



The Messenger

Holy Week and Easter Worship at Trinity

Worship in Holy Week begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Luke's account of the passion first and then John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday, April 10 – all three worship services will include the Blessing of the Palms and the Congregational Reading of the Passion according to St. Luke

Maundy Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. with Confession and Forgiveness, a Washing of Hands, Holy Communion, and the Solemn Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 15 – Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m., the Adoration of the Crucified, a service of Passion and Prayer that concludes in silence

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of Our Lord, April 17 – Festival Liturgies at 8, 9:15, and 10:45 a.m. – be with us in a festival of praise and our glad alleluias! All Easter services will be in the sanctuary as the annual buffet style Easter Breakfast is offered in the Courtyard and Centennial Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



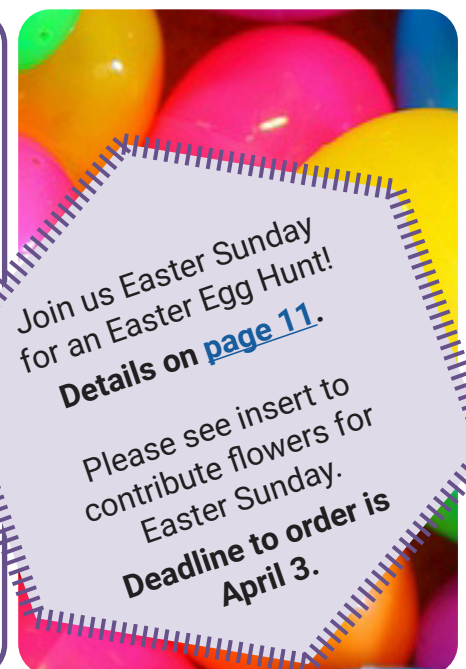
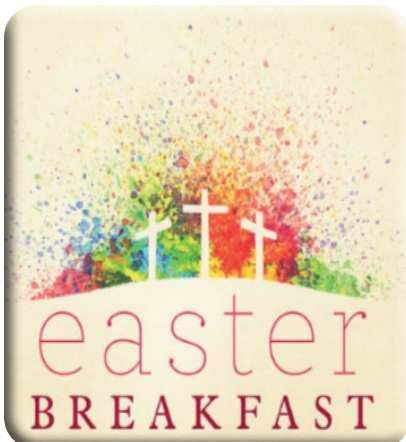
Breakfast on Easter Sunday at Trinity

The youth of Trinity are once again serving Easter Breakfast in the Courtyard on Easter morning, April 17! We will begin serving at 7:30 a.m. and will wrap up at 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to begin your Easter celebration. A peak at our menu shows deviled eggs, egg bakes, blueberry cheesecake French toast, fruit, and much more!

Please look for a sign-up to help make this year's Easter Breakfast a success. **We will be asking for donations through a link in the upcoming eBlasts.**

We are looking forward to serving you and your family on Easter morning. For

more information, please contact [Tess Lundgren](#).



Join us Easter Sunday
for an Easter Egg Hunt!
Details on [page 11](#).

Please see insert to
contribute flowers for
Easter Sunday.
Deadline to order is
April 3.

What's Happening at Trinity in April?

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.*
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.*
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.*
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.*

*** No youth programs/classes April 3 & 17**

Mondays

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m. – noon**
Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m. – noon**
Stroller Strides, 9:15 a.m.
Lutheran World Relief Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
GriefShare, 4 p.m.

Wednesdays

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m. – noon**
Heartside Gleaning Food Packing, 1 p.m.
Stroller Strides, 7 p.m.
Fit4baby, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Fitness Classes, 9 a.m. – noon**
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

**** Contact fitness instructor Kristina Kuhlmann (616.719.6961) for schedule.**

Daily Calendar

Friday, April 1

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Wedding Rehearsal, 4 p.m.
Al-Anon Speaker Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

Wedding, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 3

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Lutheran World Relief Quilting Bee, noon
European Pilgrimage, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Lenten Grace Group (Rothfuss), 10 a.m.^
Lenten Grace Group (Taffs), 10:30 a.m.
SM Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Property Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

Wom. Bib. Stud. Lenten Gr Grp (Unruh), 9:30 a.m.+
TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
Communications Comm Mtg, 1 p.m.
Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Lenten Grace Group (Schewe), 10:30 a.m.^
Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Grace Group (Butler), 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Compline Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

Lenten Grace Group (Rothfuss), 7 p.m.^

Friday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 9

Rummage Sale Pickups (By appt only)

Sunday, April 10

Rummage Sale Pickups (By appt only)
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.

Monday, April 11

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

Tuesday, April 12

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Youth & Family Comm Mtg, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday
Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 15

Good Friday
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Good Friday Worship, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

Music Rehearsal, 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday
Easter Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt (Following Rejoice Serv.)

Monday, April 18

Finance Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
Worship/Music Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Oasis Educational Event, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

Entering the Narrow Gate, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 22

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Life Begins at 60 at Cascade Roadhouse, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

Rummage Sale Pickups (By appt only)

Sunday, April 24

5th Grade First Communion
Rummage Sale Pickups (By appt only)
Celebration of Music Concert, 3 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 25

Outreach Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Council on Aging, 7:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
SM Continuing Ed, 6:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 1, 7:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 2, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27

JOYful Days Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.
JOYful Days Bible Study with Pastor Bob, 10:30 a.m.
JOYful Days Luncheon, 11:45
Cub Scouts Parent Mtg, 7:30 p.m.

^ Meeting via Zoom

+ Offered both in-person and via Zoom

A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom

“ . . . so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war.”

