, and mentoring

some village children. He perseveres in the Gospel work.

This year we also organized a special outing to a public park for the hostel students; they enjoyed playing on the slides and swings and rock climbing. We had a special speaker who shared about God guiding his people just as He guided Israelites through the wilderness. A message of encouragement that God would guide and lead them in the future and in their studies. At evening when the summer heat began to decrease, the kids were treated with ice creams. Overall, it was a great outing. The hostel children are earnestly looking forward for another trip.

As we grow and improve, two immediate goals are: 1) to provide a covered space for students to gather and have indoor sports so they can be better protected from the heat and have opportunities to progress and 2) to have school bathroom facilities for school students separate from those the hostel children regularly use.

Finally, special prayer requests include: preparedness of the teachers for the new academic year; overall management as it is difficult to meet many financial needs of our education and ministry; for the hostel children that they will study well and grow in the knowledge of the Word; for the safety of children traveling to the school; for timely rains (2018-19 was declared a drought year); and for the support staff, the drivers and cooks, that they will be faithful in what they do.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and encouragement as our partners in ministry.

Grace & Peace, Shadrach, Gladys, Sangster, Asha

As always, financial contributions can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with a memo: Mission In India. For more information, you may contact Dawn Brackmann (dawnbrackmann@gmail.com).



Lakewood Area Choral Society in Concert on May 5

The Lakewood Area Choral Society invites you to enjoy a concert of sacred music at Trinity in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m.



SOLO Together in May

Trinity women 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! "SOLO Together" just might be a great way for you to get out more often and enjoy the company of other women!

On Tuesday, May 7, the group will have lunch at Brann's Steakhouse & Grille located at 5510 28th Street 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, May 5 to let her know you would like to attend on the May date or if you have questions. Marjorie can be reached at 616.209.5263.



"Life Begins at 60"

Let's Gather at VITALE'S!

You are invited to join *Life Begins at 60* folks for dinner on **Thursday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m.** at **VITALE'S, 6650 East Fulton in Ada.**

If you are 60 years or older, please join us! *Due to restaurant seating accommodations, reservations will be limited to the first 30 people.* Contact our host, Jan Jacobson (616.957.1962 or janice1546@att.net) to make your reservation.



Save the Date

JUNE

June 2 – Congregation Council Installation/Commissioning of Trinity's Faith Community Nurse
June 2 – Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon
June 2 – 4th Annual Prayer Tree Celebration, 5:30 p.m.
June 4 – SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
June 9 – *Pentecost*
June 10 – *Messenger Submissions Due*
June 10 – Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
June 16 – *Father's Day*
June 17 - 21 – Music & Fine Arts Camp
June 18 – All Staff Calendaring Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
June 19 – Start of Summer Celebration, 6 p.m.
June 23 – Music and Fine Arts Sunday
June 29 – Trinity Habitat Build, 8:30 a.m.
June 30 – Great Lakes Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists, 4 p.m.

JULY

July 7 – Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon
July 7-14 – Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests on site
July 8 – *Messenger Submissions Due*
July 8 – Blood Drive, 12:30 p.m.
July 8 – Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School (VBS), 9 a.m. to noon
July 20 – Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
July 21-26 – Campers to Stony Lake

AUGUST

Aug. 6 – Executive Committee Meeting, 7:15 a.m.
Aug. 6 – SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 12 – *Messenger Submissions Due*
Aug. 25 – One Worship Service, 10 a.m., followed by a Pig Roast/Congregational Potluck

Thank you notes...

The members of the Hospitality Committee would like to thank all of the many volunteers who helped with our Lenten Soup Suppers.

Whether you provided soup, bread, helped with set up or clean up on one or more evenings, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

We love our Lenten Soup Suppers at Trinity!

Dear Trinity Family -

Thank you so much for all the concern you have shown me and my family. I am very grateful for the many delicious meals and their delivery giving us little visits from my church family.

Thank you everyone!

Ilene Seadal



May Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations!

