



# The Messenger

## All Saints Sunday to be Observed in Worship on November 6

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

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



## Consecration Sunday at Trinity on November 20

*Prayerfully Consider Your Estimate of Giving for 2023!*

The people of Trinity Lutheran Church are invited to a celebration of our offering giving on Sunday, November 20, 2022. All three worship services that day will include the invitation for members and friends of Trinity to make their Estimates of Giving for 2023, their pledges of offering giving for the year ahead, as an act of worship.

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

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# What's Happening at Trinity in November?

## Weekly at a Glance

### **Sundays**

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.  
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.  
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.  
(No Sunday School November 27)  
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Live Streaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.

### **Mondays**

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### **Tuesdays**

Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.  
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.  
(Meeting at 10:30 a.m. on November 22)  
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. – noon\*

### **Wednesdays**

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### **Thursdays**

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. – noon\*  
(No classes on November 24)  
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
(No rehearsal on November 24)  
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.  
(No rehearsal on November 24)

\*Contact fitness instructor [Xristina Kuhlmann](#) at 616.719.6961 for current class schedule.

## Daily Calendar

### **Wednesday, November 2**

Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.  
Outreach Committee Mtg, noon

### **Thursday, November 3**

CHMPs Fall Conference, 8 a.m.

### **Friday, November 4**

Charge! Youth Conference  
Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
Wedding Rehearsal, 4 p.m.

### **Saturday, November 5**

Charge! Youth Conference  
Wedding, 2 p.m.

### **Sunday, November 6**

All Saints Sunday  
Charge! Youth Conference  
LWR Quilters, noon

### **Monday, November 7**

Stephen Leaders Mtg, 1 p.m.  
Race & Restitution Reading Group, 1 p.m.  
Property Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.  
Beyond Belief Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 8**

Book Club, 7 p.m.  
Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 9**

Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.  
Food for Thought Dinner & Speaker, 5:30 p.m.  
Youth & Family Comm Mtg, 8 p.m.

### **Friday, November 11**

Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.  
Wedding Rehearsal, 5 p.m.

### **Saturday, November 12**

Celebration of Music Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.  
Surviving the Holidays, 10 a.m.  
Wedding, 2:30 p.m.  
Lamprich Party, 4:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, November 13**

Veterans Appreciation Sunday  
(Reception 9 a.m. - noon)  
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, 12:30 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. Grp 1, 1:30 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. Grp 2, 1:30 p.m.  
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.  
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.  
Celebration of Music Concert, 3 p.m.  
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

### **Monday, November 14**

The Messenger Deadline  
Schubert Male Chorus Board Mtg, 5:30 p.m.  
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.  
Congregation Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 16**

Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.

### **Thursday, November 17**

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Life Begins at 60 Dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
Children's Min Comm Mtg, 8 p.m.

### **Friday, November 18**

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

### **Saturday, November 19**

Thankful Hearts Family Event, 5:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, November 20**

Consecration Sunday  
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.  
Youth Craig's Cruisers Outing, 5 p.m.

### **Monday, November 21**

Finance Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.  
Beyond Belief Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 22**

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

### **Thursday, November 24**

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Office Closed

### **Friday, November 25**

Office Closed

### **Monday, November 28**

Outreach Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.  
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 30**

Midweek Advent Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
Advent Vespers, 6:30 p.m.  
Pack 3015 Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

# A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom

## The Good Parts

*Once, in the cool blue middle of a lake,  
up to my neck in that most precious element of all,*

*I found a pale-gray, curled-upwards pigeon feather  
floating on the tension of the water*

*at the very instant when a dragonfly,  
like a blue-green iridescent bobby pin,*

*hovered over it, then lit, and rested.  
That's all.*

*I mention this in the same way  
that I fold the corner of a page*

*in certain library books,  
so that the next reader will know*

*where to look for the good parts.*

—*Field Guide* by Tony Hoagland

I encountered this little poem last summer and set it aside for reflection. One way to think about a poem like this one is that it celebrates the commonplace, the ordinary moments of life: a dragonfly on a pigeon feather. But perhaps the poet had more in mind.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote that if the stars came out only one night a century, that night would be considered an astounding spectacle, a wonder of the world, and all of us would stay up and behold them in breathless awe — and yet, there they are each cloudless night, no less miraculous for being so frequently visible. We've had a few of the cloudless miracles in the autumnal night sky in recent weeks.