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Our hearts are breaking for the people of Ukraine, and we lift up in the heart of our prayers all those who are victims and aggressors in this time of invasion and war.

Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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As I wrote my report to the Congregation Council in March, I had just concluded a Zoom call with quite a few of the rabbis and pastors who travelled together to Israel in January and February of 2018. It was good to be together again, to tell stories, to share the news of our personal and family lives and our various ministry contexts. It was also good to be in that interfaith conversation as we reflected on the tragic war that continues to unfold in Ukraine and the growing humanitarian crisis in Eastern Europe. My colleagues from that interfaith pilgrimage, bound in a like prayer for peace, inspire for me that sense of being “woven into a fabric of common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war.” I was grateful for our conversation.

I also remember this little litany for worship developed years ago by Walter Knight of the North Baptist Peace Fellowship. For me, its sentiment is a timeless and prayerful reflection in the face of war:

Peace, like war, is waged

Peace plans its strategy and encircles the enemy.

Peace, like war, is waged.

Peace marshals its forces and storms the gates.

Peace, like war, is waged.

Peace gathers its weapons and pierces the defense.

Peace, like war, is waged.

But Christ has turned it all around:

the weapons of peace are love, joy, goodness, longsuffering;

the arms of peace are justice, truth, patience, prayer;

the strategy of peace brings safety, welfare, happiness;

the forces of peace are the sons and daughters of God.

Friends in Christ, let us be among those who pray daily for peace in Ukraine, and let us be those who seek to be peacemakers in our circles of influence, so that among the sons and daughters of God “. . . there may be woven a fabric of common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war.”

It remains a privilege to be a pastor among the people of Trinity.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob Linstrom



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 Endowment Committee Member Brad Kessel

Trinity's Endowment Committee brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and vision to help this ministry grow at Trinity. The committee consists of George Bauer, Todd Brandstadt, Chris Engle, Brad Kessel, Mike Mason, and Pastor Bob (ex-officio).

Trinity has two funds under the management of the Endowment Committee. The Mission Endowment fund and the Building Endowment fund. The purpose of the Mission Endowment Fund is to **provide for mission work** that is beyond the duly adopted operating budget for the congregation. The purpose of the Building Endowment Fund is to **provide for the care and maintenance of the church facilities and grounds** that is beyond the duly adopted operating budget. According to our investment policy, the funds are to be invested with the objective of preserving the long-term, real purchasing power of the assets while providing a predictable and growing stream of annual distributions in support of the Church.

As of December 31, 2022, the Mission Endowment Fund balance was \$849,723 and the Building Endowment Fund balance was \$674,930.

In the fourth quarter of 2021, the committee made distribution recommendations to Council that were approved. The distributions included \$23,000 from the Mission Endowment fund and \$10,500 from the Building Endowment fund. Subsequently in early 2022, TLC Council approved the funds to be allocated in the following manner: A portion of the Mission Endowment Fund distribution plus a \$10,000 year-end benevolence gift from a Trinity member were granted to Family Promise Partners in Housing for a total of \$15,000. Additional grants were provided to Heartside Gleaning (\$6,000); Samaritas's New Americans program (\$6,000); Exalta Health (\$5,000); and Baxter Community Center's Wholistic Health Center (\$1,000.) For the Building Endowment fund, the entire distribution (\$10,500) was granted to be used for Trinity's water sprinkling system installation, and Trinity's Memorial Garden hillside water feature and west entry lawn.

In Matthew 25, we hear Jesus tell the story of the master who entrusted property to his three servants while he was going away. When the master returns, we hear his reply regarding good stewardship in verses 19-21: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" **We invite Trinity members to consider making "forever gifts"/bequests to our Endowment Funds. If this is of interest to you and you need assistance please contact any one of the Endowment Committee members.**

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of February 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	137,240	138,100	860	0.6%
Total Expenses	89,544	73,881	15,662	17.5%
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2022 Fiscal Year-to-Date (Thru February 2022)

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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.

New Director of Congregational Life Position Posted

Applicants Encouraged to Speak with Pastor Linstrom

Are you seeking to grow your relationships within Trinity? Are you an outgoing person who wants to facilitate great connections between people who have talents to share and the needs of the church? We are seeking a talented person, who is driven to build, develop, encourage and maintain relationships within Trinity and our greater community. This passionate individual will be the lead staff person working with committee and project leaders in coordinating, furthering, equipping and encouraging people to contribute time and talents in a comprehensive 'gifts ministry' program. This vital role will enable individuals to reach their full gifts potential and will witness Trinity members coming alive in tangible ways.

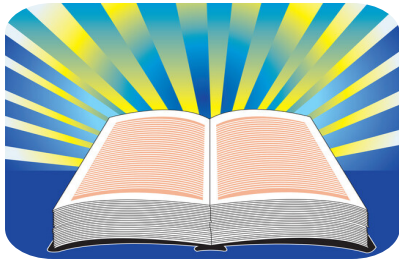
We are seeking a Director of Congregational Life who will lead this aspect of the daily operation of our mission and ministry. This 25 to 30 hour per week position has such great potential to have wide reaching ripple effects on not only our church members but our community as a whole.

Please reach out to Pastor Bob if you are interested in serving in this role. You can reach him by phone at the church office (616.949.2510 x115) or by email at robert.linstrom@tlcgr.org.



Mark Your Calendar!

