

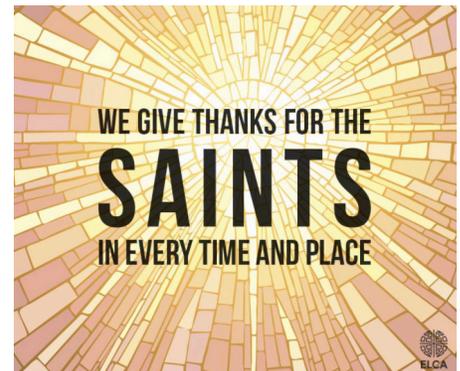


The Messenger

All Saints Sunday to be Observed in Worship on November 7

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Each year on All Saints Sunday the people of Trinity gather to remember both those members of our congregation who have died and those newly baptized in our life together in the past year. Both emphases will be observed in our full schedule of worship services at 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. – the listing of those saints is on **page 7** of this newsletter. Be with us in worship!



Consecration Sunday at Trinity on November 21

Prayerfully Consider Your Estimate of Giving for 2022!

The people of Trinity Lutheran Church are invited to a celebration of our offering giving on Sunday, November 21. All three worship services that day will include the invitation for members and friends of Trinity to make their **Estimates of Giving for 2022**, their pledges of offering giving for the year ahead, as an act of worship.

Watch for your mailing of an "Estimate of Giving" card in the days ahead and be with us on Consecration Sunday to offer your pledge for our shared ministry in the year ahead.

2021 Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 22 at 7 p.m.



For more than twenty years, the people of the Grand Rapids community have gathered on the Monday evening before Thanksgiving for a celebration of our many faith traditions. **Trinity will again host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving service** which will include participants from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Bahá'í traditions, and others in a genuine celebration of that which binds us.

A special aspect of the 2021 service will be a guest speaker, **Pastor Joann Conroy, the President of the American Indian/Alaska Native Lutheran Association**. Trinity will be sharing new orange banners in worship that week, remembering and lamenting the children who died and whose graves have been recently discovered at the Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia.

Those banners will be present for 225 days at Trinity, remembering the 215 children whose bodies were discovered in graves at the Kamloops School and those yet to be discovered.

The 2021 Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be an "in-person" and live-streamed event from Trinity's Centennial Hall. Watch for opportunities to make a reservation to attend via our eBlasts in November, or plan to join us via live-streaming. Be welcome to join us in celebrating our unity in diversity during the week of our national celebration of Thanksgiving!

What's Happening at Trinity in November?

Weekly at a Glance

Sundays

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
(No Sunday School November 28)
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.
True Vine Church Worship Service, 3 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Mondays

Functional Movement, 9 a.m.
Somatic Yoga, 10 a.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Somatic Yoga, 9 a.m.
Stroller Strides, 9:15 a.m.
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Lutheran World Relief Quilting, 10 a.m.

Wednesdays

Functional Movement, 9 a.m.
Somatic Yoga, 10 a.m.
Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
(Concludes 11/17)
Art Class, 5 p.m.
Stroller Strides, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Somatic Yoga, 9 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Art Class, 5 p.m.
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Daily Calendar

Monday, November 1

Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg, 1:30 p.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2

TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 3

JOYful Days Lunch & Speaker, 11:45 a.m.

Friday, November 5

The Messenger Deadline
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Life Begins at 60 Dinner, 5 p.m.
Al-Anon Speaker Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 6

Medicare Consultation, 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 7

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Lutheran World Relief Quilting Bee, noon
Holden Village Informational Meeting, noon
Baby Shower, 1 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Training Class, 12:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Monday, November 8

Schubert Male Chorus Bd Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9

Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Friday, November 12

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

Saturday, November 13

Pancakes & Playtime, 9 a.m.
Medicare Consultation, 10 a.m.
Surviving the Holidays, 10 a.m.
CPR Training, 1 p.m.

Sunday, November 14

Veteran's Appreciation Sunday
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, 12:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. Grp 1, 1:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. Grp 2, 1:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert Series, 3 p.m.

Monday, November 15

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 16

TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
Prayer Group, 11 a.m.
Health Ministries Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 18

Entering the Narrow Gate, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.
Children's Ministry Committee Mtg, 8 p.m.

Friday, November 19

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

Saturday, November 20

Medicare Consultation, 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 21

Consecration Sunday
Stephen Ministry Training Class, 12:30 p.m.
Middle School Fellowship Outing, 5 p.m.

Monday, November 22

Comm. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. Grp 1, 7:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. Grp 2, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24

Cub Scouts - Parents Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving – Office Closed
No Activities

Friday, November 26

Thanksgiving – Office Closed
No Activities

Monday, November 29

Outreach Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.

A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom

"Making the House Ready for the Lord"

I encountered this little poem by Mary Oliver some years ago. It is often considered an Advent poem and the season of Advent begins again in the life of the church on the last Sunday of November. However, the poem's central theme, welcoming God into our lives by way of hospitality to God's creatures great and small, is worth revisiting all year round. Let us make our house ready for the Lord . . .

*Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but
still nothing is as shining as it should be
for you. Under the sink, for example, is an
uproar of mice – it is the season of their
many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves
and through the walls the squirrels
have gnawed their ragged entrances – but it is the season
when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And
the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard
while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow;
what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling
in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly
up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will
come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox,
the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know
that really I am speaking to you whenever I say,
as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.*



The season of Advent is about waiting for the coming of the Lord, the arrival that happened 2000 years ago and the arrival that is yet to occur, the comforting and challenging reality of the "already" and the "not yet." With the poet Oliver, let us lean heavily into the "already," for Advent is about hope for today, and Jesus is with us in the liminal time between the already and the not yet . . .

It remains a privilege to serve as a pastor among you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bob Linstrom

"Making the House Ready for the Lord"
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Adult Forum on "Reformation Roots" Concludes in November

You are invited to join Pastor Linstrom for the last sessions of "Reformation Roots," a 12-session series that brings to life the stories and struggles of the Reformation in the 16th century that still impact us today.

With 25-minute DVD sessions featuring prominent Reformation scholars, Pastor Linstrom will wrap up a journey that focused on Luther's legacy, and that concludes with sessions on the Swiss, Radical, English and Catholic Reformation movements.

We gather at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in Centennial Hall. Topics for sessions 8 through 12 are:

- November 3 – Luther's Legacy
- November 10 – The Swiss Reformation & The Radical Reformation
- November 17 – The English Reformation & The Catholic Reformation

Join us on Wednesday mornings in the fall of 2021 as we conclude a weekly forum on our Reformation heritage!



Trinity Congregation Council Members 2021-2022

Standing committees of the Congregation Council coordinate the mission and ministry of Trinity and provide their leadership in developing new programming. Committees have a Council person who acts as the liaison between the Council and committee. If you are interested in contacting a Congregation Council member, please refer to information in the Trinity Directory or call the main office.

Executive Committee Members and Committee liaisons are:

Congregational Council Executive Committee

President: Karen Unruh
Vice President: Steve Heacock
Treasurer: Chris Engle
Secretary: Amy Fox

Congregation Council Members

Children's Ministry: Sarah Huckstep
Communications: Nicole Rodammer
Congregational Life: Eric Gohlke
Endowment Fund: Brad Kessel
Fellowship: Amy Fox
Finance: Chris Engle & Mike King
Health Ministries: Carol Butler
Hospitality: Jamie Kuntzman
Human Resources: Steve Heacock
Outreach: John Fox
Property: Paul Crist
Publicly Engaged Church: Christophe Muganza
Spiritual Growth: Bill Bush
Stewardship: Amelia Crist
Worship and Music: Kate Bredwell
Youth and Family Ministry: Amy Fox
Youth and Family Ministry: Alaina Lundgren
(Youth Representative)



A Message from Council President Karen Unruh

Like many of you, I have enjoyed reading the excerpts from Christian Carron's 100th anniversary history that have been published in *The Messenger* over the past several months. In anticipation of our 125th

anniversary celebration, Trinity member Pam Sellers has been editing and updating this history, and has asked me to reflect on a vision for Trinity's future. As I reread the excerpts with a mind towards envisioning the future, I must admit to being a bit amused.

Would a congregation that began in 1896 with 61 charter members have foreseen a 2021 congregation of more than 1500 members? Would that same congregation, having stated that "only male members of the church ... shall be eligible to the offices of Deacon or Elder" have envisioned this column being written 125 years later by a female Council President? Could the Rev. Ralph J. White (Senior Pastor 1926-1954), who "often spoke candidly about his disappointment with the percentage of the congregation that attended on a regular basis," possibly have conceived of hundreds of people attending virtually from their homes each week? Would attendees at the 1992 Centennial Hall dedication have imagined that we would undergo another major construction project in that space a mere 25 years later, their old Fellowship Hall becoming a home to choral groups, IHN guests, and exercise classes? I am certain that two years ago not a single one of us would have predicted a global pandemic that would close our doors for a year.

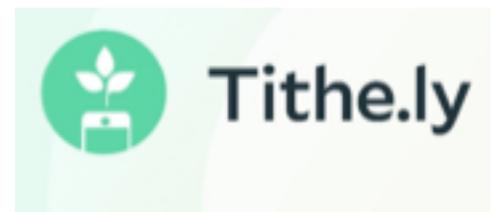
We cannot know what the future will bring. But for 125 years, our congregation has had and will continue to have faith that God has a plan for us and will be with us as we grow and change. And my vision is that we will keep growing. Not simply by expanding our membership numbers or physical space; my vision is of a congregation growing in our faith, strengthening our care for one another, broadening the scope of our outreach, and expanding our stewardship of God's creation. As we approach this 125th anniversary milestone, what is your vision for Trinity Lutheran Church?

Please Remember Your Offering!

Online Giving Through "Tithe.ly"

We use "Tithe.ly" at Trinity for our online giving. Online giving is so easy and convenient. Never miss a week even when you are out of town! **To get started simply click on the 'Donate' button at the top of the Trinity website or go to <https://get.tithe.ly>.** Tithe.ly can also be found in Trinity's pictorial directory application on your phone or other smart device.

Please contact Trinity's Finance Assistant Joanna Waite in the main office if you need assistance.



Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of September 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	88,777	71,118	(17,659)	-19.9%
Total Expenses	87,969	79,394	8,575	9.7%
Net Income (Loss)	808	(8,276)	(9,084)	



2021 Fiscal Year-to-Date (Thru September 2021)

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	727,423	844,669	117,246	16.1%
Total Expenses	740,776	678,232	62,544	8.4%
Net Income (Loss)	(13,353)	166,437	179,790	

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

It is really easy to complain.

I'm sure if you took a moment you could think of all sorts of things you would want to complain about, and could think of many conversations centered around complaining. We have been trained to complain. We have been trained to look for where there are cracks in things and where things don't quite line up with how we want them to be, and to find ways to draw attention to them.

For some people complaining is as natural as breathing.

Yet, how do you feel when you are around people who complain? What kind of energy do they give off?

There is a consistent theme in the scriptures that encourages us to give thanks, not to complain. The scriptures encourage us to contemplate whatever circumstances we are in and find ways to thank God for them. Good, bad, or somewhere in between, we are encouraged to be people who give thanks.

The tension between our common inclination to complain and giving thanks is nothing new. The author of Thessalonians takes up the scriptural theme to give thanks in their first letter to that community. They encourage them to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances."

The scriptures seek to mold us into people who are quicker to give thanks than complain. As we lean more and more into this guiding I think it can have a profound impact on our lives.

This November, I encourage you to try to get into the habit of giving thanks. Take some time every day to examine your life and focus on the things you are thankful for. Maybe when you first wake up or before you go to bed. If it helps, write your list out on a piece of paper or in a note on your phone. When you find yourself getting sucked back into the habit of complaining, look at that list of things you are thankful for to try to counter the impulse with a thought of gratitude.

I encourage you to lean into the scriptural guidance to be people who give thanks and see what impact it has on your life.

Shalom,
Pastor Dan Schewe



Join Us for Worship In November

Sunday, November 7 – All Saints Sunday; remembering those who have died and those who have been baptized since All Saints Day in 2020

Sunday, November 14 – Commemorating Veterans Day in worship; with a prayer of thanksgiving for all who have served in our nation's Armed Forces

Sunday, November 21 – Consecration Sunday; the people of Trinity are invited to make their Estimates of Giving for 2022; November 21 is also Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year

Monday, November 22 – Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service; provided as an "in-person" and as a virtual, live-streamed service in 2021; Trinity will host this annual gathering in 2021 on Monday, November 22 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 28 - First Sunday in Advent; we begin our four-week pilgrimage to the manger in Bethlehem



All Saints Sunday is November 7

For All the Saints

*We remember Trinity members who have gone before us since All Saints Day, November 1, 2020.
"If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him."*

Eileen Mary Dechow

November 7, 1927 – November 3, 2020

Karen L. Selle

March 7, 1954 – November 21, 2020

Nathaniel Michael Skalandis

September 24, 1979 – December 19, 2020

Ilene Viola Seadal

May 24, 1926 – January 21, 2021

Janet Ruth Chobanian

February 15, 1944 – January 26, 2021

Jack A. Greiner

March 26, 1938 – May 15, 2021

Ruth Margaret Helzer

January 22, 1932 – June 9, 2021

James Phillip Searfoss

May 31, 1946 – June 28, 2021

Terry James Carlson

October 21, 1942 – August 2, 2021

Gabriel Mark Mattison

September 2, 1999 – August 14, 2021

Giving Thanks for Our Newest Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Those Baptized Since All Saints Day, November 1, 2020

Michael Thomas Idema

November 19, 2020

Claire Marie Selleck

December 13, 2020

Harris Theodore Frecka

March 21, 2021

John Timothy Murray

April 11, 2021

Jaxon Anthony Tofano

June 27, 2021

Theodore Randall Garvey

June 27, 2021

Wren Mabel Barker

July 18, 2021

Hudson Arthur Missman

August 22, 2021

Laurel Jean Sykes

August 22, 2021

Vera Jean Abbate

September 12, 2021

45 New Members Welcomed September 19 & 26



A large group of new members were celebrated by the people of this congregation in September as we welcomed new friends who have found a home at Trinity Lutheran Church. They were received by an Order of Affirmation of Baptism at the worship services on September 19 and 26.

Watch for a **profile of our new members in the December issue** of this monthly newsletter and be sure to greet our newest partners in ministry, welcoming them to share in our mission as the people of Trinity!

Wednesday Evening Advent Midweek Vespers



Join Us for Supper and Holden Evening Prayer!

A season of hope and expectation, during Advent we pause in the life of the church to provide a counterweight to the remarkable busyness of the holiday season. Wednesday Midweek Vespers will be offered on **December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30 p.m. following a simple supper in the Courtyard at 5:30 p.m.** You are welcome to join us for Midweek Vespers in Trinity's sanctuary on Wednesday evenings during the four weeks of Advent.

Pastor Dan Schewe will provide the homily weekly, and Pastor Bob Linstrom will join cantors in offering the well-loved vespers service of Holden Evening Prayer. Our Advent midweek worship will feature the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy, with support from cantors and Larry Biser at the piano. **The December 22 service will feature a second annual commemoration of "The Longest Night."**

Add a discipline of midweek worship to your journey to the manger in Bethlehem in December of 2021!

Trinity Prepares to Celebrate its 125th Anniversary!

Mark your calendar for a December 5 celebration!



years of nurturing
each other in our
daily journeys of faith

On May 25, 1896, a small gathering of Lutheran Christians met in worship for the first time as they planned to form a new faith community in downtown Grand Rapids. By December 9 of that year the new congregation organized as a member of the General Synod and the rest, as they say, is history.

The heritage of this 125-year-old congregation is being celebrated in the fall of 2021, culminating with a congregational celebration on **Sunday, December 5**, as we give thanks for all of those who have gone before us and as we embrace the mission God has in store for the people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. **Watch the December issue of this newsletter for details** of this celebration day, which will include special events in worship and a celebratory afternoon concert.

Middle School

November Confirmation Schedule:

November 7 & 14	Youth Group from 2 to 3 p.m. Confirmation Class from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
November 21	Class from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Craig's Cruisers Outing from 5 to 7 p.m.
November 28 – January 2	No Class – Thanksgiving & Christmas break



Stay connected with our middle school ministries via Remind: Text @7ecfc67 to the number 81010

High School

Youth Group – Sunday Nights from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join us for Youth Group on Sunday nights from 6:30 – 8 p.m. We will be connecting and delving through the teachings of Jesus. Join the class on Remind and watch our YouTube channel for updates.

High School Bible Study with Pastor Dan – November 7 at 9:15 a.m.

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join Pastor Dan on **November 7** during the 9:15 a.m. worship service in the youth room. Join us in journeying through the scriptures and enjoying donuts!

Next Summer's Trips

Next summer is going to be a busy one in our youth ministries. Young people currently in 8th – 12th grades and their friends are invited to join us for our Mission Trip to Wethersfield, Connecticut (June 25 – July 2) and the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 23 – 28). If the young people in your life are interested in attending either of these transformational events contact Pastor Dan ASAP.

Stay connected with our high school ministries via Remind:

- For general high school information, text the message @428ag4 to the number 81010
- For Mission Trip information, text the message @ff9ekh to the number 81010
- For ELCA Gathering information, text the message @gdbhbg to the number 81010

Craig's Cruisers Outing: Sunday, November 21 from 5 – 7 p.m.

On Sunday, November 21, our high schoolers, middle schoolers, their friends, and families are invited to join us for an evening of fun and games at Craig's Cruisers. The cost for the event is \$20 per person which includes the buffet, game credits, and ride tickets. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are interested in attending.



Youth News (cont.)

Cookie Decoration & Delivery: Saturday, December 4 from 2 – 6 p.m.

All middle school and high school families and their friends are invited to help us spread some Christmas cheer on **Saturday, December 4**. We will meet in the youth rooms at **2 p.m.** to decorate Christmas cookies, and then split into groups and deliver them to members of our community! Come help us brighten someone's Christmas season. Please contact Pastor Dan if you would like to participate.



Join us for Charge: March 18 – 20, 2022

Youth in grades 6 – 12 and their friends are invited to Charge. This is a weekend conference at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City from **March 18 – 20**. Our friends at Living Waters Ministries, the same people we partner with for camp every summer, organize this event. It is a great opportunity for our youth to delve deeper into their faith and build community. The cost is \$150 per youth. If you are interested in having the young people in your life attend, please contact Pastor Dan ASAP.



Mark Your Calendar!

Trinity Travelers Meeting to Consider 2022 Sojourn to Holden Village *Informational Meeting on Sunday, November 7 at noon*

When Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains of Washington closed to guests in the midst of pandemic in the summer of 2020, a large delegation of 'Trinity Travelers' postponed their trip until 2021. The village reopened with challenging protocols in 2021, and most deferred for another year.

An informational meeting will follow worship on **Sunday, November 7 at noon**. Holden Village registration opens for the summer of 2022 on January 4. If you would like to learn more about a prospective 2022 Holden Village trip, join us for the informational meeting or contact Pastor Linstrom for details.



Pick Up Your Christmas Wreath at Trinity!

Christmas wreaths are being delivered to Trinity on November 17 and will be available for pick-up during weekday office hours (7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) and on Sundays, **starting Sunday, November 21**, from 7:45 a.m. to noon. Cash or check payment is due when you pick up the wreath(s) you ordered. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and put 'wreaths' in the memo line.



Thank you for helping our youth experience God in transformational ways.

125th Anniversary Pancakes & Playtime: November 13 from 9-11 a.m.

Families with children ages newborn through pre-school are invited to this fun fellowship event! Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast, Bible stories, songs, and activities. It's a great way to connect with other Trinity families. Grandparents and older siblings are welcome! Look for an invitation in your email or contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall at rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org.



Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals

Children will present the story of Jesus' birth on **December 12** in the sanctuary at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. All Trinity children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to participate in this cherished tradition.

Children will begin rehearsing this month during Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. All children will learn classic Christmas hymns, and interested 4th and 5th graders will have speaking parts from the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 11 from 10 a.m. - noon.



Health Ministries

Trinity Fitness Classes

NO CLASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAYS
9 a.m.	Functional Movement	Somatic Yoga	Functional Movement	Somatic Yoga
10 a.m.	Somatic Yoga	Tai Chi	Somatic Yoga	Tai Chi

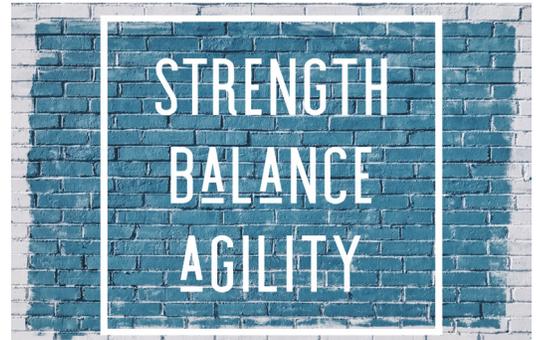
FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT - Focused activities to improve mobility and agility.

SOMATIC YOGA - Reset your body by consciously controlling your neuromuscular system with slow, mindful movements and exercises.

TAI CHI - Improve flexibility, balance, and core strength through low impact movement.

Contact our fitness instructor, Kristina Kuhlmann, with any questions or concerns: 616.719.6961.

Suggested donation is \$3/class or \$20/month.



let us pray

Prayer Group

Please join fellow Trinity members for focused prayer time on Tuesday, November 16 at 11 a.m. via Zoom. In addition to our congregational prayers, this month we will focus on interfaith connections and gratitude. Contact Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley with any questions and/or specific prayer requests.

<https://zoom.us/j/93322681488>

Meeting ID: 933 2268 1488 Passcode: PRAY

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IN
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GROUPS**



Thank you for caring well for each other.

Blood Drive Success!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and volunteered at our September blood drive. We collected 23 units, potentially impacting 60+ lives in our community! Special appreciation to our **milestone achievers**:

Liz D - 1 gallon!
Chris E - 2 gallons!!
Steve K - 3 gallons!!!
Sandy R - 3 gallons!!!

Our next drive is **December 6, 2021**. Please consider giving the gift of life this holiday season!

Sign up here or watch for a link in the eBlast: <https://tinyurl.com/52kchtms>



Medicare and Medicaid Open Enrollment Assistance Sign Up NOW!

Trinity member Jo Murphy, Executive Director of Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, is once again providing assistance to older Trinity members. She will be available to assist both with Medicare benefits and with selection of a 2022 Prescription Drug Program. To sign up, watch for a link in the weekly Friday eBlasts or contact Angela Davis, Director of Congregational Life. You can also type in or cut and paste the following link in your browser to schedule an appointment: <https://tinyurl.com/9kttzctf>

CPR/AED & First Aid Training Class

Ushers, nursery workers, staff, council members, and Trinity volunteers are invited to brush up on CPR/AED and First Aid Training. Our Fall class will take place on **Saturday, November 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Nursery workers are required to have an updated CPR certification on file every two years. Others have the option whether or not to take advantage of this opportunity. There is no cost to you; the fees associated with these classes are provided by Health Ministries.

Our Family Activities Coordinator, James Morin (also our Red Cross Certified CPR Instructor), will facilitate this training. Class size is limited to 12.

Secure your spot here: <https://tinyurl.com/4rfx874z>

James will email you a packet of information that includes about two hours of reading and online testing to be done **PRIOR** to the hands-on training session.

Please direct questions to Kristin Bradley.



Health Ministries

Nurse's Notes: An Attitude of Gratitude

What is gratitude? Is it an emotion? A feeling? Is it just saying thank you?

Derived from the Latin word *gratus* (meaning grateful or pleasing), gratitude is a state of appreciation and thankfulness, and it starts in our hearts. By feeling and communicating appreciation for the people, circumstances and things in our lives, we allow ourselves to value the present in ways that make us feel gifted rather than deprived. You've heard the phrase "gratitude shapes your attitude," right? That holds a great deal of truth, especially when considering gratitude as a spiritual discipline: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. In this THANKSGIVING season, here are several ways to cultivate gratitude:

Be present.

Appreciating the ways God shows up in your surroundings.
Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness. -Psalm 89:15-16

Stop comparing yourself to others.

We are all made in God's image!
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11

Speak positively.

Be kind and gentle to others - but also to yourself.
Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. -Proverbs 16:24

Share/volunteer/give back.

Sharing the love of Christ will provide you so much in return.
In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." -Acts 20:35

Focus on what you have, not what you need.

Counting your blessings will show where God is alive in your life.
Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. -Philippians 4:11

Make gratitude a habit.

Thanking, praising, and honoring our Lord and Savior is an affirming daily practice.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. -Philippians 4:4

Keep a gratitude journal.

