

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, March 15, 2020

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, 12:30 p.m.

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Family Prayer Gathering, 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 Chad and Rachel Zollman in loving memory of Rachel's grandmother who passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020.

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, Phyllis Gehl, Carol Welz-Gustafson, 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 Pastor Laraine Sundin and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Millersburg, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, March 16

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

Art Class, 5 p.m.

NAMI Family to Family Class, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

Health Ministry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

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.

Children's Ministry Committee, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 19

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Auction Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Dégagé (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.

Earth Keepers Meeting, 6 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Oasis Member Meeting, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20

Charge – Middle School Conference

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

Dégagé (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.

Life Begins at 60 Dinner at "Reds," 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

Charge – Middle School Conference

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

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

Organ Practice, 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 22

Charge – Middle School Conference

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

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

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

Lessons for Next Sunday, March 22

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14

Psalms 23
John 9:1-41



CORONAVIRUS AND OUR CHURCH

By now you have heard a thing or two about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). With this uncertain and unfolding situation, our church is being intentional with precautions and preparedness. We have a responsibility to all our members and guests to best limit disease transmission and follow CDC guidelines. An ounce of prevention is worth far more than a pound of cure here.

As we navigate ways to limit germ sharing, our congregation has suspended handshakes during the passing of the peace. Slight bows are becoming more commonplace for all of us. You will notice that when we celebrate our Lord's Supper, the common cup is still currently available. As always, you are welcome to choose individual cups instead. Your pastors and communion distributors have hand sanitizer for use before serving. Trinity's leadership team remains updated on COVID-19 and is prepared to make changes in worship, meetings, and social gatherings as deemed necessary.

Everyone is encouraged to practice good hand washing (did you know it takes about 25 to 30 seconds to say the Lord's Prayer? How wonderful to meditate on that every time you wash your hands!!). In addition, please stay home when feeling ill, cover your coughs/sneezes, and keep hands away from faces. Now is an especially good time to be eating healthy and getting enough rest so your immune system can be set up for success.



Seniors and people with underlying health conditions such as lung disease, diabetes, asthma, heart disease or a weakened immune system are at highest risk for COVID-19 complications.

In addition to following general recommendations, they also should avoid crowds, such as at sporting events, rallies, concerts and large community gatherings where there could be people who are carrying the virus. (This can include worship services for those who are concerned.)

Trinity is very fortunate to have our Rejoice Services Live Streamed and recorded each Sunday on YouTube. Consider joining us in worship in this way if you are feeling under the weather, are on vacation, have recently returned from an area with a travel advisory, or are concerned about disease transmission. If you are unable to attend worship and desire communion, connect with me or one of our pastors and arrangements will be made to bring our Lord's Supper to you.

If you suspect you may have COVID-19, call your doctor or local health department and ask about what your next steps should be. Do not visit the office of a health care provider without calling ahead first.

Please be assured that surface cleaning is happening all week long in our building, including door handles and light switches. Hand sanitizer stands are located outside of the Sanctuary, in the Courtyard and by the Nursery. Our hospitality teams and sacristans take great care in their preparations and follow universal precautions. In addition, our Trinity in Touch team members and Stephen Ministers have heightened awareness about visitations.

Thank you for being attentive to this public health concern and for making Trinity a safe and healthy place to worship, gather and be in community together.

Almighty and merciful God, you are our source of health and healing. You alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

In His Peace,
Kristin Bradley, MSN, RN
Faith Community Nurse



[The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
[The World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
[The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Family Prayer Gathering Today, 3 to 5 p.m.



Everyone is invited to join us this afternoon 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!

"Kids Helping Kids" Sunday School Appeal - IHN Backpacks



Today, the Sunday School kids are filling 33 backpacks with comfort items for children in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program. Thank you to everyone who helped out with your generous donations.

Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers continue on Wednesdays



Soup Suppers continue on March 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.

"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.

Spring JOYful Days begin Wednesday, March 25



Caroline Cook from Grand Rapids Running Tours is back by popular demand! We will go on a "running tour" without ever leaving our seats! Caroline will treat us to "The Lighter Side of Life" with a look back at entertainment through the ages in Grand Rapids. RSVP by noon on Monday, March 23 for lunch and the speaker by contacting Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten. Chicken Parmesan will be served for lunch and the cost for is \$8 per person payable on Wednesday.

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 Meeuwsen 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.: Hannah & Jacob Johnson
10:45 a.m.: Eden Korb, Nicholas Derbin

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.: Brad Blair

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Kathy & Fred Wilcox
10:45 a.m.: Helen & Steve Johnson

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Elaine Rongey, Betty Hall
10:45 a.m.: Mitchell Noland, Jamie Norris

Lectors

8 a.m.: Dale Barkema
10:45 a.m.: Michael Mulligan

Greeters

8 a.m.: Dave & Nancy Morrison
10:45 a.m.: Marjorie Paul, Lynn Getzin

Ushers

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates
10:45 a.m.: Paul Getzin, Steve Cairns

Rejoice Worship Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Beyond Belief

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Trevor Bidle

Bread Baker: Marcia Schaner

Acolytes

Makenna Beckett, Jack Bishop
Hailey Pfeiffle

Sacristans

Lisa & Matt Mead
Deb Rohde & Mitch Scholten

Communion Assistants

Dave & Carrie Boer

Lector

Kim Brock

Greeters

Ushers

Mike Bishop, Todd Brandstadt

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.
The total offering for Sunday, March 8 was \$23,049. Sunday worship attendance was 345.

YTD through 3/08/2020 Budgeted	\$137,549
YTD through 3/08/2020 Actual	\$173,424
YTD Variance	\$ 35,875
YTD % Variance	26.1%