

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, March 8, 2020

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Daylight Savings Time begins – spring forward!

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.

Grand Rapids Women's Chorus Rehearsal, 1 p.m.

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Forum Prayer Group, 4:30 p.m.

Refugee Crisis Supper and 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 George Bauer and family, Krysta Billock, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Dixie Brinks, Captain Karl Crist, Jack Danielson, Samantha DeBoer, John Derbin, John Dicky, Lois Engel, Beth Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Bill Fisk, Phyllis Gehl, Mark Hahn, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Susan Knoll, Susan Kwast, 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, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Esther Sellman, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Sheryl VanderBaan and family, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, Dave and Kathy Young, Susan Youngren, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up in prayer this morning Pastors Gerald Ferguson, Danielle Shealy and Megan Crouch and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, March 9

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.

Congregation Council, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11

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

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

GriefShare, 4 p.m.

Soup Supper, 5:15 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Youth & Family Committee, 7 p.m.

Pastor Bob's Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

NARFE, 1:30 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, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

Fitness Class (Tai Chi/Strength & Balance), 8:30 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Team Retreat, 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, March 15

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

LWR Quilting, noon

Mission Trip Participation Meeting, noon

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Family Prayer Gathering, 3 p.m.

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

Peace... and good health... be with you!

Trinity is continuing to assess the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. We already have general infection control practices in place. One additional step we are taking to prevent transmission will be replacing handshakes with respectful bows during the passing of the peace within our worship services. We encourage everyone to practice good hand washing, staying home when ill, covering coughs/sneezes, and keeping hands away from faces. Thank you!

Lessons for Next Sunday, March 15

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11

Psalms 95
John 4:5-42

Refugee Crisis Supper Forum this evening 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. (The February forum was rescheduled to this date). 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 Signup Genius link in the Friday eBlast.

"Kids Helping Kids" Sunday School Appeal - IHN Backpacks



Sunday School kids will fill 25 backpacks with comfort items for children in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program. Give generously – donations are due TODAY!

Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers continue on Wednesdays



Soup Suppers continue on March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 with a wide variety of delicious soups 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 Signup Genius link in the Friday eBlast where you will also find details. For more information contact Tess Lundgren at tesslundgren@gmail.com.

Family Prayer Gathering Sunday, March 15



Everyone is invited to join us on March 15 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!

"Life Begins at 60" – A Night Out at Thousand Oaks



We will gather for a first-class dining experience at REDS Restaurant at the Thousand Oaks Golf Club, 4100 Thousand Oaks NE, on Friday, March 20, at 6 p.m. If you are 60 years or older, please join us. Please note that reservations will be limited to the first 30 people who register. Contact Carol Butler at 616.540.1660 or at caroljb43@gmail.com or Pastor Karen at karen.niemeyer@tlcgr.org to make your reservation.

Young and Sleepless Game Night and Potluck March 28



Join other young families on Saturday, March 28, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The Courtyard will become a giant playground! Bring a favorite "toddler" game and a dish to pass. Look for an invitation in the eBlast or your email. For more information, please contact Anne Meeuwesen at 517.896.8018.

Personal Care Items Appreciated – our March / April appeal



We are collecting personal care products at Trinity through April for distribution to area agencies. Items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste are simple things we take for granted but are difficult for many to afford. Please consider purchasing regular size items. You may drop off your donations in the labeled black barrels found in the Narthex and in The Courtyard by the Welcome Center through Sunday, April 26. 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, 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.: Abbie Glass, Tessa Grooters
10:45 a.m.: Serafiina Ege, Ali Bredwell
Holden Fischer

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.: John Fox

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Cathy Olson, Elaine Rongey
10:45 a.m.: Helen and Steve Johnson

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide, Dale Barkema
10:45 a.m.: Tim Lundgren, Michael Mulligan

Lectors

8 a.m.: Martha Blandford

10:45 a.m.: Rebecca Mattison

Greeters

8 a.m.: Bill & Meri Leidel

10:45 a.m.: John Fox, Sandy Kishman

Ushers

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom

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: Greg Lang

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

Acolytes

Rachel Ahrens, Abi Lamprich

Brendan Cargill

Sacristans

Kim Hysell

Communion Assistants

Dan Butler, Mari Franz

Lector

Cindy Zientarski

Greeters

Allison Landon, Mae Preston

Ushers

Neil Sendler, Dave Okkema

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.
The total offering for Sunday, March 1 was \$20,217. Sunday worship attendance was 383.

YTD through 3/01/2020 Budgeted	\$117,287
YTD through 3/01/2020 Actual	\$150,375
YTD Variance	\$ 33,088
YTD % Variance	28.2%