Ideas are made more solid when set to words.
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. -Philippians 4:8-9

Please know that practicing gratitude doesn't in any way discount the trials and tribulations you may currently be experiencing. It only suggests that, by finding a point of thankfulness, you can celebrate light. Praise be to God! Together, let's continually seek the fullness of Christ: *As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.* -Corinthians 2:6-7

With gratitude and in His peace,
Kristin Bradley
Faith Community Nurse



Trinity's 125th Anniversary Celebration of Music Concert Series Presents:



Renée Anne Louprette
Concert Organist
November 14, 2021
3 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Free and open to the public!

Hailed by The New York Times as “splendid,” and “one of New York’s finest organists,” Renée Anne Louprette performs widely as organ recitalist, accompanist, and teacher. Based near New York City, she has performed with many of the city’s premiere ensembles, including the Mostly Mozart Orchestra and the New York Choral Society, and she has appeared in Carnegie, David Geffin Hall (formerly Avery Fisher Hall), Alice Tully and Merkin Halls. Her recording of J.S. Bach’s “Great Eighteen Chorales” (on the Acis label) was named Critics’ Choice 2014 by The New York Times. In February, 2018, Acis released her new CD, *Une Voix Française: A French Voice*. She frequently collaborates with Irish piper, Ivan Goff, and the American Brass Quintet. Ms. Louprette is University Organist and Coordinator of the Organ Department at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University.

Renée Anne Louprette is represented in North America exclusively by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, LLC.
This concert is co-sponsored by the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Trinity 125th Anniversary Concert: December 5, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Gloria in D, Antonio Vivaldi
Featuring the Trinity Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra

Double Cello Concerto in G Minor, Antonio Vivaldi
Featuring Karen Krummel and McCormack Wyn

The Trinity Choir celebrates the 125th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church by presenting Gloria of Antonio Vivaldi. Gloria in D is one of sacred music’s most uplifting choral works written for orchestra, oboe, trumpet, and strings and the text is perfect to celebrate this occasion and season of Advent. The music begins with the story of the Nativity in the Gospel of Luke when an angel announces Christ’s birth to the shepherds. Under the direction of Sidney Hoeksema, Trinity Choir has prepared several large works with orchestra including compositions by Rutter, Haydn, Schubert, Fauré, Clausen, DuBois, and Vivaldi. The Gloria was last presented at Trinity in December of 1981.

The Double Cello Concerto in G Minor is the only double cello concerto that Antonio Vivaldi ever wrote. Though its completion date is still debated, it is probable that he finished it around 1720. Today, it stands out as one of Vivaldi’s most popular works. The double concerto will feature the virtuosic skills of Karen Krummel and Mac Wyn.

Karen Krummel has taught cello at Calvin College since 1995 and was a full-time member of the Grand Rapids Symphony from 1989-2011. Her teachers included Samuel Mayes, Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, and Louis Potter, and she participated in summer festivals at Aspen, Banff, Monterey, Los Angeles and Tanglewood. Besides her strong orchestral background, she is active as a chamber musician and has performed and premiered many contemporary works. Karen has performed as a soloist with the Calvin Alumni Orchestra, the South Bend Symphony, the Kankakee Symphony, and the Calgary Philharmonic. Mac Wyn is a senior at Grand Valley State University. He began playing his cello at age 14, studying with Karen Krummel, Horacio Contreras, and Pablo Mahave-Veglia. Mr. Wyn serves as assistant principal cellist for the Holland Symphony, and he plans to further pursue his education in the humanities while working as a freelance musician.



Behind the Scenes at Trinity

A Gadget Guy for God: Greg Lang – Rejoice Presentation Ministry Coordinator

"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" –Mark 16:15

Finding a Church Home: Greg and Kristine found home in Trinity upon their first visit. Pastor Paul was "gracious and approachable. He made us feel welcomed. We came back the following week and Pastor Paul came right up to us, remembered our names, and began chatting with us." The hospitality of other members solidified a sense of welcome. Across nearly two decades, Greg and Kristine baptized their children and engaged in the Trinity community.

Hearing a Calling: Greg feels a calling to utilize his skills in science and technology to help others. He says, "I'm a gadget guy at heart and truly enjoy learning about and exploring the latest and greatest technology." Greg finds a "tremendous amount of joy in writing computer software," which allows expression of his "analytical and nerdy side" while simultaneously activating his creativity. Greg notes, "It is always fulfilling to take someone's ideas, requirements, and concepts," turning "them into great software applications!" Greg enjoys teaching others about technology, helping others to "master computers, software and electronics." According to Greg, "That's what ultimately led me to my volunteer work at Trinity."

History of the Ministry: In late 2006, Greg began assisting in the creation and operation of PowerPoint presentations within the Rejoice service. He was recruited to help Dick Duyser, quickly moving from apprentice to the role of overseeing and organizing volunteers, technology, and process support for the Rejoice services. He enlisted volunteers, creating "the



fabulous team of presentation creators and operators." Through a team effort, which includes pastoral and office staff, "We have been able to refine and grow our presentation ministry into the wonderful offering it is today," says Greg. The timing of this program was "fortuitous, as it positioned us to provide our blended contemporary and traditional services" during the long period of pandemic gathering restrictions. As Greg puts it, "Our goal as a team has always been to enhance and support our worship services without detracting from or diluting the wonderful messages shared each week."

How to Join In: Greg notes that volunteering within the Presentation Ministry team affords an opportunity to meet and work with a diverse and interesting group of people each week. In the spirit of Mark 16:15, he finds personal value in "knowing the work we do helps expand the outreach of our worship more broadly." He adds, "Plus, it's really fun! Where else can you attend a private concert each Sunday morning as you get to listen to our wonderfully talented bands practice prior to the service? It doesn't get much better than that in my book!" So what does volunteering with the Presentation Ministry entail? Each week, several volunteers arrive around 7:30 a.m. to set up the sound system, lighting, load and prepare the presentation, and initialize the video and streaming system to support the service. Greg states, "Three volunteers each week is the ideal configuration." He also reminds us, "We're always looking to welcome more volunteers to the team, so if anyone is interested, please reach out to me!"

Please consider reaching out to Greg Lang at tlcrpm@gmail.com to discuss ways in which you might support the Presentation Ministry team.

Note: The purpose of this column is to praise God and to encourage others to utilize their special abilities to serve Him. Although people featured here have been reluctant to be highlighted, they've agreed to be published to encourage others to experience the joys of serving. If you'd like to suggest people to feature in future articles, please contact Pastor Karen.

The Founding of Our Congregation

In celebration of Trinity's 125th anniversary in 2021, the following is excerpted from Christian Carron's 100th anniversary history of Trinity Lutheran Church, citing the emergence of German- and Swedish-speaking Lutheran congregations in Grand Rapids of the 1800's, opening the door for another Lutheran community.

125 years of nurturing
each other in our
daily journeys of faith

The Beginnings of the Common Service

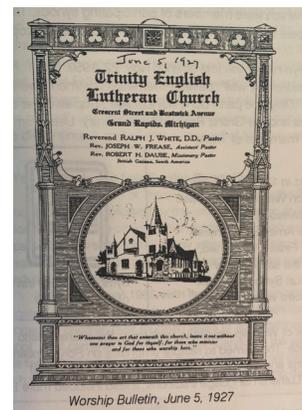
The publication of *The Common Service* by the forerunners of the United Lutheran Church in 1888 marked the beginning of a long return to Lutheran traditions in worship. Though published in English, *The Common Service* was patterned after "The common consent of the pure Lutheran liturgies of the Sixteenth Century..." Its authors viewed it as the essential outline and structure of worship which had been observed by the Western Church for more than a thousand years, with some revisions by the Reformers for purity of doctrine. It was *The Common Service* which appeared in *The Book of Worship* which Trinity used as its first hymnal. In a 1903 "Statement of Facts" (part of an application for aid) submitted to the Board of Home Missions, the congregation stated that it regularly used the order of worship found in the *Book of Worship of the General Synod*.



The merger of the General Synod with two other Lutheran bodies into the United Lutheran Church (ULC) in 1918 brought a period of confusion in Trinity's practice of liturgical worship. A worship bulletin for vespers in 1917 included elements in the service from both the "old hymnal" and a "new hymnal". The new hymnal was a revision of *The 1888 Common Service* entitled *The Common Service Book with Hymnal*. It was used by Trinity from the time of its first publication in 1917 until it was replaced in 1958. *The Common Service Book with Hymnal* reaffirmed the return to the origins of Lutheran worship in sixteenth-century German rather than Early American ecclesiastical traditions. The layout of its title pages mimicked the style of old illuminated manuscripts. The type style was ornately Gothic.

Printed worship bulletins accompanied the use of the hymnal and liturgy from Trinity's beginning. Then, as today, they guided worshipers in the order of service and directed them to the appropriate pages in the hymnal. Hymn numbers were also placed on a large hymn or registry board at the front of the sanctuary. In 1921 the first bulletin of each month was expanded to four pages (a precursor of *The Messenger* newsletter) while bulletins on all other Sundays remained a single page.

Throughout the first half of the 20th century, most of the ethnic Lutheran church bodies in the U.S. switched from worshiping in their native tongues to English, and many adopted *The Common Service* of the United Church as their own. In 1945 a joint commission representing American Lutherans of German, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Danish and Icelandic descent began work on a new liturgy and hymnal. The resulting *Service Book and Hymnal* was released in 1958. Its presentation was designed to feel less cluttered and easier to follow.



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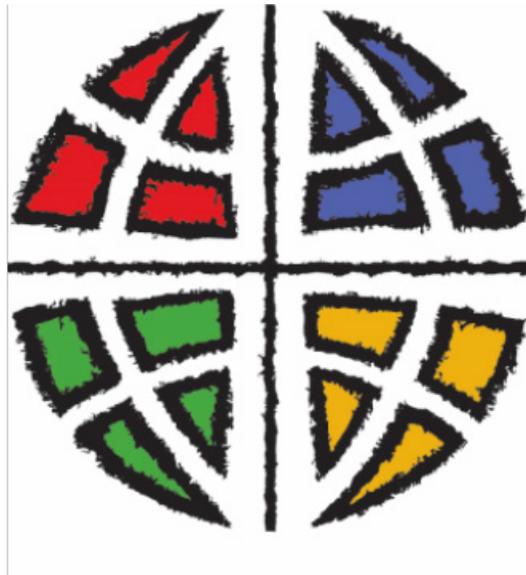
The Founding of Our Congregation (cont.)

It included new liturgical settings which combined the style of the old Common Service with musical traditions of the Bach chorale, and plainsong rhythms and melodies derived from northern European Gregorian chants.

The symbol chosen for the cover of "the red book" (as the new hymnal came to be called) was a cross rising from the center of a circle. According to a November 1959 article in *The Messenger*, "The circle is symbolic of the world in which we live; the cross represents the sacrifice that God made for our sins. Together the circle and the cross should recall to our minds that God came into our world in the person of Christ, to suffer and die because of sin, and to rise again victoriously over death. So the cross is 'planted' in the world but transcends the world's bounds of sin and death." It is no accident that in the following year, a 115-foot tower rose above Trinity's new home, topped by a circle and a cross.

The current *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW) was introduced in 1978. According to its preface, the liturgies in the *Lutheran Book of Worship* sought to rediscover the characteristic shape of worship from the early centuries of the Church's existence. They aimed to restore emphasis on Holy Baptism in worship and did so with repeated reference to it in the confessions and service for burial of the dead. The hymnal sought to strike a balance in its inclusion of favorites from all the Lutheran language traditions. It also included more early American tunes and fewer late-nineteenth century English tunes.

Several alternatives to the *Lutheran Book of Worship* were put into use at Trinity in recent years, offering a greater selection of worship options and musical styles. *Songs of the People* (SOP), published by Augsburg and Fortress in 1986, offered hymns and folk songs from many world cultures which the congregation sang in worship alongside hymns from the LBW. Guitars and drums accompanied Associate Pastor Jim Couser when he occasionally led the congregation in the singing of The Chicago Folk Mass in the mid-1980s. Trinity also used *With One Voice*, a supplement to the LBW published in 1995. It incorporates several new settings for Holy Communion, the Service of the Word, and the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness. It emphasizes inclusiveness, diversity, and variety while still maintaining the characteristic shape and spirit of Lutheran worship.



Opportunities to Support Church & Community

ELCA Good Gifts

Finding meaningful gifts for loved ones at Christmastime can sometimes be a challenge, especially for those people who seem to have everything imaginable. Have you ever thought about purchasing a “good gift?”

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has a multitude of life-giving items that you may buy in someone's name that are actually delivered to someone in need around the world. For example, wouldn't your father enjoy knowing that you bought a goat in his name that was delivered to a family in Malawi? For Christmas, your father opens up a card that lets him know that he bought a goat for someone. Or how about your nephew? Would he enjoy knowing that he indirectly gifted ten chicks to a couple in Honduras? Add a rooster and help the farm grow! Or you could help provide clean water, school supplies, honeybees, pigs, a solar-powered lantern, fruit tree seedlings, mosquito nets, vaccinations and more!



Go to ELCA.org/goodgifts or call 800.638.3522 to learn more!

Christmas Gifts for New Americans

Plans are underway to provide **Christmas gifts for some of the recently arrived new American families in the Grand Rapids area.** Trinity is currently working with **Samaritas** as they begin to resettle **Afghan Refugees** in Grand Rapids. While Christmas may not be a holiday typically celebrated in their countries of origin, it doesn't take the children long to figure out that this American holiday involves gifts! Please look for information about how to gift these precious families in upcoming Friday eBlasts. Please contact Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis with questions.



Christmas Stores at Dégagé Ministries and at Family Promise

Through your donations, people are able to purchase gifts for their loved ones at a reduced cost, allowing them to maintain their dignity and self-worth.

Common Wish List for Both Family Promise and Dégagé Christmas Stores (**NEW** items only, please):

- Children's toys for all ages
- Games and puzzles for all ages
- Books for all ages
- Small appliances (toasters, coffee makers)
- Hats, scarves, quality gloves for all ages
- Flashlights and batteries
- Travel mugs, water bottles
- Mini tool kits
- Household items (radios, alarm clocks)
- Pillows, sheets, blankets
- Towels and washcloths
- Backpacks
- Candles and jewelry
- Scented lotion and body wash
- Thermals, undershirts, socks
- Gift cards
- Stocking stuffers
- Wrapping paper, gift bags



Dégagé Ministries has set up a Wish List on **Amazon**. For your convenience, all orders are delivered directly to Dégagé. Please watch for more details in an upcoming eBlast.

Please place your orders by December 1 in order to ensure a timely delivery. You may drop off your gift items yourself at Family Promise or Dégagé Ministries.

If you are dropping off Christmas Store donations at Trinity for Family Promise or Dégagé, please be sure to have them at the church no later than **Sunday, December 1**, so that a volunteer can make a delivery in a timely manner. Please contact Angela Davis, Director of Congregational Life, for more information.

Opportunities to Support Church & Community (cont.)

Afghan Refugee Network – Putting Faith In Action

The following update on Afghan refugee resettlement was received from Pastor Beth Birkholz of Samaritas. Join us in preparing to welcome new neighbors in the Grand Rapids area.

Three hundred fifty Afghan women, children, men – families like yours – will arrive soon in Michigan to be resettled by Samaritas. This humanitarian crisis is an opportunity to join together and respond loudly to the Taliban and the world that violence, intolerance, and persecution will not be tolerated.

THE MISSION

Welcoming the stranger is something we believe our Mission calls us to do, and we ask you to stand with us to support these desperate human beings as they flee the only home they have ever known for the chance of a new life.

TIMELINE

By December 31, 2021– we urgently need to raise these funds by December 31. Refugee arrivals are imminent, and we must act now to ensure they are supported now and in the immediate future.

JOIN THE NETWORK!

Join Samaritas Board Director and Christ Church Cranbrook's Reverend Dr. William J. Danaher, as he co-chairs with Kelli Dobner, Samaritas' Chief Advancement Officer; this coalition of community, corporate and civic leaders is answering the call to welcome hundreds of those escaping war and unspeakable trauma. The Network's goal is to raise \$430,000 to provide housing, support and basic needs for 350 Afghan refugees for at least four months. Helping these refugees make a new start is one critical way we can express our gratitude and thanks for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf. **We urgently need to raise these funds by December 31.** Refugee arrivals are imminent, and we must act now to ensure they are supported now and in the immediate future.

*God of all, we know you come to us as a stranger and someone who is foreign to us.
Show us how to welcome others as you welcome all.
We especially pray for those who are coming to us from Afghanistan,
the Congo, and all other countries with severe conflicts.
We pray for all those who are in need of clothing, housing, and food,
and for the Samaritas front-line staff who serve as your hands and feet in the world. Amen.*



JOIN US **FREEDOM DRIVER**

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We pair dedicated volunteers with veterans and their family members in need of transportation, allowing those in need to access medical care, employment, groceries, church, and more.

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SIGN UP TODAY!

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Dégagé Panhandler Vouchers

For some time now, it has been possible for Trinity members and friends to purchase Panhandler Vouchers from Dégagé Ministries. For \$2 per voucher, these can be distributed to people who are publicly asking for money. Each panhandler voucher, when taken to Dégagé Ministries in downtown Grand Rapids, can be used for the purchase of a simple, nutritious meal, a haircut, a locker for a week, a pair of warm socks, one load of laundry and much more. **Look at the Welcome Center in the Courtyard for a display like the one pictured above.** Vouchers can be purchased using the instructions on the displays.



Endowment Fund Committee Recommends More than \$33,000 in Distributions

Trinity's Endowment Fund Committee met for its quarterly meeting on October 7 and recommended to the Congregation Council distributions of \$23,000 from the Mission Endowment Fund and \$10,500 from the Building Endowment Fund. At its October 11 meeting, the Council accepted those distributions, with plans to allocate those funds in November of 2021.

Mission Endowment Fund distributions are used exclusively for ministries beyond our doors, supporting a wide range of local and international efforts to touch those with the greatest needs in society. Building Endowment Fund distributions are used for special projects to provide for the upkeep and maintenance of our church facilities.

Endowment Fund distributions are calculated by reviewing the average balance of the funds over the last 20 quarters and recommending up to a 4% distribution based on those averages. As the overall Endowment Fund balances have reached nearly \$1.5 million in 2021, the growth of those annual distributions makes a larger impact each year in our life together as the people of Trinity.

Be welcome to consider special giving to support our two Endowment Funds, Trinity's "forever gifts" that will continue to support our outreach and ministry in the generations to come.

Thank You to Kay Zeaman

Many thanks to Kay Zeaman for coming in and organizing all of our silk flowers and for creating beautiful fall arrangements!



Technology @ Trinity

Trinity is Live Streaming Our Rejoice Service - How do I find it?



We are streaming our **9:15 and 10:45 a.m.** Sunday "Virtual Worship" services on YouTube. The 10:45 a.m. service is streamed for **indoor** services only. **To find them:**

- Follow the home page link to **Virtual Worship** on Trinity's website; select **Video** to be connected to the stream.

- **OR,** go to YouTube, either by opening the app on your phone or by visiting the webpage. Search for **Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids**. The first option should be one with a

picture of our cross tower. When you click on it you will be brought to our channel. If the service is live (from about 9:10 to 10:20 a.m./10:40-11:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings), there will be **Live Now** video. Simply click on the video.

- We also save past services playlists called **Rejoice Worship**, and **Sanctuary Worship**, so you can view a past worship service at any time. (On Sundays, it may be a few hours before YouTube makes videos available.) ***If you have a YouTube account, **please subscribe to the Trinity channel** and our videos will show up on your feed!

We are on GRTV!

Our Sunday services are being broadcast on GRTV channel 25! Our services air on Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon. The broadcast is a week behind, so this Sunday's service will air next week. Find us wherever you find GRTV!

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November Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

November 1

Michael Bishop
Sarah Budzyn
Ann Croly
Kyle Flack
Mark Hagbom
Amelia Haywood
Lisa & Matt Mead

November 2

Colin Beckett
Annika Bekker
Lyndon Turnage

November 3

Beth Engstrom
Stacey Hale
Monique Kalonji
Zachary Lynn
Lindsey & Jeff Czerew

November 4

Ken Block
Donald Brouse

November 5

Lois Ege
Ted Frecka
Peter McKinney
Hailey Pfeiffle

November 6

Leah Bryce
Sarah Legault
Judith Mallen
Frank Rothfuss
Beth Van Meter
Lisa & David Greiner

November 7

Theodore Garvey
Beth Hall
Rick Wolner
Leslie & Gregg Gallagher

November 8

Jill McKinney
Iris Peterman
Mary & Jack Frick
Stephanie & Andy McLeod

November 9

Lisa Barkema
Grace Cairns
John Taylor
Justin Woolworth
Kim & James Bradbury
Ann & Perry Gooch
Kaori & Tim Schau (25)

November 10

Paul Crist
Chuck Schadler
Nick Wollen
Dawn & Bill Thorsen

November 11

Hunter Allchin
Parker Allchin
Jeffrey Grooters
Barb Hansen
Kim Horn
Wendy Johnson
Gary Kuhlmann
Kristin Linkfield
Chase Palaszek
Jana Siminski
Nan Treul
Gale Volkerding

November 12

Steve Lewkowski

November 13

Pat Bruin
Elisabeth Degener
Laura Fawcett
Vivian Glenn
Joan Lohr
Allison Palm
Kari & John Ruble

November 14

Dolly Lowe
Wendy Mielock
Dawn Thorsen

November 15

Jim Miller
Michael Morin
Dani Ryan

November 16

Diane Field
Daniel Meeuwsen
Henry Worsfold

November 17

Esperance Kalonji
Hanna Reierson
Andrea Severns
Amy & Steve Stephan

November 18

Amelia Crist
Kim Hysell
Tyler Quinn
Cheryl & Bill Ahrens

November 19

Daniel Ahrens
Carrie Lamb
Sheryl & Mike VanderBaan

November 20

Naomi Engblade
Laura Krug
Sally Mahoney
Amy Vander Woude
Melissa & Nick Wollen

November 21

John Glass
Steve Potter
Marie Selleck
Courtney Steketee
Linus Stevenson

November 22

Carolyn Johnson
Brayden Kimble

November 23

Stacey Curtiss
Katie Nikolajuk
Donna Erickson & Galen Knutson

November 24

Tori Harris
Beth Humphreys
Wayne Snyder

November 25

Deb DeWitt
Griffin Gooch
Jill Hahn

November 26

Erin Breaugh
Steve Heacock
Steve Korb
Tom Zollman
Jodi & Mike Nikolajuk
Susan & Mark Youngren

November 27

Elizabeth Coles
Blake Garvey
Sarah Hirt
Kent Linkfield
John McIntyre
Brittney Mencarelli
Dakota Morin
James Morin

November 28

Andy Engle
Bob Pfau
Missi & John Glass

November 29

Charles Cairns
Ben Linstrom
Christine Malvitz
Jan & Norman Palm

November 30

Amia Bidle
Holden Fischer
Dave Gutierrez
Jill Hagenbush
David Okkema
Kevin Schaefer
Nanci & Bob Guigue



**If you have a special milestone birthday or anniversary, please contact the main office at Trinity to let us know!*

Poinsettia Plants Provide a Beautiful Worship Setting

Poinsettia Contribution Form

Please use this form to make a poinsettia plant gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. **Forms are due by Wednesday, December 8.** Place the form in the offering plate/basket or drop it off in the church office, or mail to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids 49506.

First Name

Last Name

Address

City, State, ZIP

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Number of Plants (\$10 ea.) \$_____

My contribution is given by (list how you would like your name to appear in the bulletin):

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and write "Poinsettia" in the memo line.



Trinity Members Enjoy Poinsettias



The delivering of poinsettias to Trinity's homebound and those who have lost loved ones is especially important this year, as so many of our beloved older members are still somewhat isolated and lack visitors. **If you would be willing to deliver poinsettias**, please contact Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis and let her know your interest. You may also sign up through the link in Friday eBlasts. **Plants will be ready for delivery in early December.**

Trinity's Inclement Weather Policy

When the Forest Hills Public Schools close during the day, all Trinity daytime activities are cancelled and the church offices are closed. When Forest Hills Schools announce a two-hour morning delay, morning programming at Trinity will be cancelled. After 3 p.m. and on weekends, check WOOD TV8 or WZZM TV13 about the status of our evening or weekend activities. Please be as certain as possible that it will be safe for you to be out on the road. We will miss you if you are unable to join us for worship or a church event, but we count on you to use your best judgment when it comes to your personal safety this winter!



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