What Hoagland calls "the good parts" are like that: they're everywhere around us every day, and for that very reason, we tend to overlook them, or find them merely pleasant or charming. But in fact, they are sheer wonders, astonishments, glories to behold. Water really is "that most precious element of all." A dragonfly really is a marvel, as is a feather, as is the tension on the still surface of a lake. As are you, and me, up to our necks in miracles, every moment of every day. That's all.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.*

—Psalm 103:1, 22

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

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob Linstrom



## Trinity Congregation Council Members 2022-2023

*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.*

### Congregational Council Executive Committee

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

### Congregational Council Members

Children's Ministry: Sarah Huckstep  
Communications: Chris Becker  
Helping Hands: Susan Knoll  
Endowment Fund: Brad Kessel  
Fellowship & Hospitality: Jamie Kuntzman  
Finance: Chris Engle & Chris Norton  
Health Ministries: Carol Butler  
Human Resources: Steve Heacock  
Outreach: John Fox  
Property: Chris Becker  
Publicly Engaged Church: Christophe Muganza  
Spiritual Growth: Bill Bush  
Stewardship: Jacquie Murray  
Worship & Music: Kate Bredwell  
Youth & Family Ministry: Amy Fox  
Youth & Family Ministry: Alaina Lundgren (Youth Representative)



## A Message from President Karen Unruh

Which ministries of our church inspire you? For me, music ministry has always been an important part of my spiritual growth, both as a worshiper and as a musician. Rob Still, a Music Minister and songwriter in Nashville, TN, reflects: *Music is a valuable tool, a flexible vehicle, and a precious resource to enable people to worship God. Music in worship gives us the vocabulary and actions to express praise and worship to God. Music both expresses and affects our emotions so that we grow closer to God. Music helps unite, encourage, and inspire the body of Christ.*

I began playing handbells at my church when I was in middle school. Since then, I have continued to play handbells at every church I've been a member of, and the presence of a bell choir at a church is a significant part of what draws me there.

Being in a bell choir is a unique musical experience. While musicians in a band or an orchestra play various distinct instruments, the musicians of a bell choir are, in a sense, all playing one large instrument, each of us responsible for just a handful (literally!) of notes. There is a special camaraderie in being a member of a bell choir. I love when we support each other by calling out measures or counting aloud tricky rhythms during rehearsals or when someone offers to ring a neighbor's bell during a difficult key change or page turn. I enjoy the challenges of long runs of notes and precisely rung chords. I appreciate that Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. is time set aside for something that fills my cup. I am glad that we can share our offering of music during worship.

All of the ministries of Trinity are supported by the generosity of our members. Our handbells carry a reminder of this within their handles, each labeled as given by a family or individual, many given in memory of a loved one. Over this past summer, the bells returned to their manufacturer for the first time in 20 years for cleaning and repair. The cost of this much needed refurbishment was drawn from a fund designated for music ministry that had been established by Denny Helzer in memory of his wife Ruth. Even members' regular offering gifts not specifically designated help support our music ministry, as our printed music and supplies are purchased through the Music budget.

I'll close this column as Dr. Kuperus closed our most recent bell rehearsal, with words from the hymn *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*:

*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!*

*How oft, in making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise; and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!*

## Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals Month of September 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	88,164	91,671	3,507	4.0%
Total Expenses	113,613	109,860	3,753	3.3%
Net Income (Loss)	(25,449)	(18,189)	7,260	

## 2022 Fiscal Year-to-Date Thru September 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	860,007	747,134	(112,874)	-13.1%
Total Expenses	802,015	728,445	73,570	9.2%
Net Income (Loss)	57,993	18,688	(39,304)	

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of town! To get started simply click on the 'Donate' button at the top of the

Trinity Website, scan the QR code to the left, or go to:

<https://get.tithe.ly>.

Please contact Trinity's Finance Assistant [Joanna Waite](#) in the main office if you need assistance.

