



The Messenger

All-Congregation Potluck & Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, January 16, 2022

Each year on the third Sunday of January, the people of Trinity Lutheran Church gather to share an All-Congregation Potluck Luncheon and attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. **Immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service, we will meet in the Courtyard to share a potluck meal.** Trinity will be providing sandwiches and chicken tenders. Please watch upcoming eBlasts for a link to tell us what you will bring and to let us know you are coming so we can estimate food and table set-up.



After our meal, we will begin the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**. The work of this annual meeting includes the reception of reports from all of the congregation's ministries, the election of Congregation Council members, nominating committee members and Synod Assembly representatives, and the adoption of an operating budget for the new fiscal year which begins on February 1. Additional important work that will be considered by the congregation on January 16 will include **voting on extending a call to pastoral candidate Kari Fast** and adoption of revisions to our constitution and bylaws. Participation in this important meeting is the responsibility of all Trinity voting members. Copies of the 2021 Annual Report will be available at Trinity beginning on Sunday, January 9.

Mark your calendar and plan now to be with us for the All-Congregation Potluck Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 16! This is an important gathering of the people of Trinity. Do not miss it!

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What's Happening at Trinity in January?

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 Jan. 2
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
No Youth Group Jan. 2

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.
Heartside Gleaning Food Packing, 1 p.m.
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, January 3

SM Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Outreach Comm Mtg, 6 p.m. (via Zoom)
Prop Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4

Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.
Exec Comm Mtg, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 6

Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8

Odyssey of the Mind, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 9

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Winter Kick-off, 10:30 a.m.
Lutheran World Relief Quilting Bee, 12 p.m.
SM Training Class, 12:30 p.m.
SM - Continuing Ed, 12:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 1, 1:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 2, 1:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
All Who Are Weary Book Study, 6:30 p.m.
(via Zoom)

Monday, January 10

The Messenger Deadline
Schubert Male Chorus Bd Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
Congregation Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11

TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.
Book Club, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12

Adult Forum with Pastor Bob, 10:30 a.m.
(via Zoom)
Youth and Family Comm Mtg, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 13

Entering the Narrow Gate, 9:30 a.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.
Children's Min Com Mtg, 8 p.m.

Friday, January 14

Life Begins at 60 Dinner, 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 15

Odyssey of the Mind, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 16

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Annual All Church Potluck, 12 p.m.
Annual Mtg, 1 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert Series, 3 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
All Who Are Weary Book Study, 6:30 p.m.
(via Zoom)

Monday, January 17

Finance Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.
Health Ministries Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18

Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19

Adult Forum with Pastor Bob, 10:30 a.m.
(via Zoom)

Thursday, January 20

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 22

Odyssey of the Mind, 10 a.m.
White Elephant Gift Exchange, 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 23

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
SM Training Class, 12:30 p.m.
8th Grade Confirm. Parents Mtg, 2:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
Middle School Fellowship, 5 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
All Who Are Weary Book Study, 6:30 p.m.
(via Zoom)

Tuesday, January 25

TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.
SM Continuing Ed, 6:30 p.m.
SM Continuing Ed, 6:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 2, 7:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 1, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26

Adult Forum with Pastor Bob, 10:30 a.m.
(via Zoom)
Cub Scouts Parents Mtg, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 27

Odyssey of the Mind, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 29

Odyssey of the Mind, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 30 - IHN Week

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
KCAH Meal Packing, 10:15 a.m.
KCAH Brunch, 10:15 a.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
All Who Are Weary Book Study, 6:30 p.m.
(via Zoom)

Monday, January 31 - IHN Week

Outreach Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.
(via Zoom)
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom

Beginning Again... and Again... and Again

Professor Cynthia Lindner wrote recently in a publication from the University of Chicago Divinity School of our human chapters of beginning. Her essay was in September, with the beginning of the new school year, an annual promise of a fresh start, a new beginning. She noted a prevailing sentiment that this year our 'back to school' rituals "... might turn the page into a better future in which the virus would be controlled, our solitary and constrained days could 'return to normal,' and our fractured body politic might be healed at last."¹



She went on to note that beginnings are never as straightforward and uncomplicated as we wish they could be. The church continues to navigate uncharted waters in these seasons of beleaguered beginnings. In humble awareness, we confess that the aspiration to 'return to normal' likely will not be realized, and that the beginnings we are engaged in will not return us to where we were. However, we confess a God who is making all things new, and our experience as faith people who discover new identities while wandering in the wilderness. Prophets and saints alike remind us to let go of what has been, to embrace what is before us, to begin, and begin, and begin again. Perhaps this season of chaotic and ambiguous beginnings will be rich in opportunities to re-imagine life's journey, blessed by a providential God.

I am going to go with that possibility.

A blessed New Year, my sisters and brothers. Blessings as we begin again. It remains a privilege to serve as a pastor among the people of Trinity.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bob Linstrom

¹Cynthia Lindner in "Sightings," a publication of the Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion at the University of Chicago Divinity School, September 30, 2021.

Biblical Text Study via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Bob for a Preview of the Sunday Worship Readings from Scripture

For a couple of months in early 2022, Pastor Bob will be leading a Bible study focused on the upcoming Sunday's readings in worship. Using the tools of exegesis, historical, literary, and contextual analysis, he will share a bit of the study discipline that pastors take on in weekly preparation for preaching.

The winter 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study forums will be via Zoom, with the link to the Zoom invitation in the Friday eBlasts beginning in January. Recordings of prior sessions will also be available via the weekly eBlasts.

The texts for the weekly sessions will be:

- January 12 – Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11
- January 19 – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21
- January 26 – Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30
- February 2 – Isaiah 6:1-13, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

No prior experience is necessary – bring a Bible to the Zoom and join us in encountering the Word of God this winter!

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 Youth and Family Ministries Liaison Amy Fox

*"Lord, teach me all that I should know;
In grace and wisdom I may **grow**;
The more I learn to do Thy will
The better may I love Thee still."*

—Isaac Watts

I found this verse in a Child's Book of Prayers while reading to my daughter at bedtime. It started me thinking about how we all **grow** in our faith throughout our lives.

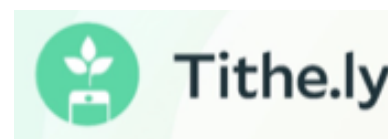
The Youth and Family Ministry program at Trinity is a blessing to the teens and pre-teens of our congregation. This is particularly true as our young people try to navigate a new normal in the times of COVID.

With the leadership of Pastor Dan Schewe, Trinity's youth and their families are getting back into the pre-pandemic routine as much as possible. Confirmation classes are meeting in person, with a video option as well... middle school and high school youth groups are gathering again... plans are underway for multiple trips this coming spring and summer, including Trinity's annual mission trip and the ELCA's National Youth Gathering. And yes, you will be seeing fundraisers for these efforts as well.

The pre-teen and teen years are never easy because of hormonal changes, added responsibilities, and social uncertainties. When you add a new level of isolation due to COVID, interrupted academics, changing social networks, and an increased level of societal angst, our youth are **growing** through a lot at this pivotal time in their lives. The Trinity Youth and Family Ministries Program continues to work to meet the changing needs of our youth through prayerful support and activities, and by providing an open and safe place to share thoughts and experiences.

I know as a parent of children **growing** through these formative years, I am thankful for the support from Trinity's faith community, in helping open young eyes to the blessing of God's love. For, we can all remember: "The more I learn to do Thy will the better may I love Thee still."

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. **To get started simply click on the 'Donate' button at the top of the Trinity website or go to <https://get.tithe.ly>.** Please contact Finance Assistant Joanna Waite if you need assistance.

January Giving: Our Shared Stewardship to Support Trinity's Mission and Ministry as the Fiscal Year Draws to a Close

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." –Matthew 6:21

January is the last month of Trinity's fiscal year – the new budget year begins in February. As we prepare to adopt the new 2022 budget at the January 16 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, be reminded of the importance of your faithfulness in offering giving in the quiet of early winter at Trinity. Give generously and take your part in the vital mission that has been entrusted to us at Trinity.

Offer Your "Estimate of Giving" for 2022

If you have not yet made your "Estimate of Giving" for 2022, an "Estimate of Giving" form can be found on the **back cover** of this newsletter so that you may offer your pledge for our shared ministry in the year ahead – please plan to return your Estimate of Giving to the church office soon as our Finance Committee and Congregation Council use those estimates to plan the 2022 budget for our shared mission and ministry. Thank you!

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of November 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	108,482	105,712	(2,770)	-2.6%
Total Expenses	85,509	83,941	1,568	1.8%
Net Income (Loss)	22,973	21,771	(1,202)	

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

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	933,660	1,041,059	107,399	11.5%
Total Expenses	947,879	866,884	80,995	8.5%
Net Income (Loss)	(14,219)	174,175	188,394	

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! —Colossians 3:9-11

I am ready for a new year. Our continuing journey through this pandemic has been hard. We are continually bombarded by stories of racial, social, and international unrest and injustice. Reminded at every turn of the darkness of the world that surrounds us. As these stories pile up, it has been hard to hold onto hope.

Yet we are people of hope.

As the New Year dawns many make resolutions. Some resolve to lose weight, to work out more, to quit smoking, to be a better friend, to stop eating something, or many other things. We resolve to make alterations to our lives, ways we want this year to be different than last year.

Ways we hope to live.

I think we make New Year's resolutions because deep down inside we are all people of hope, people who think things can change, can be different. As a New Year dawns, we see all that it could be. The promise of a clean slate, a fresh start, is enticing. We do not know what this year has in store for us, but we hope that it will be different than the last one, and in some way better. We let go of the old year and hold onto the promise of the new year.

Paul talks about this same idea in most of his letters. Time and time again he reminds his readers there is a dying and a rising action in our lives as Christians. A letting go and a picking up. Our sinful self dies, is drowned or buried, and we pick up, put on, or rise, as a new self, found in Christ. We are new in Him.

This is not just a yearly action, but a daily one. Each and every day we get to rise anew. Try to cast off the troubles of the previous day, and empowered and equipped by Christ walk into what lies ahead of us. Every day is filled with hope because every day is new in Christ.

I am thankful that every day can be a new day. It does not have to be driven by what has gone before it. Every day can be new and different. I am excited about the possibilities of what this year may hold for us. I look forward to living into this hope with you this year, excited about what God will lead us into, where God will call us, and how God will work through, with, and around us.

One song that helps me hold onto this longing is "Every New Day" by Five Iron Frenzy. I love how it speaks of the daily struggle to leave the pain behind and live into the newness of each day empowered by Christ. I encourage you to listen to it as you strive to live into the newness of each day clothed in the love of Christ.

Shalom,

Pastor Dan



A Message from Assisting Pastor Karen Niemeyer



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

As we approach our 2022 congregational meeting, I am thinking back to the season of my life that began five years ago on the day of our 2017 congregational meeting, when by the grace of God our congregation approved calling me as Assisting Pastor. I am thinking about the day about a month later when I was ordained at Trinity as a Lutheran Minister of Word and Sacrament. I am thinking about how excited—and scared—I was to begin something new in my life, that I had never thought I would be fortunate enough to be one of your Trinity pastors—especially at this time in my life. And, of course, I am thinking about when Ted passed away just a short five months later and how you all so lovingly enfolded me and my family into your prayers and your lives, sweetening my life by encouraging me in my ministry and giving me purpose and direction for the days and years ahead.

But now it is time for a new season in my life. I love change, so I'm eager to see just what God has in store for me. It is time for me to take off for Florida for a month or so. It is time for me to take that southern France riverboat cruise that my daughter Kim and I have been talking about. It is time for me to help more often with my grandkids and great grandson. And while there's a part of me that will miss being your assisting pastor, I comfort myself in knowing that I will still be able work alongside you all in ministry as a volunteer! I will still be able to stay overnight with our IHN guests. I will still be able to attend Life Begins at 60 events. I will still be able to attend Trinity Bible studies. And I will still be able to re-join Stephen Ministry as a caregiver.

I am so thankful to be welcoming Pastor Kari Fast to be one of your pastors. Kari comes to Trinity with many strengths that will enable her to very capably carry on existing ministries as well as begin new ones. As I've said before – and it's always good to repeat – Trinity is led by and filled with wonderfully gifted members and staff who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and who deeply care for each other. I look forward to 2022 and all the exciting ways God will continue to lead us to do God's ministry with each other at Trinity and with our neighbors in our city, nation, and world.

And now, to you all...

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you peace.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Karen

A Message from Pastoral Candidate Kari Fast

Greetings Trinity Friends and Families,

As Trinity celebrates Pastor Karen Niemeyer's retirement after serving beautifully for five years, I am grateful she will remain at Trinity as an active member and caring presence. In addition, I'm delighted the council will place me as pastoral candidate before the congregation at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 16. Assuming the votes confirm it, I eagerly await my role as Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care, a 10 hour/week calling, starting February 1.

My first call to ministry was at Hope Lutheran, a small church in Plainwell, Michigan, where I was solo pastor for twelve years. As their part-time pastor I wore many hats, knew my people well,

and worked closely with most committees and teams. An area of passion, honor, and deep meaning for me was providing pastoral care for couples, families, and individuals. A related ministry of great meaning was caring for those in the dying process along with their loved ones. Other areas of joy included leading spiritual formation classes, the annual women's retreats, and assisting in the preschool Sunday School class.

This upcoming call to Trinity Lutheran, my second call to ministry, will be a call to the heart of ministry for me. It is, as the common expression says, in my sweet spot, *an optimum point or combination of factors or qualities*. It is with a joyful heart that I anticipate leading worship, getting to know Trinity's various ministries that help express God's love for all, and working with Pastor Bob, Pastor Dan, and the entire staff. It is with a humbled and honored heart that I anticipate getting to know and care for the people of Trinity Lutheran during times of joy and ease as well as during times of difficulty and strain. For some, the idea of walking with a person when they are struggling may seem draining or difficult; for me, it is a time of holy closeness to how God has gifted me in ministry.

Isaiah describes the power of drawing near to God during times of difficulty saying:

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. —Isaiah 58:11

This season of life for my husband and me additionally seems precious, as he recently took early retirement and anticipates working only part-time. This affords us the freedom to visit more often our parents in Minnesota, our far-flung friends, and our adult children. Our daughter and son-in-law, Liz and Mackenzie, live in Minneapolis, Minnesota; our son David lives in Grand Rapids; and our daughter Kathleen lives in Columbus, Ohio. Other aspects of life that delight, amaze, and challenge us to grow include improv, writing, reading, and our latest interest – backpack camping.

As you are comfortable, please introduce yourself. I look forward to getting to know you!

Sincerely,

Pastor Kari Fast



Commemorating the Retirement of Pastor Karen Niemeyer

Pastor Karen and her husband, Ted, joined Trinity in 1997, and a year later she came on board the Trinity staff as Congregational Life Partner in Ministry. She found that her ten years of experience as lay minister of spiritual gifts in her former church, coupled with ten years as project manager for a Grand Rapids marketing communications firm and her master's degree in organizational communication, prepared her well for her position at Trinity. Along with other Trinity staff she worked on developing *Tapestry*, a congregation-wide program designed to encourage members to use their God-given gifts in church ministries and an ongoing process that fostered a way of life in which service was a natural response to God's many gifts. Karen was also passionate about integrating new members into Trinity life and developed a program in which Trinity members mentored small groups of new members. She worked with staff members to begin other Trinity ministries including *JOYful Days*, *We're Neighbors*, and the *P.T. Cruisers* empty nest fellowship group.

Upon retiring after ten years at Trinity, Karen decided to take a few classes studying Greek and Hebrew at the RCA Western Seminary in Holland, and at the successful completion of these classes she continued her studies with the goal of becoming an ELCA Minister of Word and Sacrament. Seven years later, after traveling to Chicago several days a week for seminary classes, an internship with Hope Community Church in Rockford, a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) chaplaincy internship at Spectrum Health Downtown, and a two-year internship with Christ Lutheran Church in Wyoming, Karen graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and was ordained at Trinity on February 26, 2017.

In her retirement, as mentioned in her letter on **page 7** of this newsletter, Pastor Karen looks forward to traveling, spending time with family, and embracing new roles here at Trinity. We praise God for Pastor Karen's past contributions to Trinity and for what is to come!



Commemorating the Retirement of Larry Biser

Behind the Scenes at Trinity A Resounding Legacy of Music: Larry Biser

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." –Colossians 3:16

In this quasicentennial year of celebration, marking Trinity's 125th anniversary, let us pause to remember our history and the legacy of so many talented and dedicated members. We especially want to celebrate Larry Biser who retired at the end of 2021.

Larry came to Trinity to conduct the bell choirs in 2009 after 40 years as Organist and Minister of Music at East Congregational Church. He expanded the program to include a children's choir in addition to the high school choir and the Resound Bell Choir. In this latter choir, Larry discovered high musical aptitude, agility in tackling challenging works in "an artistic and highly musical manner." Larry remarks, "This choir has always been a complete joy with which to work!"

Upon Dr. Elizabeth West's departure from the organist position, Larry was hired to be Organist and Director of Music. An unfortunate fall on ice in the parking lot resulted in two brain surgeries and left Larry with focus struggles, which led him to resign from the accompanist role for the Trinity Choir. He has served as Organist and Handbell Director since that time. Larry is thrilled each week by the "marvelous tracker organ and acoustics of the sanctuary" and according to Larry, the Steinway Grand has been a "wonderful addition to our instrument collection" as it is "a sensitive and beautifully toned instrument." Larry remarks: "I still thrill in the congregation's singing, not only on the Christmas carols, but weekly in the Sunday services."

During retirement, Larry will reflect on joyful memories which include glorious Christmas Eve services in which he accompanied children's choirs and directed bells. Larry says, "The two afternoon services very quickly became the largest services. The singing of the carols was amazing. Accompanied by brass and organ, the congregation nearly took the roof off the sanctuary!" Glorious memories indeed.

Larry's retirement closes a door on a long legacy of music. He has served churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, and Michigan. He has performed recitals along the East Coast and conducted the combined choirs at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City (the first Non-Mormon to do so since 1945). He toured internationally in Austria, Hungary, Russia, Finland, Estonia, England, Belgium, and the Netherlands. A wide variety of churches in Grand Rapids have called upon Larry as substitute organist for Sunday services and festival masses. Larry served for 26 years as the Conductor/Music Director of the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids. He was Tenor Soloist with local churches and with Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory here and in Chicago. He is author of the book *Joan Lippincott: The Gift of Music*, has professionally recorded four CDs, and has published handbell music. He served for five years as Dean of the GRAGO Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and as Co-Chair of the Great Lakes regional Convention of the AGO for three separate regionals. Since the 90s, Larry has fostered learning as an Adjunct Professor of Music at Aquinas College and has given organ lessons to students over the years.

In his new space and time and beyond making music, Larry hopes to return to volunteering at Meijer Gardens, expanding projects constructing stained glass, and working in his own gardens.

From the depths of this legacy of sacred music, Larry encourages our Trinity family to continue the gifts of music in worship: **"Music is a vital part of worship and is especially so in churches with a strong Liturgical practice. It is vital to maintain a robust music ministry to assure that the congregation has musical talent to support them in liturgy and hymn singing. Musical involvement is a gift of stewardship and should be treated as importantly as other aspects of stewardship, a musical tithe, if you will."**

Note: The purpose of 'Behind the Scenes at Trinity' 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.



Photo by Matt Oster

Middle School

January and February Confirmation Schedule

January 9 & 16 – Middle School Youth Group 2 p.m.; Confirmation Class 3 – 4:30 p.m.

January 23 – Confirmation Class 3 – 4:30 p.m.; Activity following class 5 – 7 p.m.

January 30 – No Confirmation Class due to Kids Coalition Against Hunger meal packing

February 6 & 13 – Middle School Youth Group 2 p.m.; Confirmation Class 3 – 4:30 p.m.

February 20 – No Confirmation Class due to mid-winter break

February 27 – Service from 3 – 5 p.m.



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 Sunday nights 6:30 – 8 p.m. We will be connecting and delving through the teachings of Jesus. Join the Remind class and watch our YouTube channel for updates. [Youth Group returns on January 9!](#)

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

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

Save the Dates!

30 Hour Famine – February 26 – 27

High schoolers and their friends are invited to our 30 Hour Famine taking place February 26 – 27. This is a lock-in event. We will spend 24 hours together learning about world hunger, delving into the scriptures, playing hunger-related games, and volunteering.

Tubing at Cannonsburg – February 6 from 2 – 4:30 pm

High schoolers, middle schoolers, their family and friends are invited to come tubing with us at Cannonsburg on February 6 from 2 – 4:30 p.m. Save the date now and let Pastor Dan know if you plan on attending.

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

Youth News (cont.)

Cookie Decoration & Delivery!

On December 4 our youth decorated a myriad of cookies and delivered them to **35** members of our community! It was a great afternoon of Christmas cheer.



The Gift of Camp Freely Given

This summer Living Water Ministries is going to give the gift of camp to every camper who wants to attend. There will be no registration fees, and every camper will receive a complementary t-shirt and snacks at the camp store at no charge. Camp has always been a gift in the lives of those who attend and this summer it is one that is freely given for all.

At Trinity we have been giving the gift of camp for years. In the past, families were invited to pay their \$100 deposit with the congregation covering the rest of the costs of camp. We want camp to be financially stable and sustainable so that people can experience the gift of camp for years to come.

To help with this we are encouraging families to donate \$100 per camper if they are able when they register for camp.

We will also be holding our annual camp scholarship appeal and will be giving all the funds raised to Living Water Ministries to help with the costs of camp.

We are encouraging our families to register for camp the week of July 10 – 15, 2022.

Registration is currently open. If you have questions about camp or registration, please contact Pastor Dan.

We are excited for so many young people to experience camp this summer and want to continue to support Living Water Ministries as they help share the love of God.



Living Water Ministries
Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

SUMMER
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Sunday School Resumes: January 9, 2022

Children are welcomed back to Sunday School on **January 9 at 9:30 a.m.** We will celebrate being together with a hot chocolate bar! Class is taught in a large group format, using a lectionary-based curriculum. Kids are dismissed from worship after Children's Time and return during Passing of the Peace.

During the month of January, we will learn about Kids Coalition Against Hunger (KCAH). Children's weekly offering will be going to this campaign to fight world hunger. Families are encouraged to volunteer at the meal-packing event on **January 30.** For more details, see the KCAH article on **page 18** of this newsletter.

A Wonderful Children's Christmas Program!

Our preschool and elementary kids shined in a delightful Christmas program on December 12 at the traditional service. In total, 41 children from 24 families participated. Well done, kids! The celebration continued at a cookie and punch reception following worship. A special thanks to all the adult volunteers who helped with music, rehearsals, costumes, and scenery!



Volunteers Needed for Sunday School!

Would you like to spend an hour once a month sharing the good news of Jesus with children? Sunday School is in need of weekly helpers. No preparation is necessary. Contact Sunday School Volunteer Coordinator Sheri Mason for more information.

Health Ministries

Focus on Fitness!

It's 2022! Have you made a New Year's Resolution? According to a survey by NPR in 2019, 44% of Americans did. What was the most common resolution, you ask? To exercise more! And Trinity offers classes to help meet that goal!

According to the Harvard Medical School HEALTHbeat, age-related muscle loss, called sarcopenia, can begin by age 35, resulting in 1-2% of muscle loss per year. By the time we reach 60 it could increase to 3% per year. If we do not do any regular strength training, we could lose 4 to 6 pounds of muscle mass per decade. YIKES!

We all want to keep our independence, but if we become weaker and less agile we could lose our balance (1 in 3 adults over 65 fall each year which sometimes leads to serious injury) and can also lead to difficulty carrying out activities of daily living.

So, what's the good news? Trinity offers opportunities to help us "use it or lose it"! Our own Xristina Kuhlmann volunteers her time and talents to get us moving! All ages and ability levels are welcome. You'll be delighted to work with Xristina who can tailor the exercises to meet your needs. If you have significant physical limitations and are under medical care, please check with your healthcare provider before beginning any exercise program.

Functional Movement offers a variety of ways to strengthen our muscles using weights, resistance bands and TRX. Able to be done standing or sitting, these exercises help combat the loss of muscle mass discussed above.

Somatic Yoga is a form of yoga done totally while lying down using the floor for support. Doing micro-movements helps "neuro-muscular re-education" of muscles that may have been traumatized, misused, or underused.

Tai Chi especially helps balance by strengthening core muscles of the back and abdomen. This class can also be modified for sitting.

Contact our fitness instructor, Xristina Kuhlmann, with any questions or concerns: 616.719.6961. Suggested donation is \$3/class or \$20/month.

Make a decision this year regarding your physical, spiritual, and emotional health and be good stewards of the body God has given you. What better place to make that happen than within your community of believers?

New Year's Blessings,

Cindy Zientarski

Health Ministries Committee Member

Fitness Class Participant

Trinity Fitness Classes

	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



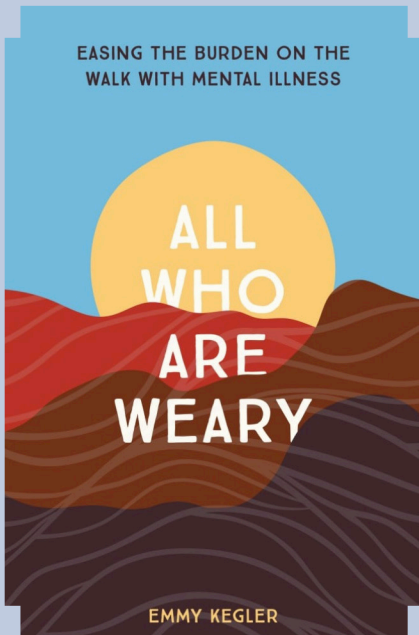
Trinity Blood Drive Results

In 2021, Trinity blood drives **secured 86 units of whole blood and 22 double reds, impacting the lives of nearly 300 people!**

A special thanks to our first-time donors and to our milestone givers!

Join the fun in 2022: March 7, June 20, September 19 & December 5.

Contact Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley for information on how you can register and additional ways to help. Our community relies on us!



Coming Soon: All Who Are Weary Book Study

We live in an age uniquely attentive to the problem of mental illness. More than half of us will be diagnosed with a mental illness while the rest of us probably know or love someone who has a mental illness.

Trinity's Health Ministries Committee invites you to join us for a 6-week study of the book *All Who Are Weary* by ELCA Pastor Emmy Kegler. This book is not a map to a cure – rather, Pastor Emmy joins the reader on the long walk of reflection, understanding, and compassion; trusting in the promise of a lighter load for all. This book is for those affected by mental health issues and those who care.

Starting Sunday January 9, we will meet weekly from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via **Zoom**. **On February 20, we will wrap up our time together with an interactive Zoom** discussion with the author, Emmy Kegler.

The cost of this program is being offset by designated funds for mental health support. **Please use the following sign-up link to reserve a copy of the book and receive the Zoom links: <https://tinyurl.com/yyujjk2y>**, or find the sign-up link on an upcoming eBlast. You can also contact Corina Dulecki at cdulecki@gmail.com to reserve a copy or for more information.



A Good Celebration of Our 125 Years of Mission & Ministry

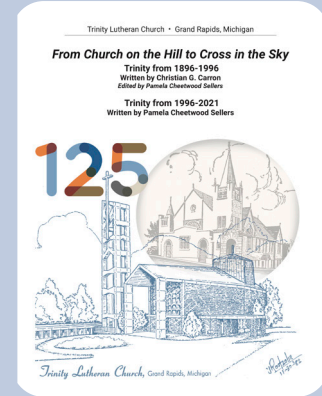
On Sunday, December 5, 2021, the people of Trinity gathered to celebrate our heritage, giving thanks for those with the vision to begin this ministry, those who sustain it in our time, and those who will follow us in caring for the life of this congregation.

After a year of historical profiles excerpted from Chris Carron's 100th Anniversary publication in our monthly newsletter, a new version of that historical piece was debuted on December 5 with a significant 25-year addition compiled and edited by Pam Sellers. A historical display of our artifacts was viewed by many during an all-morning sumptuous brunch. Festival worship included video greetings from former ministers and "in person" greetings from 125th Anniversary Committee chair Norm Palm and former Senior Pastor Paul Krupinski, and a prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving was offered to commemorate our 125 years. Finally, a wonderful afternoon concert of Vivaldi's Double Cello Concerto in G Minor and his Gloria in D were offered by orchestra, organ, and choir, featuring many of Trinity's musicians.

Orders are being received for copies of the new 125th Anniversary commemorative history – contact Communications Coordinator Carrie Lamb (carrie.lamb@tlcgr.org) for more information. Thank you to all who contributed to a wonderful day celebrating our heritage as a congregation!

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Contact Communications Coordinator Carrie Lamb at carrie.lamb@tlcgr.org for more information or to order.



A Good Celebration of Our 125 Years of Mission & Ministry



years of nurturing
each other in our
daily journeys of faith

Bible Studies & Book Clubs

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. starting January 4

This year we will be using Daily Discipleship, a free online lectionary-based Bible study produced by the ELCA. The objectives of Daily Discipleship are:

- To discover more about being a disciple of Jesus Christ
- To connect the Word of God with daily life experiences
- To explore ways to deepen faith practices in everyday living

Each session is available to be downloaded and printed from the ELCA website, and paper copies will also be available each week. Participants are welcome to prepare for the discussion, but advance preparation is not required or expected. This is the perfect study for those with busy schedules who may not be able to come every week or have time to prepare in advance!

All women are invited to join us in the 5th grade classroom every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Zoom participation may be coordinated on request. For more information please contact Karen Unruh at karen@unruhfamily.net.



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Friday of every month at 9:30 a.m. starting January 21

The Friday morning Women's Bible Study will begin a new study (TBD) on **January 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the 5th grade classroom. This group meets every Friday EXCEPT for the 2nd Friday of the month.**

For more information, please contact Kristine Fox at jklsafox@comcast.net or 616.460.0052.

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. starting January 11

The Tuesday evening book club meets the **second Tuesday of the month** and is looking for more people to join us. **The group is multi-gender and multigenerational, and has met at church, at members' homes, or via Zoom.** Please contact Corina Dulecki at cdulecki@gmail.com for the location or if you would like to be added to our email list to get details about future meetings.

January 11: The Girls with No Names by Serena Burdick

February 8: A Stitch of Time: The Year a Brain Injury Changed My Language and Life by Lauren Marks

March 8: The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab

April 12: Midnight Library by Matt Haig

May 10: Broken (in the Best Possible Way) by Jenny Lawson



Friday Morning Women's Book Club

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

If you like reading a wide variety of books, you will enjoy interacting with this group of women. This book club typically meets in a member's home **the second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.** for brunch and discussion. They love new members!

Women interested should contact Carol Hendricks at hendricksc@msn.com or 616.874.8351 for more details.

Books and dates for Winter/Spring 2022 (blank spaces are in need of a book and host!):

February 11: The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline (Host: Kris Fox)

March 11:

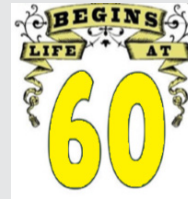
April 8: What They Meant for Evil by Rebecca Deng (Host: Jamie Kuntzman)

May 12:

Life Begins at 60: Let's Gather at the Cascade Roadhouse!

Enjoy good friends, a warm fire, and delicious food as Life Begins at 60 gathers at the **Cascade Roadhouse**, 6817 Cascade Road, at 6 p.m. on **Friday, January 14, 2022.**

Due to restaurant accommodations, reservations will be limited to the first 20 people. Make your reservation by contacting our host, Jan Jacobson, at 616.443.8638 or janice1546@att.net; or Pastor Karen at karen.niemeyer@tlcgr.org.