Fifth Grade Blessing & Presentation of Study Bibles Sunday, April 24 at the 9:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services



Pastor Linstrom led a Fifth Grade Communion class for Trinity kids on Sunday afternoons during the season of Lent, culminating with a bread baking session and parents blessing their children, followed by the children blessing their parents. On Sunday, April 24, all of Trinity's fifth graders will be invited for the presentation of the Study Bibles they will use in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Confirmation classes, and for an order of blessing in worship at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. Please be in touch with [Pastor Bob](#) with questions or for more information.

Wednesday Forums with Pastor Bob Resume this Spring – Exploring Genesis

A nine-session DVD series, with 25-minute weekly videos, will walk participants through the book of Genesis, facilitated by Dr. Terence Fretheim, renowned Old Testament scholar at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Bible study will come with an accompanying study guide on the early stories of our faith, solving some ancient riddles and confronting us with new questions. We will seek to grasp the wonder of creation, human relationships, sin, freedom, promise, and God's grace with a study of the origin stories of the people of Israel.

The sessions:

Session # 1, April 27 – The Morning of the World. Genesis 1-2, the story of the creation of the universe in all its wonderful diversity

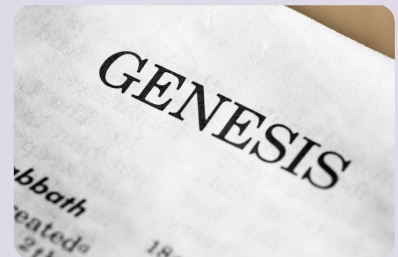
Session # 2, May 4 – Fall Up, Fall Down, or Fall Apart? Genesis 3-6, the story of the fall into sin and its disastrous effects

Session # 3, May 11 – God Will Never Do That Again! Genesis 6-11, the story of the flood and its aftermath, with a focus on God's promise to Noah and "all flesh"

Session # 4, May 18 – God's Unconditional Promises. Genesis 12-15, the story of God's call of Abraham and the promises given to him and his family

"Exploring Genesis" will be our topic on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Centennial Hall, beginning April 27 but with the **May 4 session in the sanctuary** due to Rummage Sale setup. Pastor Linstrom will provide supplemental material to Dr. Fretheim's presentations and the group's own discussion will help guide us.

Join us April 27 through June 22 on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. as we explore our faith tradition's origin stories!



Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, May 1

Confirmation Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at our **10:45 a.m.** worship service. Since 2016, our celebration of Confirmation Sunday at Trinity has shifted to the first Sunday in May, during the season of Easter but before the busyness of the end of the school year. Our Confirmands will have completed three years of catechetical instruction with Pastor Dan Schewe, who will offer the individual blessing prayers for each of our Confirmands.

Be with us as we confirm 12 eighth graders in their journeys of faith formation on May 1!



Potluck & Trivia Night – Saturday, April 23

Mark your calendar, bring a dish to share, and join us at 5:30 p.m. for a family potluck! At 6:30 p.m., the kids will go to the Commons to watch a movie while those aged 12 and up play a friendly-competitive game of trivia created by our very own Karen Unruh. Teams will compete against each other to see who has the most random information on the tip of their tongue. You will be amazed at the random information you have tucked away for just this very occasion!

Watch for the signup link in the April eBlasts. You can sign up as an entire team of 8, or sign up as an individual, as a couple, or as a family. Hospitality and Fellowship Coordinator [Tess Lundgren](#) will put teams of 8 together. Don't be shy! If you love trivia, please sign up. We'll create a team and you'll meet new friends while having a great time. Prizes will be awarded!

Childcare will be provided for infants up to 11 years old.



Save the Date for the Spring Rummage Sale!

Thursday, May 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. [\$5 admission]

Friday, May 6 from 3 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon [Everything must go, \$5 bag deals!]

Please see [page 10](#) for more details about donating, shopping, etc.

Save the Dates for Trinity's JOYful Days 2022 Spring Series!

The Spring JOYful Days series is shaping up! We're confirming dates with speakers, lining up delicious lunches and getting ready to host our Wednesday gatherings. Join us each Wednesday from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Courtyard for coffee and donuts. Pastor Bob's forum will then take place in Centennial Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by a JOYful Days luncheon in the Courtyard at 11:30 a.m. After lunch, stay to hear the day's speaker starting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

The series costs \$40 for all 5 dates, which includes the luncheon and speaker. If you cannot make the entire series, the cost is \$8 per session. Please contact [Tess Lundgren](#) with questions or for more information and **watch upcoming eBlasts for our published agenda and a link to sign up.**



Spring JOYful Days 2022 Are:

April 27, May 4*, May 11, May 18, May 25, and June 1

*Pastor Bob's forum ONLY on May 4 (no other events due to Rummage Sale prep).
Come shop Trinity's **Rummage Sale** on May 5, 6, & 7. See [page 10](#) for details!

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

***You rose from the ashes like a phoenix with a heartache
Now you're taking me away with you tonight,
And I know that I can't fly
But when I'm in your arms, I'm holding up the sky.¹***

In mythology, a phoenix is a bird that dies in flames and is reborn from its ashes. This imagery is found primarily in Greek mythology but is also present in many other cultures. It speaks to the cycles of life we see around us. Life, death, and rebirth. Like the cycle of life we see in flowers this time of the year.

The season of Lent starts in ashes and dirt. We are reminded that we are dust and to dust we will return.

On Ash Wednesday we begin the forty-day journey toward Easter. We are invited to contemplate our actions and how we have failed in living and loving as Christ calls us. In this season we are invited to turn from our failures toward the life Christ has for us. In the midst of this introspection there is a temptation to fixate on the mess of our lives, the failings and the mistakes. We are tempted to think that is all we are and that nothing will ever change.

Yet the point of Lent is not to leave us wallowing in the ashes of our lives, but to help us see the ashes we dwell in and to rise from them.

I love the song *Phoenix with a Heartache* by Kids in the Way. It is an emo rock song I first heard in the early 2000s at a music festival. I love it because it reminds me that the ashes and dirt we find ourselves in are not our final destination. We may dwell in them, but they are not where we stay. We are drawn up out of them by the one who rises from the ashes of all of our pain and failures and embraces us with love. Like a phoenix with a heartache. Love that came at a steep cost, love that we do not deserve, but love that we are given all the same. While we cannot fly on our own, or even rise from the ashes we find ourselves stuck in, Christ can and he carries us up in his arms. Christ fills us with hope in the midst of our despair and calls us from our misery to soar with him.

I think this song is a perfect Easter song. A song crying out from our known pain and despair, yet full of hope. Hope given to us by the one who has entered our pain and rose from the dead, for us.

If you want to listen to this song you can find it by searching 'Phoenix with a Heartache' on YouTube.

Shalom, Pastor Dan Schewe

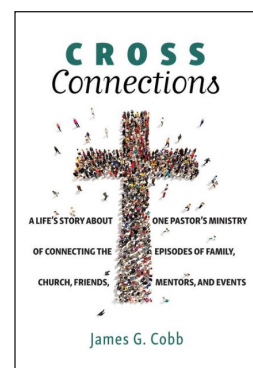
¹Phoenix with a Heartache, Kids in the Way. Safe from the Losing Fight, Flicker Records, 2003.



A New Book by James G. Cobb

The Rev. James G. Cobb, D.D., Senior Pastor at Trinity from 1980 to 1988, is the author of a new book published in 2022: *Cross Connections: A Life's Story About One Pastor's Ministry of Connecting the Episodes of Family, Church, Friends, Mentors, and Events*. Cobb's latest work contains autobiographical content sorted to relay funny and poignant stories from his experience in parish ministry. The book also features a robust appendix focusing on **children in church** which uses anecdotes from Cobb's oldest son Christopher to showcase how children from a very young age engage in emotional and imitative learning in a church setting. Cobb has taken these amusing stories and formed devotionals around them and notes that "Humor is God's gift of grace in a different form and we need to celebrate that." In *Cross Connections*, Cobb seeks to do just this.

To order your copy of *Cross Connections* or other titles by James G. Cobb, including *New Pastor*, *New Parish* (2005) and *Lutheran DNA: Testing the Augsburg Confession in the Parish* (2010), visit or call Wipf and Stock Publishers (<https://wipfandstock.com>, 541.344.1528) or visit [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or www.bookfinder.com.



Middle School

April and May Confirmation Schedule

April 3 – No class (Spring Break)

April 10 – Middle School Youth Group 2 p.m.; Confirmation Class 3 to 4:30 p.m.

April 17 – No class - (Easter Sunday)

April 24 – Confirmation Class 3 to 4:30 p.m.



May 1 – Confirmation Sunday! Celebrate with twelve of our young people at the 10:45 a.m. service as we confirm them in their journeys of faith formation!

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

High School

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

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join us for Youth Group Sunday nights 6:30 to 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. **There will be no youth group on April 3 or 17 due to Spring Break and Easter. We will be cooking meals for our friends at Urban Family Ministries on April 24!**

High School Bible Study with Pastor Dan – April 3 at 9:15 a.m.

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join Pastor Dan on **April 3** during the 9:15 a.m. worship service in the youth room. Join us in journeying through the scriptures and enjoying donuts!

Mission Trip Meeting – April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Our next mission trip meeting is happening on April 10 during youth group (6:30 to 8 p.m.). All participants and a parent/guardian are **required** to be at the meeting. We will be going over what is coming up, working on a special project or two, and continuing to get ready for our trip to Wethersfield.

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

The Gift of Camp Freely Given

This summer Living Water Ministries will give the gift of camp to every camper who wants to attend. There will be no registration fees, and every camper will receive a complimentary t-shirt and snacks at the camp store. 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. We want camp to be financially stable and sustainable so that people can experience this gift 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 give 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](#).



Trinity's Annual Rummage Sale

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We are excited to announce the return of our annual Rummage Sale! All proceeds will help offset the cost for the participants of our mission trip to Wethersfield, Connecticut this June. Thank you in advance for how your donated items help support our youth and those in the greater Grand Rapids community.

In addition to your donated items, we would love your help in making this year's sale a resounding success. We can use help sorting, prepping, and pricing items. If you are interested in helping in any way, please reach out to [Pastor Dan](#).

We are arranging drop-off and pick-up of large items on April 9, 10, 23, and 24. To arrange a time, please contact Pastor Dan.

Items can be dropped off at Trinity on Sunday, May 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Monday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please drop off donations with someone in the Courtyard. If you need help moving something large or unloading your vehicle, please contact [Pastor Dan](#) in advance.

Rummage Sale Dates & Times

Thursday, May 5 from 5 to 8 p.m.
\$5 admission

Friday, May 6 from 3 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon
Everything must go! \$5 bag deals!



Got Stuff?

