Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Blessing of Teachers and Volunteers
Blessing of Backpacks
All Congregation Shared Worship, 10 a.m.
"Night Flight" Sculpture Dedication, 11 a.m.
All Church Potluck and Pig Roast, 11:15 a.m.
Lectio Divina, noon (in The Upper Room)

Worship Notes

Welcome! We're pleased you joined us in worship today. First-time visitors, long-time members — all are welcome!

Are You Visiting Today? Help us welcome you by introducing yourself to one of our pastors. Please also consider filling out a Trinity "Let's Connect" card that you can place in the offering plate or hand to an usher or pastor.

Communion: All are welcome to participate in Holy communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cups on the inner ring of the trays are filled with white grape juice; cups on the outer rings are filled with red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex, and at the Welcome Center in The Courtyard. Those who wish to receive by the common cup are invited to receive the sacrament from the assisting minister offering the chalice on the right side of the congregation's seating.

Nametags Help Us Connect: Please fill out a nametag today. It is good to be together in worship!

Members in Our Prayers

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

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

Lessons for Next Sunday, September 1

Proverbs 25:6-7
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Psalm 112
Luke 14:1, 7-14

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, August 26
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Meeting, 6 p.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27
Hospitality Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 28
"Life Begins at 60" in Grand Haven, 1 p.m.
Cottage Meeting, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 29
Safety & Security Task Force, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 1
Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
Lectio Divina, noon (in The Upper Room)
Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon

New Wi-Fi Service Available at Trinity

To access Trinity's new Wi-Fi service, you will find the following SSID in your device settings: **Trinity Guest.**

The password to access the Wi-Fi service is: **TrinityGuest1** *(with upper case "T" and "G" and the numeral "1;" no spaces).*

Online Giving to Trinity through "Tithe.ly"

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

One more Cottage Meeting in August — sign up now!

Pastor Linstrom is inviting the people of Trinity to gather for a simple potluck supper and some conversation at the final Wednesday evening Cottage Meeting on August 28. We will gather to share a meal and then spend time in conversation regarding the strengths of the ministry we share, our growth areas and our dreams for Trinity's future. For more information or to sign up, look for the link in our Friday eBlast or contact the church office at 616.949.2510.

Sunday School Announcements

Sunday School begins September 8, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. weekly during the school year.
Children ages 3 years through grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School. Please register at: **vbspro.events/p/trinitykids2019**.This is an important step, as we are automating our check-in process.

Preschool Blessing September 8, 9:15 a.m.
All preschoolers are welcomed to Sunday School with a special blessing in worship on September 8. Newcomers will be gifted a storybook Bible, and parents are invited to experience Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. with their children.

Our Ch_rch Pictorial Directory is not the same without u!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on "***scheduling***" on the right side, enter **mi1178** in the Church Code field, and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday noon through midnight on Friday. If you have questions, speak to Director of Congregatial Life Angela Davis.

Donations for the October 12 Silent and Live Auction

Trinity is hosting our first ever Silent and Live Auction to benefit Family Promise and Trinity's Youth Missions on Saturday, October 12. Please save the date and join us for a wonderful evening! More details will be forthcoming.
We are currently seeking donations for the auction (handmade items, gift certificates, tickets to events, services, etc.) Please contact Tess Lundgren at tesslundgren@gmail.com with donations or questions.

"God's work. Our hands." ~~Sunday~~ *Saturday*

Our special day of service this year will take place on the morning of Saturday, September 14 as we join hundreds of other volunteers for the 16th Annual Mayor's Grand River Cleanup in downtown Grand Rapids. Details can be found in the September issue of *The Messenger*. To sign up to participate as a member of "Team Trinity" and work at the same site together, use the SignUp Genius link found in Friday eBlasts by September 11. You will receive additional information about the event and carpooling from Trinity.

Help a Child Learn to Read!

Consider becoming a tutor with a program that pairs adults with children in grades Kindergarten through Grade 2 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy. The tutoring program at this GRPS School has been under the direction of First United Methodist Church for 27 years! Training is provided to orient volunteers to school policies, reading strategies and the tutoring center supplies. For more information, contact Director of Discipleship, Sylvia Stouten at 616.949.2510 x121 or sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org.

Worship Participants

Pastoral Staff
Rev. Robert Linstrom, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dan Schewe, Associate Pastor
Rev. Karen Niemeyer, Assisting Pastor

Music Staff
Larry Biser, Director of Music & Organist
Sid Hoeksema, Director of Trinity Choir
Kim Owens, Rejoice Music Coordinator

All Congregation Worship Service

Bread Baker
Cindy Zientarski
Sacristans
Jo Murphy, Elaine Rongey
Communion Assistants
Dolly Lowe, Tim Lundgren
Lector
Rebecca Linstrom
Greeters
Bill & Meri Leidel
Ushers
David Kuecherer, Jerry Hendricks, Bob Crossman, Chris Kutschinski

Sunday School Teachers Needed for 2019-2020

Please prayerfully consider teaching Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., for just one hour per month. We have openings in all grades, preschool through grade 5. Trinity uses an easy to follow Lutheran lectionary-based curriculum, and all activities and crafts are prepared for you. Contact Ingrid Brang at ingrid.brang@tlcgr.org.

For the Record:
Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.
The total offering for Sunday, August 18, was $15,760. Sunday worship attendance was 327.

YTD through 08/18/2019 Budgeted	$	620,663
YTD through 08/18/2019 Actual	$	604,404
YTD Variance	$	(16,259)
YTD % Variance		-2.6%