White Elephant Gift Exchange - January 22, 2022 from 6-9 p.m.

Join us on January 22 for our 1st Annual Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange. This event is for parishioners **16 years old and up**. We will begin our evening with a family potluck at 6 p.m. followed by a White Elephant Gift Exchange. The nursery will be available after the potluck. Hopefully you saved those gifts you received this year that you have no idea what to do with or you can grab those items you've been hiding in the back of your closet to foist off on your fellow parishioners. Please keep all gifts PG. Come join us for a great night of food, fellowship, and merriment. Look for a signup in the weekly eBlast. Contact Fellowship & Hospitality Coordinator Tess Lundgren with any questions at tess.lundgren@tlcgr.org.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger (KCAH) Comes to Trinity: January 30, 2022

We are so excited that our annual meal-packing event with the Kids Coalition Against Hunger will return to its traditional last Sunday in January. With your help, we hope to package and pay for **25,000 meals**. Each of those meals can feed a family of 6, at a cost of 35 cents per meal. To do this, we need to raise a total of \$8,750. **In addition to your financial support, we also need volunteers to help us pack these meals.** The whole family is welcome, and snacks will be provided! Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on **January 30 at 10:15 a.m.!**



Trinity Travelers Planning 2022 Sojourn to Holden Village

Dates to Travel to the Cascade Mountains Retreat Center Set for July 11-18

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 to 2021. The village reopened with challenging protocols in 2021, and most deferred for another year.

A Trinity Travelers informational meeting was held in November of 2021 and a subsequent poll of interested travelers helped set dates for the summer of 2022 trip. Tentatively, we are set to arrive in the village on Monday, July 11, 2022 for a seven-day stay. Confirmation of the dates for travel and other planning will occur at an informational **Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 29 at 7 p.m.**



Holden Village registration opens for the summer of 2022 on January 4, 2022. If you would like to learn more about the prospective 2022 Holden Village trip, contact Pastor Linstrom for details.

Exalta Health Prayer Update

December 2021:

- **We are giving thanks for 768 new Exalta Health patients this past year!** We are daily welcoming new patients to the clinic, learning their stories, and working with them to discern how we can best care for them. This year, so far, we have served nearly 2,530 individuals and completed over 9,000 medical, dental, behavioral health, and spiritual care visits. **Thank God with us for the opportunity to serve a growing community of patients.**
- One of the greatest joys we have as an organization is working with a large group of volunteers who faithfully serve alongside us in the day-in-day-out activities of the clinic, from patient care to building maintenance. **Thank God for our volunteers, and please continue to pray** for more skilled interpreter volunteers.
- **Give thanks with us** for nearly 1,400 COVID-19 vaccinations provided at Exalta Health to date! Patients and community members continue to come in asking for initial doses, and we are now providing boosters as well. Please pray for vaccination efforts locally and around the world.
- As we write, Michigan is making national headlines for its number of COVID-19 infections and for the strain our hospitals are experiencing. Please **join us in praying** for healthcare workers in our local hospitals. **Pray** that, as we encounter more infections here at the clinic, our staff and patients would be protected by the safety measures we have in place.
- Recently we have had a number of patients who have had to take time off from work due to illness or injury. Whether it's two to three days for a case of vertigo, a couple of weeks to recover from post-COVID respiratory challenges, or the 4 to 6 weeks required for a badly sprained knee to heal, these days off of work are costly for our patients who often live so close to the edge financially. Sometimes, on top of whatever physical challenges they are facing, our patients have to cope with the fear that they may be let go from their jobs because they can't work. **Please pray** specifically for Maria and Alberto, two such patients who are waiting on God's healing and trusting God's justice.
- Anyone living with diabetes knows that the disease is challenging and the battle to keep it controlled is ongoing. We recently began a program in partnership with Access of West Michigan that offers vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables for our patients with diabetes. Participants also receive counseling about nutrition and exercise. **Praise God** that some of our patients are seeing amazing results from their participation in this program. They are coming back to us with their sugar levels controlled to a greater degree than they have ever been able to achieve in the past, and that means they are set up for important long-term health benefits. **Praise God** for these success stories that encourage both us and our patients.
- In our last update, we let you know that our annual luncheon, one of our biggest fundraising events of the year, had been cancelled due to COVID-19. While the luncheon can easily be canceled, the needs of our patients and the financial needs of the organization continue. **Please pray, as always, that God will provide.**
- As the pandemic moves into new stages with the Delta and Omicron variants, we know from experience that our patients, among the most vulnerable in our community, will continue to be hit hard by the physical, emotional, and financial impacts of COVID-19. The fallout from this disease has devastated so many of our families. In this season of Advent hope, **please join us in seeking God's mercy, grace, healing, justice, and relief** for our world as a whole, for our community, and most specifically, for those who are uninsured and underinsured in Grand Rapids.



Thank you for praying with us!

Opportunities to Support Church & Community

A Clean Start in the New Year: Cleaning Supplies Collection During January & February

As you plan ahead, please be aware that we will once again be collecting cleaning supplies for distribution to area food pantries and social service agencies. The food stamp/Bridge Card program does not cover things like laundry detergent and assorted household cleaning necessities. So, why not buy a laundry basket or cleaning bucket and fill it with cleaning supplies? Here are a few suggested items:

- Dish detergent, all-purpose spray cleaner, powdered cleanser
- Glass cleaner, disinfectant (bleach or other), disinfectant wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner, toilet bowl brush
- Sponges, scrub brush, rubber gloves, paper towels
- Laundry detergent, stain remover, fabric softener sheets

Please drop off your donations during the months of January and February in the labeled black barrels located outside the narthex and in the west entryway by the church office.



IHN Coming to Trinity in January & February

Trinity has been a Host Congregation for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for the past 25 years, since the network was established in Grand Rapids in 1997. This amazing ministry involves churches in the Grand Rapids area that house homeless families on a rotating basis in church buildings four times per year for a week at a time. A small army of welcoming volunteers are needed at each church during host weeks to prepare evening meals, stay overnight, provide activities and/or help with set-up or take-down.

Look for a link to the Sign-Up Genius in Trinity's upcoming Friday eBlasts to volunteer during our next IHN week from Sunday, January 30 to Sunday, February 6, 2022. Please contact the church office with any questions.



Recently, the Trinity Congregation Council voted to donate \$15,000 from the Mission Endowment Fund Distribution to Family Promise of Grand Rapids Partners in Housing to purchase a forever home for a family. Council President Karen Unruh, her children Steven and Megan, and Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis were there to help present the check.

Thank You, Trinity

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Mark and I appreciate so much the support and love you showed us after our son, Gabriel, died. Thank you for the meals, prayers, cards, flowers/plants, quilt, cookies, etc.

May God Bless You, Mark and Rebecca Mattison



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!



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!

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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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Thank you for caring well for each other.

January Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

January 1

Cameron Brandstadt
Spencer Kuipers
Matt Mencarelli
Prodige Mukadi

January 2

Annalisa Campbell
Serafiina Ege
Rob Mirque
Bob Ortiz
Liz Schmebling
Dolly & Mike Lowe

January 3

Lyman Harrison
Margaret Hartline
Russell Langenburg
Lauren Williams

January 4

Steven Cairns
Rachel Zollman

January 5

Tammy Engblade
Bill Leidel
Travis McMillan
Neil Sendler

January 6

Maxwell Cothorn
Shekinah Kawulu
Brad Kessel

January 7

Katherine Lown
Allison Radke
Amy Stephan
Taylor Sytsma
Stacey & Brian Phillips

January 8

Mary Jo Peterson
Michael Spalding
Lisa Warren

January 9

Rachele Battreall
Anneliese Meeuwsen
Adam Petrick
Niki & Rob Ferguson

January 10

Donald Barsema
Caylyn Moglia

January 11

Emily Ashby
Brian Bakkila
Jim Billings
David Candela
Cameron Czerew
Julie Murray
Paula Tibbe

January 12

Richard Duyser
Mari Franz
Brian Phillips

January 13

Jane Ogilvie
Annie & Jim Hudson

January 14

Andrea Dudley
Lisa Keller

January 15

Jordan Fox
Andrew Glenn
Anna Hale
Caitlyn Harrison
Brian Meuser
Laura Reges
Lisa Reierson
Owen Tesch

January 16

Chris Becker
Andrew McLeod
Amy Parshall-Peters
Cheryl Reeve

January 17

Bob Carlson
Jan Jacobson
Sheri Mason
Deborah Rohde

January 18

Mike King
Mary Kuhlman
Jan Palm
Colton & Lauren Wright

January 19

Bob Dever
Lisa LaFleur
Jackson Mester

January 20

Krysta Billock
Diane Biser
Burke Hungerford
Kris Racek

January 21

John Derbin
Michelle Feutz
Michelle Lee
Eliana Meeuwsen
Evelyn Scalabrino

January 22

Chad Bradbury
Bill Day
Dan Schewe

January 23

Keith Gohlke
Bill Keller
Andrew Pupel

January 24

Kate Bishop
Sam Cole
Noah Kuhlmann
Kathy Wilcox

January 25

Kelli Basher
Jennifer Brown
Judy DeStefano
Tess Lundgren
Melissa Owens
Brad Selleck
Jeanette Sorensen
Will Thorsen

January 26

Avery Fox
Brandon Kimble
Christy & John Kendall

January 27

Larry Lindquist
Matt Ludeman
Todd Osbeck
Don Otten
Jeff Postlewaite
Veda Stevenson

January 28

Gretchen Bieneman
Sam Bishop
Karl Crist
Andrew Fox
Jim Krug
Melissa Mazurek
Madeline Schmebling

January 29

Jaclyn Abbate
Katie Bowman
Bill Brock
Beth O'Connor
Maya Rubenstahl
Jeanie Wilkinson

January 30

Garrett Havard
Rick Kulas
Molly & C.J. Havard

January 31

K.C. Fawcett
Francesca Fuger
Drew Hutchinson
Giulia Mencarelli
Jacob VanZalen

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



Estimate of Giving Form

Be welcome to clip out the form below to use it to pledge your Estimate of Giving for 2022! Additional copies will be available in worship on Sundays.

My/Our Estimate of Giving for 2022

So that others may know God's grace and engage in God's work, I/we plan to offer \$ _____ per week/month/year to support Christ's mission through Trinity Lutheran Church.

I/we additionally plan to offer \$ _____ per week/month/year to service our building project mortgage.

_____ This amount reflects a commitment to percentage giving.

_____ This amount reflects a one percent increase in giving.

_____ I/we are unable to make a commitment at this time.

First and Last Name(s)

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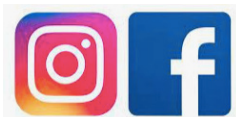
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