## Trinity Trivia

**Q1:** (Community & Global Outreach) Who are Trinity's three partner congregations in our "Standing Together" interfaith community here in Grand Rapids?

**Q2:** (Organization & Structure) Which leadership group at Trinity is responsible for ensuring we are fulfilling our mission as a congregation and setting our vision for the future?



Trinity Trivia answers located on the [back cover](#).

## A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

It is easy to be hypercritical.

It is easy to live a lifestyle of always wanting more.

We see these ways of life modeled nearly everywhere we look.

Yet God calls us to live our lives differently.

Paul takes up the biblical refrain to give thanks in some of his final words to the church in Thessalonica, a community he helped found and dearly cares for. He longs for them to flourish in spite of the difficult circumstances they find themselves in. Even though they are living through horrific oppression and deeply troubling economic times, Paul acknowledges that they are living faithfully despite the difficult circumstances. Paul encourages them to rejoice, pray, and give thanks.

We need to hear these words too. It is easy to spend our days complaining about every little thing and accumulating way too much stuff. Often there is a constant feeling of being stretched too thin with too much to do. All of these forces entice us to slip into a lifestyle of complaining and accumulation; it just feels easy.

Paul reiterates God's desire for us to live lives filled with rejoicing, contemplation, and giving thanks. We are invited to turn our gaze off ourselves and the things people tell us we should have and instead look outward and see how our blessings can be of use to someone else. We are reminded again and again in the scriptures to give thanks; to look at what we have as a gift from God and be thankful for it.

This November, I invite you to pause daily and give thanks. Take a few minutes at the start or end of your day and think of all the things you are thankful for that particular day. When you find yourself slipping back into that critical place, pause and give thanks.

*Give thanks in all circumstances for it is God's will for you in Christ.*

Shalom,

Pastor Dan Schewe



## A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast

### Grieving, Surviving, and Maybe Even Thriving During the Holidays

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

These two holiday months are supposed to be *The Best Time of The Year!* The time we gather with family and friends in thanksgiving and the time we gather to give thanks for the birth of Christ. When we find ourselves in times of loss, these months can seem lonely, intimidating, and overwhelming.

God is present with us, in the midst of dark, lonely, despairing, and bleak times; whether we can experience it or not, God is present and God still has *more*.



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## A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast (cont.)

More love, friends, support, resources. *More*. It may not be the *more* that we want, such as our spouse alive again, our job we were fired from, our friend who moved out of state; but God still has *more*.

Grief is very painful. We can feel no one understands. We can be impatient with ourselves. The pain of grief can cause us to want to curl up and ignore our grief and block out the world.

The work of mourning and healing, though it is difficult, can be a part of a return to wellness. Part of the work of mourning is recognizing our signs of grief, being present with our pain, and gathering with trusted others in meaningful ways.

Author Joanna Macy encourages us to not be afraid of our grief, explaining if we pave it over or clamp it down, that it shuts us down. She says, "This fear, of the pain of grief, is real... we are called to not run from the discomfort and not run from the grief or the feelings of outrage or even fear... ...if we can be fearless, to be with our pain, it turns... when we look at it, when we take it in our hands, when we can just be *with it and keep breathing*, then it turns. It turns to reveal its other face, and the other face of our pain... is our love for the world..."

On top of its difficulty, strangely, our best friends, family, co-workers, and closest neighbors — the very people who normally make our lives beautiful — may be unable to be present with our pain and difficulties. Instead, as author Ann Lamott puts it, they want to, "save, or rescue, or fix... or force [us] into submission to what they think would be a good path for [us]." It's not that they suddenly lack love for us, perhaps they are uncomfortable or are struggling with their own pain; unable to simply listen with curiosity, compassion, and care.

God's *more* may come to us as we seek out trusted others to support us during these times of grief—therapists, Stephen Ministers, Grief-Share groups, pastors, and others who do their hard, healing, and beautiful work.