May 1

Kellee Donovan
Sheyda Johnson
Nancy Mattson
Gretchen & Drew Flemming
Debra & Larry Petrick

May 2

Marina Kosiorek
Dave Straw
Andrew Vanderwall
Sarah & Michael Bernard
Jenna & Matt Ludeman
Ailee & Andrew VanHagen

May 3

Doug Brackmann
Lindsey Mooney
Ainsley Reges
Caleb Thamban
Jan Themm

May 4

Matthew Candela
Kristine Fox
Julia Kessel
Kelsey Krupp
Matiss McNally
Deb Pollert
Kara Posthumus
Cameron Wood
Cindy Zientarski
Laura & Paul Reges

May 5

Katie Gingras
Aaron Knoll
Isabelle McKinney
Daniel Mukendi
Gabriel Mukendi
Jane Smith

May 6

Connor Kuhlmann
Renee & Bill Fisk
Jennifer & Jonathan Sommers

May 7

Amy Beuker
Madison Fisher
Kari Ruble
Bill Thorsen
Mary Minch-Carwell & Bob Carwell

May 8

Britten Rodammer

May 9

Logan Coles
Anna Griewahn
Marilyn Leese
Mary Leese
Bradley Price
Doug Start
Jennifer VanVliet

May 10

Cody Lamprich
Michelle Landman
Kourtney Mathison
Randy Preston
Becky & Doug Bacon
Wendy & Bradley Price

May 11

James Day
Bethany Dunning
Anna Peterman
Chris Straw
Cyndi and Nick Harrison

May 12

John Basher
Steven Fox
Caitlin Oliver
Beth & Jim Vanderwall

May 13

Roy Black
Kristin Bradley
Mary Candela
Sharon Flink
Alaina Steketee
Kathy & John Fuger

May 14

Shauna Allchin
Gabe Larson
Patricia Mutch
Kari Proux
Michelle Stewart

May 15

Leah Bredwell
Ashley Moore
Caleb Ruble
Ethan Ruble
Bruce Youngman
Alexis & Dan Schewe
Diane & Dennis Tanis

May 16

Christopher Blair
Kim Owens
David VanVliet
Coreen & David Beckett
Linda & Tom Snow

May 17

Renee Bennett
Dixie Brinks
Donna McPheron
Brian Scalabrino
John Teichow

May 18

Grayson Bernard
Michelle Quinn
Sophia Warren

May 19

Elaine Furmaga
Justin Ulrich
Joy & Dan Prusak
Joyce & Wayne Snyder

May 20

Jane Barsema
Bonnie Cleveland
Scott Dulecki
Missi Glass
Jenna Grzelak
Adam Huff
John Johnson
Kristy Nikolajuk

May 21

Corey Bowman
Douglas Lee
Jim Reeve
Noah Salasky
Martha Blandford & Patrick Ladwig
Judith & Robert Mallen

May 22

James Boyse
Brenda Conway
Karlene Hantle
Christopher Schau
Heather & Brandon Kimble

May 23

Austin Johnson
Ginta McNally
Lillian Spalding

May 24

Bob Carwell
Bill Grinstead
Ilene Seadal
Logan Selleck

May 25

Andy Cisler
Donovan Estep
Susan Knoll
Alex Luders
Venta Norris
Sheree Smith
Brittany & Jeff Fischer
Patricia & Craig Mutch
Karin & Antoine Neal

May 26

Susan Boyse
David DeStefano
Ava Ezell
James Gingras
Myles Olson
Anne & Tom Anderson

May 27

Jim Willman
Michelle & Doug Lee
Alice & Steve Molloy

May 28

Ingrid Brang
Alice Molloy
Brett Reges
Kathleen Sommers
Kristen Zarou
Kim & Mike Horn
Kathleen & Larry Longstreth

May 29

Bev Karman
Ken Marvin
Carol & Dan Butler
Kristine & David Candela
Liz & Jason Coles
Linda & Bill Grinstead
Susan & Terry Knoll
Debbie & Rick Kulas

May 30

Alex Brock
Cliff Hartline
Logan Huckstep
Samantha Kuipers
Ken VandenBout
Jill & Peter McKinney

May 31

Ryan Beld
Amanda Bidle
Jason Coles
Steve Feutz
Chioe Koech
Anne Ludeman
Wendy Price
Jim Searfoss
Stacy Sendler
Mary Smoes
Allie & Ryan Idema
Toni & Norm Petersen
Lindsey & Nate Skalandis

If you have a special milestone birthday or anniversary, please contact the main office at Trinity to let us know!

Three Worship Service Sunday schedule continues year round

As we welcome the summer of 2019, the new three worship service Sunday schedule will continue year-round, including the Sundays of summertime. Our new Sunday schedule is:

- 8 a.m. – traditional worship in the sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. – Rejoice worship in Centennial Hall, and
- 10:45 a.m. – traditional worship in the sanctuary

Bringing our Rejoice worshipping community into one large gathering, bringing the whole Sunday morning worship schedule into the morning hours, and providing for times of fellowship between worship services were all objectives in this new plan and our new year-round schedule has been well received to date.

Come, O people of Trinity, and let us worship!



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