We CAN accept in good and clean condition:

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Jewelry
- Clothing Accessories
- Housewares
- Linens
- Art
- Rugs
- Furniture (schedule a time with Pastor Dan if you need help moving items)
- Books
- Antiques
- Collectibles
- Sporting Goods
- Tools
- Toys
- Games



We CANNOT accept:

- Anything that has been recalled
- Exercise equipment (stationary bikes, etc.)
- Car seats
- Cassette tapes, videos, and DVDs
- Mattresses
- Electronic or kerosene heaters
- Paint
- Anything flammable, poisonous, or hazardous
- Used tires
- Large appliances
- Building materials
- Non-digital TVs or TVs that require converter boxes
- CRT monitors (large non-flat screens)



**GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF**

Sunday School Schedule

Join us for Bible lessons and activities! Class meets weekly, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

No class on April 3 (Spring Break) or April 17 (Easter)

Last day of class: May 22



Easter Egg Hunt on April 17!

Please join us on the West Lawn, following the Rejoice service (weather permitting). Children grade 5 and younger are invited to enjoy a candy-filled egg hunt!



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

June 20-23 from 9 a.m. to noon

Ages 3 Years to Grade 5

Registration opens May 1

Adult and youth volunteers needed!

Contact [Rachele Battreal](mailto:kids@tlcgr.org) for more information at kids@tlcgr.org

News Briefs



Spring New Members Celebration Being Planned

Are you finding a home at Trinity? Are you back among the people of Trinity after a time away? Are you curious about these Lutheran-flavored folks and hoping to learn more, even if you are not sure that you are ready to become a member of Trinity Lutheran Church?

Pastor's Classes for prospective members will be offered this spring for those who are ready to dig into this tradition of ours more deeply. Others may wish to affiliate as members of Trinity by a simple letter of transfer or by Affirmation of Faith. A New Members Sunday will be celebrated on a Sunday in May or June of 2022. Even if you are not a "joiner," or if you are unsure that membership with Trinity is the right thing for you, please know that you are welcome to explore what it

would mean to affirm membership with the people of Trinity in mission and ministry.

All are welcome – contact Office Coordinator [Kris Baker](mailto:kris.baker@tlcgr.org) or one of our pastors for more information.

Calming the Storm

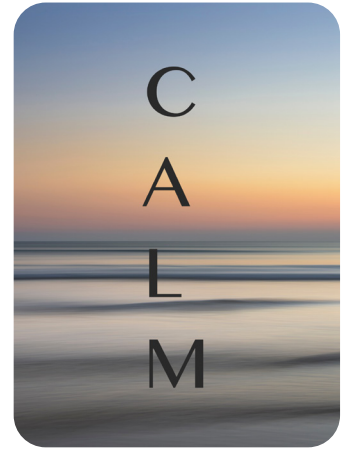
No doubt you are well-blessed. You have much to be thankful for. Then why is there so much anxiety? Let's face it: there are many challenges in life, and we have little to no control over them. Your health fails, a loved one perishes, a job is at risk, a cherished relationship ends, you are blessed with another baby while struggling to make ends meet, _____. I'm sure most of us can fill in that last blank!

You cast about for solutions, bring all your talent and resources to bear, but the anxiety remains. It may even build. How can we calm the storm, keep the anxiety at bay?

The message in Philippians 4:4-8 gives us a model for releasing our anxiety:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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.

A peace that surpasses all understanding! Let's claim that promise! Peace, calm – we all need that!



C.A.L.M.

In his book *Anxious for Nothing*¹ Max Lucado uses a clever acronym to help us claim the promise in Philippians 4, taking steps to release anxiety. Here's a summary:

C. Celebrate the Lord. Rejoice in all He has given.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

A. Ask God for help. Bring your concerns to Him. Be specific!

⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

L. Leave the matter to Him. Rest in the knowledge that God is in control.

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

M. Meditate on all that is good. Fill your mind with thoughts of the goodness in your life.

⁸Finally, 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.

This has been shared with you from your Stephen Ministry Team.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you always.

¹Lucado, Max. *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. Zondervan, 2017.



Fitness at Trinity

Trinity fitness classes will be on Spring Break until April 13.

Many offerings are available from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday in the Commons. Please connect with our instructor, Kristina Kuhlmann at 616.719.6961 for the current class schedule.

Put a Spring in Your Step!

We have more daylight, the temperature is rising, and spring is trying to arrive! It's time to open windows, breathe in fresh air, and get moving!

Walking is a wonderful activity for your overall health. Not only will you burn calories, strengthen muscles and improve your mood, you'll decrease your risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Even going a few steps further than you have in the past is literally taking 'steps in the right direction'!



Don't forget there is a lovely outdoor, wood-chipped walking path and worship space on Trinity's property across the parking lot from the kitchen entrance on the east side of the building (**and see pages 14–16 for all the trail has to offer!**). Why not get your steps outdoors AND take a moment to reflect on God's amazing creation? Just keep in mind that the path can be uneven or muddy depending on the weather.

Collaborative Mental Health Event at Trinity

MINDING YOUR MIND: Staying Centered in Today's World

Saturday, May 21, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



The Trinity health ministries team is working with Westminster's mental health team to provide this event to all of our Standing Together Ministry Partners: Trinity Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian, Temple Emanuel, and Masjid At-Tawheed.

Together we will learn more about caring for our mental health individually and collectively. There will be presentations on topics relating to anxiety, depression, therapy, suicide prevention, and teen support as well as experiential offerings like centering prayer, walking a labyrinth, and even mindful doodling! In addition, multiple organizations will be in attendance sharing valuable community resources.

Please save the date and come spend the morning with us! Watch the eBlast after Easter for information on how to register. Contact Faith Community Nurse [Kristin Bradley](#) with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Art Ministries

Trinity's Nature Trail Art Offers Opportunity for Fitness, Reflection, & Worship

Last fall, the Trinity Art Committee, along with Pastor Dan and the Trinity Youth, began installing sculptures on the Trinity nature trail. The committee and Pastor Dan had come up with the idea of distributing art pieces along the path both to inspire interest and contemplation, and after brainstorming amongst themselves and with others the committee decided that these installations would reflect the Eight Beatitudes, which are the blessings declared by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-12). According to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the Eight Beatitudes specify the blessedness of those who have certain qualities or experiences specific to those who belong to the Kingdom of Heaven. The groups named by Jesus in these blessings are groups normally seen as destitute or unfortunate, but in each Beatitude, Jesus names them blessed. The purpose of the Beatitudes is to inspire Christians to live according to the traits Jesus describes in them.

In September, Art Committee member John Ziech and his wife Melissa visited Melissa's brother Chris in Prescott, Arizona. Together, John and Chris forged and welded 12" steel symbols representing the Eight Beatitudes and then had them mailed back to Grand Rapids. According to John, the symbols they chose were taken from research connecting mostly Christian icons to the general thoughts behind each of the eight blessings. The first steel icon was installed on the nature trail in early fall atop a structure of gravel and rebar and represents the first Beatitude: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*. The symbol itself is a flame, which represents the Holy Spirit and the idea behind the blessing: to be satisfied with what we have and to share the good things we do have with others.



Throughout the last several months, Pastor Dan and the Trinity Youth have helped with the heavy lifting and installation of seven more of these beautiful steel symbols along Trinity's nature trail. When thinking



about the best visuals for the path, Art Committee members felt that the ideal artform would blend into the natural environment, withstand Michigan weather, depict a faith-based subject, and inspire those who walk along the trail. The Eight Beatitude icons and the structures they sit atop certainly accomplish these goals and offer a trail-goer the chance to experience art and reflection while enjoying moments of fitness and worship.

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Where is the Trinity Nature Trail?

The nature trail can be found on the east side of the building, across the parking lot, in the swath of land between Fulton and Robinson Roads.

Take a self-guided tour as you walk the path by grabbing one of the handy **flyers** found at the entrance. The flyer gives general trail information and details about each of the Eight Beatitude sculptures.

See next page to learn more about the Eight Beatitudes →

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES & THEIR MEANINGS

(With suggested ICONS)



#1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *(Be satisfied with what you have. Share the good things we have with others because God wants us to.)* ...flame represents Holy Spirit



#2 Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. *(Comfort those who are suffering. Help others feel better about themselves after a loss.)* ...ribbon symbol for mourning/comfort



#3 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. *(Humility-a true sense of who you are. Get the ego out of the way.)* ... Celtic Symbol for Humility



#4 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. *(Do what is fair for everyone. Think WWJD)* ...fish symbol symbolizing Christians or feeding 5000



#5 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. *(We forgive those who are unkind to us. Look for ways to show kindness to others.)* ...crown of thorns symbolizing mercy



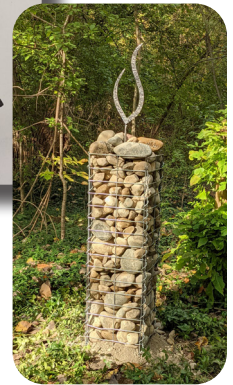
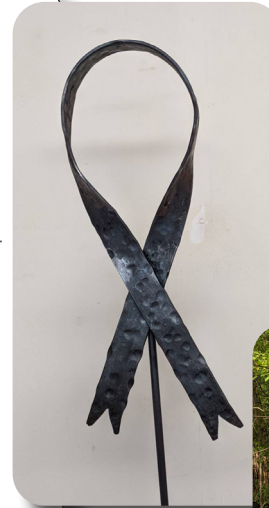
#6 Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. *(We do what is right just because we know it is the right thing to do.)* ...heart symbol for, well... heart



#7 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. *(We try to bring God's peace to the world. We control our behavior so people can see Jesus in us.)* ... peace dove symbol



#8 Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *(We are willing to stand up for God's laws even if we are teased or insulted)...*cross symbolizing the kingdom of heaven



New Artwork in Trinity's Overlook Gallery

The Trinity Art Committee is pleased to announce that Trinity's Overlook Gallery is now featuring the photography of local artist **Wayne Thomas Pierce**. Come check it out!

About Wayne: Wayne was born and raised in Grand Rapids and has created fine art photography for over six decades, resulting in a master library of over 10,000 images. After graduating from Western Michigan University with a BA in social sciences, Wayne spent 30 years of his professional career in high performance corporate organizations and executive leadership positions. His professional accomplishments include leading teams in the development of award-winning architecture, innovative product designs, and corporate environments for profit and non-profit organizations.



Geometry

Two important events occurred in the summer of 1963 that forever changed Wayne's life. On his 14th birthday, he received a Kodak Brownie Starmite II and a roll of 127 Kodacolor film. The second event was discovering a small downtown residential building that had been converted into the Grand Rapids Art Gallery. Within those small rooms, Wayne found a sanctuary: a source of paintings, sculptures, and photographs which captivated his imagination and fueled a powerful desire for artistic expression that has lasted his entire life. In 1999, Wayne earned the People's Choice Award at the Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts. Previous exhibitions include ArtPrize, West Michigan Area Show, Lowell Arts, Keeler Gallery, First United Methodist Church, and Grand Valley Artists.



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Wayne's Artist Statement: In creating fine art images, I focus on locating the compositional elements of naturally occurring colors, shapes, textures, and lines. Trusting my aesthetic intuition to inform and guide me, I aim to isolate the central subject or theme while creating a unified, balanced, and harmonious composition.