During this liturgical and holiday season consider these resources: On **Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to noon**, I'll be leading the *Surviving the Holidays* seminar. Registration is preferred and can be completed here: <https://tinyurl.com/2zwxtz2p>. Please see [page 10](#) of this newsletter for more details. In addition, please also consider our beautiful Advent evening services on the four Advent Wednesdays **beginning November 30 at 6:30 p.m.** Pastor Bob will be leading us through our musical service with the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy, Dr. Darlene Kuperus will be providing her wonderful music, and I will have the honor of providing a message. The last of these four services on **December 21** will be a *Longest Night Service*. Please see [page 11](#) for more information about midweek Advent suppers and worship.

Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman (1907-1948), writing 80 years ago, uses the metaphor of a piano with which our loved ones brought music into our lives: "The melody that the loved one played upon the piano of your life will never be played quite that way again, but we must not close the keyboard and allow the instrument to gather dust. We must seek out other artists of the spirit, new friends who gradually will help us to find the road to life again, who will walk the road with us."

Slowly, as we move through our pain, we begin to see the *more* God has for our lives. Until someday, we too will be able to praise God for our healing, saying as the Psalmist in Psalm 30 says, "You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have... clothed me with joy..."

God still has *more* music and dancing to fill our lives; *more* blessings for us and *more* blessings for us to provide for others; God has *more* for us, even unto eternal life.

God's Deepest Blessings!

Pastor Kari, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

# All Saints Sunday is November 6

## For All the Saints

*We remember Trinity members who have gone before us since All Saints Day, November 1, 2021.  
"If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him."*

**Dixie Lee Brinks**

May 17, 1944 – December 25, 2021

**Deborah Ruth Bambini**

July 6, 1961 – February 4, 2022

**Dennis Michael Lowe**

September 29, 1947 – February 18, 2022

**James Paul (Jim) Miller**

November 15, 1946 – March 26, 2022

**Adam Eli Guigue**

April 16, 1993 – April 3, 2022

**Jerry Lee Hendricks**

October 22, 1945 – May 11, 2022

**John David Holm**

February 25, 1947 – July 19, 2022

**Joan Elaine Sellman**

February 9, 1948 – June 24, 2022

**Shirley Ann Tedford**

April 11, 1935 – July 29, 2022

**John Edward Racek, Jr.**

September 19, 1945 – October 2, 2022

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## Giving Thanks for Our Newest Brothers and Sisters in Christ

*Those Baptized Since All Saints Day, November 1, 2021*

**Samuel David Alkema**

December 12, 2021

**Brock Conrad Smith**

January 23, 2022

**Paige Therese Bishop**

February 27, 2022

**Austin Daniel Mester**

March 20, 2022

**Nicco Verne Yoder**

April 3, 2022

**Ashton Xjun Tao Filippov Griewahn**

June 5, 2022

**Mackenzie Mae Lynn**

July 3, 2022

**Beatrice Anne Hammel**

July 17, 2022

**Theodore Gerald Wright**

July 31, 2022

**Stella Elizabeth Eimers**

August 28, 2022

**Hendrik Allan Eimers**

August 28, 2022

**Winona Ann Mester**

September 18, 2022

**Vivian Jan White**

September 18, 2022

**Steven Spencer Olson**

October 9, 2022

**John Robert Olson**

October 9, 2022

**James Osborn Heaford**

October 30, 2022

## Stephen Ministry: Why it is Important to Trinity Lutheran Church's Mission

The Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church clearly states our desire to care for one another:

"Trinity Lutheran Church is a dynamic family called by God to nurture each other in our daily journeys of faith and to joyfully increase our response to all people in need, sharing God's gifts of love and grace."

Stephen Ministry, one of many caring ministries at Trinity, focuses on *sharing God's gifts* of love and grace with *people in need* of emotional support as they pass through a difficult period in life. This may be due to illness of a loved one, job crisis, marital discord, or challenges in raising a family. Our goal is that no one walk alone in a time of trouble.

Your Stephen Minister meets with you individually to listen, extend grace, and *walk with you in your journey of faith* through the challenges of life.

To learn more about working with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the Pastors or Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley.



## Advent Devotionals Coming Soon!

Plans are underway for the 2022 edition of the Trinity Advent Devotional Booklet. Written by and for the members of Trinity, it contains a devotion for each day of the 4 weeks of Advent: November 28 through December 23, plus Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The writings are based on scripture and provide thoughtful reflections by Trinity folks on this season of joyful preparation.

Digital copies of the Advent Devotional Booklet will be available late November via links in the eBlast, as a companion to the digital December edition of the Messenger, and on Trinity's website. The devotionals can also be found daily on Facebook and Instagram.

Beginning **Sunday, November 27**, hard copies of the devotional booklet can be picked up at Trinity. Additionally, a printed copy will be sent with mailed copies of the December *Messenger*.

*Please note that daily emails will not be sent this year.* Instead, the booklet in its entirety can be download as a .pdf to your mobile device or computer.

If you missed the opportunity to sign up to be a 2022 devotional writer in the eBlasts, please contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall at [rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org](mailto:rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org). There may be a need for a few additional writers and your offer would be greatly appreciated.



# Mark Your Calendar!

## Join Us for Worship in November!



**Sunday, November 6 – All Saints Sunday;** remembering those who have died and those who have been baptized since All Saints Day in 2021

**Sunday, November 13 – Commemorating Veterans Day in worship;** with a prayer of thanksgiving for all who have served in our nation's Armed Forces

**Sunday, November 20 – Consecration Sunday;** the people of Trinity are invited to make their Estimates of Giving for 2023; November 20 is also **Christ the King Sunday**, the last Sunday of the church year

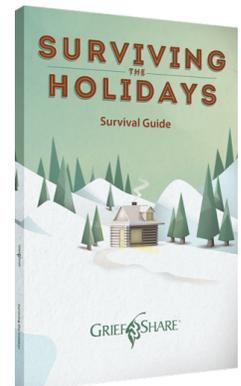
**Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday in Advent**

## Surviving the Holidays • Saturday, November 12

When we are grieving the loss of a loved one, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar on **Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to noon** helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. Our gathering will include a 40-minute video followed by a time for sharing and supporting one another.

A \$5 registration fee will cover the cost of the participant take-home book *Holiday Survival Guide*. Registration for this event is preferred and can be completed at <https://tinyurl.com/2zwxtz2p> or by contacting Pastor Kari Fast at [kari.fast@tlcgr.org](mailto:kari.fast@tlcgr.org).

*Be welcome to arrive at 9:45 a.m. to settle in and grab a light snack and beverage.*



## Veterans Appreciation Day at Trinity • Sunday, November 13



Trinity will mark Veterans Day weekend in worship on Sunday, November 13. A prayer of blessing for those who have served our nation in its armed forces will be offered as we join with all citizens of our nation in giving thanks for the sacrifice of those who have served.

We would like to be able to recognize every Trinity member who has served in any branch of our military: Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army, Space Force, or National Guard. **If you have served, please submit a photo of yourself during your period of service, preferably in uniform, as well as a current photo.** You can submit a digital or hard copy to Tess Lundgren. If hard copy, please bring or send to the church office with attention to Tess Lundgren. If submitting a digital copy, email to: [tess.lundgren@tlcgr.org](mailto:tess.lundgren@tlcgr.org). All hard copies will be returned.

Along with your photos, please provide the following information:

Name	Military Branch	Length of Service	Where were you stationed?
Photo	Rank	Honors/Medals	Which campaign were you in?

**Please make submissions to Tess no later than Sunday, November 6.**



## Dinner at Timbers Inn • Thursday, November 17

Plans are in the making to gather on **THURSDAY, November 17, at 5:30 p.m. at Timbers Inn**, 6555 Belding Road NE in Rockford. If you are 60 years or older, come and enjoy the evening with us.

*Reservations are limited to the first 30 guests. Text or call hosts Cheryl and Denny Rosen at 231.250.1390 to make your reservation.*



## 23rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration: Monday, November 21 at Temple Emanuel

For more than twenty years, the people of the Grand Rapids community have gathered on the Monday evening before Thanksgiving for a celebration of our many faith traditions. Our “Standing Together” partner Temple Emanuel hosts this year’s Interfaith Thanksgiving service which will include participants from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Bahá’í traditions and others in a genuine celebration of that which binds us.

The 2022 Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be an “in person” and live streamed event from Temple Emanuel, 1715 Fulton Street East in Grand Rapids. The live-stream of the event will be available at [www.interfaithunderstanding.org](http://www.interfaithunderstanding.org). Be welcome to join us in celebrating our unity in diversity during the week of our national celebration of Thanksgiving!



## Advent Midweek Vespers • Begins Wednesday, November 30

*Join Us for Supper and Holden Evening Prayer!*



A season of hope and expectation, during Advent we pause in the life of the church to provide a counterweight to the remarkable busyness of the holiday season. **Wednesday Midweek Vespers will be offered on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 at 6:30 p.m. following a simple supper in the Courtyard at 5:30 p.m.** You are welcome to join us for Midweek Vespers in Trinity’s sanctuary on Wednesday evenings during the four weeks of Advent.

Pastor Kari Fast will provide the homily weekly, and Pastor Bob Linstrom will join cantors in leading a liturgy offering the well-loved vespers service of Holden Evening Prayer with support from cantors and Dr. Darlene Kuperus at the piano. **The December 21 service will feature a third annual commemoration of “The Longest Night.”** Add a discipline of midweek worship to your journey to the manger in Bethlehem in December of 2022!

## Mark Your Calendar! (cont.)

### IHN Coming to Trinity December 4 to 11, 2022

To sign up to donate groceries visit: <https://tinyurl.com/nxpetcuc>

To sign up to volunteer onsite visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2p98a9mc>

Please see [page 24](#) for more details or contact IHN Coordinator Kathy Bush at [kathy.bush@tlcgr.org](mailto:kathy.bush@tlcgr.org) or 616.485.0031.



### Creating a Safe Haven • January 28, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Creating a Safe Haven** is a program designed to help communities receive comprehensive domestic violence training and develop a plan for how they would respond in cases of domestic violence. The certification process ensures that leadership has the tools they need to work with an individual or family faced with this crisis. It also helps them develop policies and procedures on how to respond if someone in their staff is a victim or perpetrator of domestic violence.



Trinity is participating in a full day certification training on Saturday, January 28 and anyone from our congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. Watch the eBlast for sign-up opportunities or contact [Kristin Bradley](#) or [Laura Norton](#) for more information.

## Ongoing Biblical Learning Opportunities

### Pastor Bob's Adult Forum

#### "The Rapture Racket"

The Wednesday adult forum for the fall of 2022 began in September with a six-week series on the Book of Revelation. Using a curriculum entitled, *Is This the Time? Interpreting the Mystery of Revelation*, a study with Dr. Craig Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, provided brief video lessons on the book of comfort and hope that is Revelation. The last three weeks will include a video series entitled *The Rapture Racket*, featuring Dr. Barbara Rossing, Associate Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.



Join us as we seek to embrace the powerful message of Revelation and debunk some of the sensationalistic interpretations of Revelation and related apocalyptic theories. **The Wednesday morning series at 10:30 a.m. continues through November 16.** Topics for the weeks ahead include:

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November 2</b>  | <b>The Rapture Racket – The Problem</b>                    |
| <b>November 9</b>  | <b>The Rapture Racket – What the Bible Says</b>            |
| <b>November 16</b> | <b>The Rapture Racket – The Real Message of Revelation</b> |

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. this fall for an immersion in the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation. We will meet in Centennial Hall – all are welcome!

## Ongoing Biblical Learning Opportunities (cont.)

### Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

#### Meets at Trinity Weekly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

**Text:** *The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to the Holy Spirit: Hand-Raisers, Han, and the Holy Ghost* by Grace Ji-Sun Kim

Throughout this book, you will get a taste of the different ways the church has understood the Spirit, partnered with the Paraclete, and imaged the Spirit in scripture. Most importantly, Kim brings together the tradition with contemporary culture, science, and the many tongues and testimonies of the global church.

This women's group meets weekly on **Tuesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Contact Karen Unruh at [karen@unruhfamily.net](mailto:karen@unruhfamily.net) for more information.

### Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

#### Meets at Trinity the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the Month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. To be spiritually mature is to show the fruit of the Spirit of Christ in our lives. These nine-session LifeGuide® studies from Old and New Testament passages highlight each quality and inspire us to nurture the Spirit's fruit in our lives. Contact Kristine Fox at [jklsafax@comcast.net](mailto:jklsafax@comcast.net) or 616.460.0052 for more information.

## Ongoing Book Club Opportunities

### Tuesday Evening Book Club

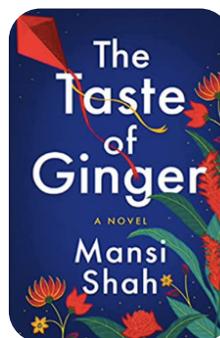
#### Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.

Do you enjoy reading? Please join us for Tuesday evening book club! This group is open to adults of any age and any gender. We love having new people, so bring a friend! This year we will be meeting at Trinity on the third Tuesday of every month starting at 7 p.m. Reach out to Corina Dulecki at [cdulecki@gmail.com](mailto:cdulecki@gmail.com) for more information.

November: *The Taste of Ginger: A Novel* by Mansi Shah

December: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir

January: *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris



### Friday Morning Women's Book Club

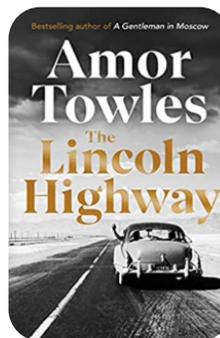
#### Meets the 2nd Friday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.

This book club typically meets in a member's home September to May at 9:30 a.m. Contact Carol Hendricks at [cahendricks14@gmail.com](mailto:cahendricks14@gmail.com) or 616.874.8351 for more information.

November: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles  
Host: Pam Gunderson

December: *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout  
Host: Carol Hendricks

January: *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford  
Host: Karen Niemeyer



# Middle School Youth News

## November/December Confirmation Schedule

November 6 – No Class; Charge Conference

November 13 – Youth Group, 2 to 3 p.m.  
Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

November 20 – Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
Craig's Cruisers Outing, 5 to 7 p.m.

November 27 through January 1 – No class; Thanksgiving and Christmas break

Stay connected with our middle school ministries via Remind! Text @7kkdg2 to the number 81010.



# High School Youth News

## 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 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In November, we will be meeting only on the 13th, since we are off for *Charge* on the 6th, going to Craig's Cruisers on the 20th, and off for Thanksgiving on the 27th. Join the Remind Class and watch our YouTube channel for weekly updates.



### First Sunday of the Month Bible Study with Pastor Dan – December 4 at 9:15 a.m.

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join Pastor Dan during the 9:15 a.m. service for Bible Study in the youth room. There will be donuts and juice. Bring your questions and join Pastor Dan as we explore the scriptures. ***Our next meeting is December 4 as we will all be at Charge in November!***

# Middle & High School Upcoming Events

## Charge! November 4 to 6, 2022 Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City

High schoolers, middle schoolers, and their friends are invited to join us for *Charge*, an awesome conference at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City November 4 to 6. This is an amazing weekend put on by our friends at Living Water Ministries. The weekend is focused on helping young people in their journey of faith. There are still a couple of spots left in our rooms. If you want to go, connect with [Pastor Dan](#) ASAP!



## Craig's Cruisers: November 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. [\$20 per person]

Calling all high schoolers and middle schoolers! We are going to Craig's Cruisers from 5 to 7 p.m. on November 20 and your whole family is invited! The cost of the event is \$20 per person, which includes the buffet, \$5 in game credits, and 3 attraction tickets. **RSVP to [Pastor Dan](#) today!**

## Middle & High School Upcoming Events (cont.)

### Christmas Cookie Decoration & Delivery: Saturday, December 3 from 2 to 6 p.m.

All middle school and high school families (and their friends) are invited to help us spread some Christmas cheer on Saturday December 3. We will meet in the youth rooms at 2 p.m. to decorate Christmas cookies. We will then split into groups and deliver them to members of our community! Come help us brighten someone's Christmas season.

Contact [Pastor Dan](#) if you would like to participate.



### Plan for Next Summer!

Next summer our high schoolers are heading to East Bank, West Virginia, on their Mission Trip and are invited to join the rest of our youth at Camp at Stony Lake. Please put these dates on your calendar now!

**Mission Trip to East Bank, WV:** June 24 to July 1  
**Stony Lake Camp:** July 16 to 21



Stay connected with Middle School Ministries via Remind:  
Text @7kkdg2 to the number 81010.

Stay connected with High School Ministries via Remind:  
For Mission Trip information text @dcaeebg to 81010  
For general High School Ministry information text @fag2c7 to 81010



### Pick Up Your Wreaths at Trinity!

Christmas wreaths are being delivered to Trinity in mid-November (exact date TBA) and will be available for pickup during weekday office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. until noon.

Cash or check payment is due when you pick up the wreath(s) you ordered. **Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and put wreaths in the memo line.**

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

# Children's Ministry

## Kids Helping Kids: Kids' Food Basket



**GOOD FOOD.  
GOOD HEALTH.  
GOOD FUTURE.  
IT ALL ADDS UP.**

At Kids' Food Basket, we believe healthy food is a right, not a privilege, for every child.

Not all kids have consistent access to nutritious meals. Together, we can do something about it. Kids' Food Basket is working to meet the nutrition needs of thousands of children and families in West Michigan. Learn more at [www.kidsfoodbasket.org](http://www.kidsfoodbasket.org).

Trinity kids are joining the effort to make a difference! This fall, the children's offering will be donated to Kids' Food Basket, and Sunday School kids are decorating bags for sack suppers. We are also collecting food items for the KFB wish list: fruit cups/pouches, pudding cups, and meat sticks (i.e. Slim Jims). **Nut-free items only, please.**

**Lastly, you are invited to join other Trinity families on November 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a food prepping event at Kids' Food Basket located at 1300 Plymouth in Grand Rapids.** Children must be 5 years or older to attend. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/uc2sw7wa> to reserve your spot. (Each family member will be asked to create a user account, or sign in with an existing account.) Spaces are limited and all volunteers must be registered by November 4.

## Children's Christmas Program

Children will present the story of Jesus' birth on December 11 in the sanctuary at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. All Trinity children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to participate in this cherished tradition. After the program, all are invited to a Christmas Cookie Reception in the Courtyard!

Children will wear costumes and sing Christmas songs. Interested 4th and 5th graders will have speaking parts from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Practices take place during Sunday School all month long during the 9:15 a.m. service. Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Those children unable to attend practice during Sunday School can still be part of the program. Contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall at [rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org](mailto:rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org) for details on how kids can participate and for information on how parents can help with costumes, sets, or the reception.



**The Trinity Nursery is open Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

## Celebration of Music Concert Series Upcoming Concerts

### **Big and Bright....Diffusion and Light: A Concert of Contrasts for Flute Orchestra**



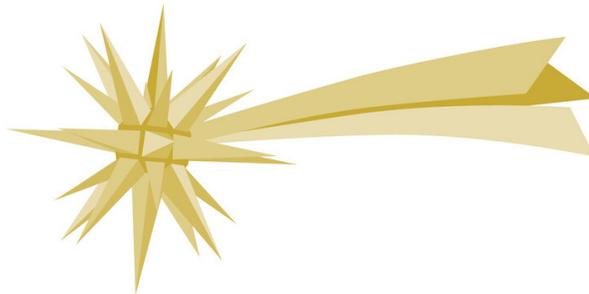
**Sunday, November 13  
3 p.m. (no tickets required)**

***Julie Sooy, conductor***

What is a "flute orchestra?" Come and see the full range of flutes from the lowest, large bass flute to the highest, small piccolo. The collection of flutes that make up the orchestra create a full and rich sound. Their beautiful sound will be even more colorful in the resonant space of the church sanctuary.

The West Michigan Flute Orchestra has just celebrated their 30-year anniversary. They perform uniquely crafted classical music as well as folk music and show tunes all composed specifically for flute orchestra.

### **Handel's *Messiah* Community Sing-Along**



**Sunday, December 18  
3 p.m. (freewill offering received)**

***Dr. