

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, September 8, 2019

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

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Preschool Blessing, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School Rally Day, 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon

Lectio Divina, noon (in The Upper Room)

Alleluia Bells, 12:15 p.m.

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

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

Worship Notes

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

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

Communion: All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cups on the inner ring of the trays are filled with white grape juice; cups on the outer rings are filled with red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex, and at the 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!

Worship Flowers: Today's Rejoice worship flowers are given by Brian and Gail Mazurek in loving memory of Richard Sironen.

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, Joni Korb, Susan Kwast, Larson family, Marilyn Leese, Joan Lohr, Bob & Cathy Luders, Carolyn McCreedy, Marilyn Mellema, Jim Miller and Family, Roger Perham, Randy Preston, John Racek, Jacqueline Riegling, Frank Rothfuss, 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 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Greenville, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, September 9

Messenger Submissions Due

Fitness Class (Walking), 9 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Council, 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10

Grand Rapids Conference Pastors, 9 a.m.

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

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

Wednesday, September 11

Fitness Class (Tai Chi with Strength & Balance), 9 a.m.

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 12

Fitness Class (Walking), 11 a.m.

NARFE, 1:30 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Vegan Potluck, 5:45 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

Holy Cross Day

Mayor's Grand River Cleanup (Sixth St. Park), 8:30 a.m.

Second Sunday Supper & Show, 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 15

5th Annual Prayer Tree Kick Off

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

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina, noon (in The Upper Room)

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

Sunday School Announcements

Sunday School begins TODAY, 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 TODAY, 9:15 a.m. worship service

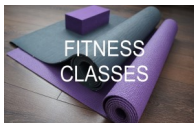
All preschoolers are welcomed to Sunday School with a special blessing in worship this Sunday. Newcomers will be gifted a storybook Bible, and parents are invited to experience Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. with their children.

Lessons for Next Sunday, September 15

Exodus 32:7-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Psalms 51:1-10
Luke 15:1-10

Fall Fitness Program starts this week!



Trinity Member Kristina Kuhlmann is offering her time and talents to establish a new fitness program here at Trinity called "Body & Spirit." Weekday classes start on Monday, September 9 and Saturday classes start on September 21. See page 16 of the September *Messenger* for full details and schedule. Please contact Kristina at 616.719.6961, or Kristin Bradley at 616.949.2510 x119, with any questions.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday Saturday, September 16

God's work. Our hands.

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.

"Paris to Pittsburgh" film showing at Trinity in September



Trinity's Earth Keepers invite you to view this special film about some of the effects of climate change and the inspiring ways Americans are responding. This National Geographic film features countless people already choosing sustainable energy options in the face of challenges posed by climate change. The film will be shown on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m.

and on Sunday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. with brief discussions to follow facilitated by representatives from Michigan Interfaith Power and Light.

Our Church 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 six or more in your family, please use two consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday noon through midnight on Friday. If you have questions, speak to Angela Davis.

JOYful Days begin Wednesday, September 25



Our speaker for JOYful Days on Wednesday, September 25 will be Ellen Bacca, meteorologist, from WOOD TV8. RSVP by noon on Monday, September 23 for lunch and the speaker by contacting Sylvia Stouten at 616.949.2510 x. 121. Chicken Parmesan will be served for lunch and the cost is \$8 per person payable on Wednesday.

"Life Begins at 60" Dinner at Ganders on September 27

The Over-60 crowd will be dining together on Friday, September 27, at 6 p.m. at GANDERS restaurant, inside the Double Tree by Hilton, located at the northwest corner of 28th and Patterson. **Due to restaurant accommodations, reservations will be limited to the first 30 people.** To make your reservation, contact hosts Bob and Louise Pfau at 616.954.7062 or Pastor Karen.

Trinity's Coat and Blanket Drive is underway

Got Coats?



We are collecting clean, gently used and new coats and blankets this fall to help people served by local agencies stay warm this winter. Your contributions of warm hats, mittens, gloves and scarves are also most welcome. You can place your items in the labeled bins located by the Welcome Center in The Courtyard and in the narthex. Thank you!

Worship Participants

Pastoral Staff

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

Music Staff

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

Traditional Services

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.:

Bread Baker: Elaine Furmaga

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Jan Jacobson, Nancy Mattson

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide, Dale Barkema

10:45 a.m.: Marjorie Paul, Michael Mulligan

Lectors

8 a.m.: Jim Coates

10:45 a.m.: Tim Lundgren

Greeters

8 a.m.: David & Nancy Morrison

10:45 a.m.: Jerry & Fran Anderson

Ushers

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom

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

Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Laura Fawcett

Bread Baker: Elaine Furmaga

Sacristans

Kim Hysell, Steve Stephan

Communion Assistants

Dawn Thorsen, Joanna Waite

Lector

Steve Stephan

Greeters

Chris Straw

Ushers

Michael Bishop, Todd Brandstadt

Live Auction October 12

Mark your calendars! Trinity is hosting our first ever Silent and Live Auction to benefit Family Promise and Trinity's Youth Missions. See all the details on page 13 of our September *Messenger*. Contact Tess Lundgren at tesslundgren@gmail.com with donations or questions.

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.

The total offering for Sunday, September 1, was \$14,265. Sunday worship attendance was 283.

YTD through 09/01/2019 Budgeted	\$ 652,817
YTD through 09/01/2019 Actual	\$ 633,331
YTD Variance	\$ (19,487)
YTD % Variance	-3.0%