My intent is to create a body of work that celebrates and honors the world in which we live; to construct a visual vocabulary that describes the wonder, magic, and mystery that exists in our universe and captures more than just a record of subjects and locations.

Music Ministries

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



Duo Giústo
Stephanie Pestana, Piano
Rebecca Salo, French Horn
April 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Duo Giústo is a horn and piano duo established in 2020 by Rebecca Salo and Stephanie Pestana. The duo met during their graduate studies at Indiana University, where they were roommates and performed together on several occasions. During the quarantine of Spring 2020, they started playing together in their living rooms and making recordings to share with family and friends. They gave their premier recital as Duo Giústo in January 2021.

This Liederabend recital (arrangements of Art Songs of various composers) for piano and French horn, will feature transcriptions of songs by Schubert, Mahler, Clara Schumann, and others. You might recall that Stephanie Pestana was in our Celebration of Music Concert Series in 2015 during her junior year at Michigan State University studying piano performance with Derek Polischuk. This will be Rebecca Salo's first appearance at the Celebration of Music Concert Series.

Welcome spring with this concert of beautiful melodies and piano accompaniment of the masters!

Free and open to the public. Join us!

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. **Two ways to find streaming services:**

(1) Follow the home page link to **Virtual Worship** on Trinity's website; select **Video** to connect to the stream. **(2)** Go to YouTube by opening the app on your phone or by visiting the webpage.

Search for and click on **Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids**. If the service is live (from about 9:10 to 10:20 a.m./10:40 to 11:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings), there will be **Live Now** video. Simply click on the video.

•We also save past services (called **Rejoice Worship**, and **Sanctuary Worship**), so you can view a past service at any time. (On Sundays, it may be a few hours before videos are available.) ***If you **subscribe** to Trinity's YouTube channel, videos should automatically show up on your feed.

We are on GRTV! Our Sunday services are 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!

Opportunities to Support Church & Community

Interfaith Hospitality Network Coming to Trinity this June! Trinity Hosts IHN Families June 5 – 12, 2022

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 volunteer in Trinity's upcoming Friday eBlasts. If you have questions about this important ministry, please contact the [church office](#).



Help Fight Climate Change

Saturday, April 23, 2022
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Faith Lutheran Church
4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI
For more information, call Pastor Ellen Schoepf at:
517-974-5570

The Holle Speaker Series
presents

Rev. Dr. Jim Antal

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/HolleSpeakerSeries>

Rev. Jim Antal is the author of the book *Climate Church, Climate World*. He is a public theologian, award-winning activist, and national spokesperson on climate change for the United Church of Christ.

This event is free to the public.

Due to Covid-19, lunch will NOT be served. There will be an hour break for lunch. You may bring your lunch or get lunch at one of the area restaurants.

To Sign Up:

<https://bit.ly/HolleSpeakerSeries>

Personal Care Items to be Collected through April

The members of Trinity's Outreach Committee would like to encourage everyone to consider donating personal care items through the month of April. These will be donated to area social service agencies for distribution to their patrons. Many go without the simple things we take for granted. The following items are most appreciated:

- Bar soap, body wash, deodorant
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, mouth wash
- Comb, brush, shampoo, conditioner
- Hand or body lotion, lip balm, nail items, Q-tips

While sample sizes are useful, it would be wonderful if we could provide items in **regular sizes** that will last longer. Please drop off your donations in the labeled black bin located in the entryway of the main entrance on the west side of the building or in the narthex by **Sunday, April 24**.



Opportunities to Support Church & Community (cont.)



Invitation to Contribute to the “Pastor Karen Niemeyer Scholarship Fund”

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 16, a celebration of the ministry of Pastor Karen Niemeyer was offered at the conclusion of business. Pastor Karen officially retired on January 31 after five years of ordained ministry among the people of Trinity.

One of the ways the Congregation Council authorized for celebrating Pastor Karen’s ministry here at Trinity was to begin to seed a scholarship fund for second career seminarians. Pastor Karen

Niemeyer, who has graced our ministry for many years even before she joined us as an Associate Pastor, attended seminary and was ordained after several career paths. As we give thanks for the ministry of this wonderful second career seminarian, we have initiated this new scholarship fund. We would like to extend an invitation to all the people of Trinity to join us in seeding this fund, which will hopefully bring other gifted candidates to attend seminary and prepare to serve in Christ’s name as ordained clergy.



At its February 2022 meeting, the Congregation Council received the report that the fund had generated \$14,165 to date. The Council agreed to encourage the continued growth of this fund in 2022. Please know the invitation to give generously to the “Pastor Karen Niemeyer Scholarship Fund.”

Practical Ways to Help Afghan Immigrants

Although the surge is slowing, Samaritas is still resettling new Afghan families. **Here are four practical ways you can help:**

1. If you have clean, gently used clothes of any size, donate them to ‘In the Image’. Case workers take their families shopping there, where they can try on clothes and select those they need, all for free. In the Image is located at 4255 Kalamazoo Ave. The donation center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Read about their needs and acceptance policies here: <https://www.intheimage.org/donationcenter>.
2. One of the most challenging aspects of setting up these households is getting furniture to the right place at the right time. Samaritas would like to get a list of volunteers who have vehicles that could be used to transport furniture and/or the ability to help move furniture periodically. Their intention is to schedule most moves on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. There could be other move-in times for specific families. This is periodic work; not every week. As donations come up, they will ask for help for a specific day and time. If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers, please contact Sheila Talsma at sheilatalsma@comcast.net.
3. Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) is doing a campaign to recruit volunteer attorneys and other helpers to assist the Afghans with their asylum applications through clinics that will be starting this spring. If you would be interested in volunteering in this capacity, or if you know anyone else in the congregation or your network who may have the skills and the heart for this work, please reach out to Sheila Talsma at sheilatalsma@comcast.net.
4. Advocate for passage of the Afghan Adjustment Act. Most Afghan evacuees arrived via humanitarian parole, a temporary status offering Afghans the opportunity to work and remain in the United States for a one- to two-year period. However, humanitarian parole leaves few real opportunities to apply for permanent residency. We are asking Congress to act now to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to ensure Afghans seeking to make the U.S. their home can apply to become lawful permanent residents after one year. It’s important to note that when Afghans with humanitarian parole apply to adjust their status, they undergo additional screening and vetting procedures, adding to the robust measures already in place. To find out more and see a sample petition go to bit.ly/elcaAAA.

Samaritas has settled over 20 Afghan families to date. Thank you for your support in so many ways.



April Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

April 1

Eleanor Cunningham
Chase Laakko
Logan Landon
Alberta Nelson

April 2

Michael Dunning
Ashton Humphreys
Jacqueline Kessel
Kathryn Lee
Tina Porcelli
Hannah Warren

April 3

Remy Bowman
Cynthia Fongers
Madelyn Hungerford
Christy Kendall
David Murray
Nora Wilson

April 4

Caroline Murray
Justin Ruehs
Stephanie Sandler
Michaela Soczek
Christopher Van Meter
Lauren Wright
William & Susan Bailey
Tom & Kristen Shannon
Gary & Patricia Stevens

April 5

Abigail Severns
Corey & Katherine Bowman
Joshua & Anna Peterman
Dennis & Cheryl Rosen

April 6

Greg Law
Patricia Radloff

April 7

Abbie Glass
Abraham Glenn
Amanda Hungerford
Matt LaFleur
Lynda McCready
Susan Stanard
Leah Williams

April 8

Trevor Bidle
Andrew Brown
Jon Ferguson
Alison Horn

April 9

Eleanor Buggeln
Carol Butler
Jeff Haywood
Rebecca Mattison
Lance Owens
Chelsea Zabel
James & Michelle Morin

April 10

Quinn Brown
Barbara Crossman
Alaina Dulecki
Samantha Garvey
April Lothschutz
Steven Unruh
Ryan VanZalen

April 11

Laney Brang
Gregg Cothorn
Renee Fisk
Kathryn Kubicek
Shirley Tedford
Douglas & Joan Start

April 12

Dale Gauwitz
Alan Helzer
Hayley Howard
Hagos Kafil
Laura Norton
Michael & Molly King

April 13

Tessa Grooters
Harrison Hale
Adam Hall
Julie Pardy
Andrew Pfeiffle
Jane Renwick
Richard Steeby
William Watson
Heidi Wilson

April 14

David Boer
William Schaefer

April 15

Brenda Fritts
Lisa Greiner
Edward Lohr
Kristen Sytsma

April 16

Adam Guigue
Charles & Maria Krug

April 17

Elizabeth Hall
Nathaniel Keller
Grace Lanning
Richard Radke Jr.
Evelyn Severns
Emily Williams
David & Elizabeth Humphreys

April 18

Kelly Blair
Raija Boles
Dale Elliott
Andrew Fox
Peter Kuipers
James Mielock
Julia Pfeiffle

April 19

Ning Liu

April 20

Maggie Barker
Declan Dwyer
Greta Huber
Tyler Mason
Tim Wieber

April 21

Bruce Langenburg
Lane Lewkowski
Peter Zielinski

April 22

Zachary Abbate
Bryan Bredwell
Kristen Lamprich
Daniel Legault
Robert Mallen
Michael Palaszek
Robert Scott
Chris Waite
David & Mary Smoes

April 23

Blake Brackmann
Thomas Cisler
Ryan Gallagher
Madeline Hale
Abby Haywood
James Ludeman

April 24

Florence Bouwman
Rachel Horn
Nicholas Terpstra
Brian & Jessica Scalabrino

April 25

Philip Brondyke
Lisa Cargill
Nicholas Derbin
Jacob Schneider
Charlotte Stephan
Jeremiah Thamban
Owen Thamban

April 26

Jaculin Cole
Nanje Zupin
Douglas & Julia Brubaker

April 27

Emma Bollinger
Dave Kaiser
Patrick Lown
Carolyn McCready
Helena Phillips
Michael & Karen Palaszek

April 28

Molly Havard
Richard Radke
Levi Van Haren
David & Wendy Johnson

April 29

Steve Johnson
Todd Mall
Jason Vanderband
Lloyd & Allison Landon

April 30

Olivia Bradley
Rachel Dahlgren
David Humphreys
David Krupp
Rebecca Luders
Jennifer Thamban
Erik & Jodi Wood

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



Please Keep in Touch With Us!

Are You Expecting or Adopting?

The Trinity staff would like to celebrate and share in your happy news of being pregnant or welcoming a new child through adoption. We like to know about it, so we can pray for and support your family. Our ministry to your baby/child begins even before they arrive! Contact Kris Baker in the main office with your details.

Baptism at Trinity

Are you interested in having your child(ren) or yourself baptized? Contact [Pastor Bob](#) with the potential date(s) and service that will work for you and your family.

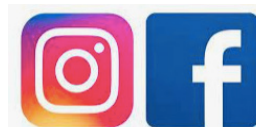
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