

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, February 9, 2020

Sunday, February 9

Great Lakes Gathering – High School Youth

Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

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

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Refugee Crisis Supper Forum, 5 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!

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Emily Ashby, Dale Barkema and family, George Bauer and family, Krysta Billock, Kate Bishop, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Dixie Brinks, Kate Christenson, Captain Karl Crist, Jack Danielson, Samantha DeBoer, John Derbin, John Dicky, Lois Engel, Beth Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Phyllis Gehl, Pam Gunderson, Mark Hahn, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Susan Knoll, Susan Kwast, Patrick Ladwig, Logan Landon, Larson family, Marilyn Leese, Bob & Cathy Luders, Judy Mallen, Gail Mazurek, Carolyn McCready, Marilyn Mellema, Johnny Mielock, Sammy Mielock, Jim Miller and Family, Caylyn Moglia, Roger Perham, Mae Preston and family, Jacqueline Riegling, Thiago Saliba, Chas Schaner, Joyce Schlanderer, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Esther Sellman, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, Dave and Kathy Young, Susan Youngren, Kay Zeaman and Kathryn Zielinski.

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

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, February 10

Messenger Submissions Due

Fitness Class (Functional Movement), 10 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

NAMI Family-to-Family, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Congregational Council, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

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

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

Abrahamic Dinner at Masjid at-Tawheed, 6 p.m.

VBS Leader Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12

Fitness Class (Tai Chi), 9 a.m.

Pastor Bob's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Bob's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Youth and Family Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

NARFE, 12:30 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Vegan Potluck, 5:45 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 14

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

Oasis Potluck, 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

Fitness Class (Tai Chi), 8:30 a.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 16

IHN Guests Arrive

Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

LWR Quilting, noon

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

Family Prayer Gathering, 3 p.m.

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

Worship Flowers: Today's Rejoice worship flowers are given by Jim Miller to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sandra Schlanderer. Happy Birthday and Happy Valentine's Day. I miss you and love you.



Lessons for Next Sunday, February 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalms 119:1-8
Matthew 5:21-37

Refugee Crisis Supper Forum TODAY at 5 p.m.

We will come together around the topic of "The Refugee Crisis" for the fourth and final time this evening beginning at 5 p.m. Supper will be provided and Pastor Linstrom will facilitate the study as we look beyond the headlines and examine what a faith-filled response to this crisis might look like. Sign up to attend this event by using the link in Friday's eBlast.

IHN Families arrive at Trinity next Sunday, February 16!

We will be hosting several homeless families for a week at Trinity from Sunday, February 16 through Sunday, February 23. MANY volunteer opportunities need to be filled! Sign up to volunteer using the link in Friday's eBlast. If you would like more details about volunteer roles, please contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten, sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org.

Family Prayer Gathering Sunday, February 16

Everyone is invited to join us on February 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. for a Family Prayer Gathering. We will talk about prayer, pray in a variety of ways, and give you tools for your prayer life. Join us in praying in new and old ways!

Midlife Social Group Food and Game Night February 22

Trinity members aged 45 (ish) to retirement are invited to Randy and Jamie Kuntzman's home for food and game night, February 22 at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie jamkuntzman@gmail.com to sign up and get directions to their home.

Valparaiso Chorale in Concert Sunday, February 23 at 3 p.m.

Under the direction of Dr. Christopher M. Cock, the Valparaiso University Chorale is a 48-mixed voice ensemble that performs an eclectic repertoire from traditional to significant contemporary works to selections that have multicultural perspectives, all in their original languages. Please join us Sunday, February 23 at 3 p.m.!

"Life Begins at 60" – Let's do Pizza on February 23!

If you are 60 years or older, join us for an early Sunday evening gathering at JT's Restaurant, 6716 Old 28th Street, on **Sunday, February 23, at 5 p.m.** To make your reservation, contact Jan Jacobson at 616.443.8638 or at janice1546@att.net, or contact Pastor Karen at karen.niemeyer@tlcgr.org.

Consider making it an afternoon by attending Trinity's 3 p.m. Celebration of Music Concert with the Valparaiso University Chorale and then come join us at JT's!

Lenten Grace Groups at Trinity – sign up is underway . . .

These small group Bible Studies meet weekly during the five weeks of Lent. This year's Grace Group study is entitled "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen. All adult Trinity members are encouraged to join a small group to read and reflect on the same topic. Sign up to participate using the link in Friday's eBlast. Books are initially available ONLY for Grace Group participants for a suggested donation of \$5. Contact Sylvia Stouten for more information.

Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers

For five Wednesdays beginning on March 4, a wide variety of delicious soups will be served in The Courtyard from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Please consider providing soup or bread or helping with setup or cleanup for one or more of our Soup Supper dates. Sign up by using the link in Friday eBlasts where you will also find details. Contact Sylvia Stouten for more info. Lenten Midweek worship will follow supper.

GriefShare Support begins on Wednesday, March 4

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? To support those in the grief process, a 13-week GriefShare Seminar/Support group begins on Wednesday, March 4, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. A \$15 registration fee will cover the cost of workbooks and pre-registration is required. Contact Pastor Karen karen.niemeyer@tlcgr.org to register.

Worship Participants

Pastoral Staff

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

Music Staff

Larry Biser, Organist & Director of Bell Choirs
Sid Hoeksema, Director of Trinity Choir
Deb DeWitt, Trinity Choir Accompanist
Kim Owens, Rejoice Music Coordinator
Nick Hopkins, Rejoice Keyboardist

Traditional Worship Services

Acolytes

8 a.m.: Hannah & Jacob Johnson
10:45 a.m.: Leah Bryce, Allyson Becker
Lydia Albaitis

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.: Carrie Hoeksema

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Kathy & Dave Young
10:45 a.m.: Elizabeth Derbin, Jo Murphy

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates
10:45 a.m.: Gregg Gallagher
Alexander Hahn

Lectors

8 a.m.: Sue Coates
10:45 a.m.: Rebecca Linstrom

Greeters

8 a.m.: David & Nancy Morrison
10:45 a.m.: Joyce Schenk, Lynn Getzin

Ushers

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide
Gordy Engstrom, John Potter
10:45 a.m.: Don Kishman, Wayne Snyder
Jamie Norris, John Derbin

Rejoice Worship Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Nick Rodammer

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

Acolytes

Rachel Ahrens, Makenna Beckett
Peter Larson

Sacristans

Lisa & Matt Mead, Jana Siminski

Communion Assistants

Bruce Schlanderer, Lisa Mead

Lector

Neil Sendler

Greeters

Todd & Bonnie Bradstadt

Ushers

Todd Brandstadt, Bill Bush

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.
The total offering for Sunday, February 2 was \$23,809.32. Sunday worship attendance was 380.

YTD through 2/02/2020 Budgeted	\$23,893.00
YTD through 2/02/2020 Actual	\$23,809.32
YTD Variance	\$ (83.68)
YTD % Variance	-0.3.5%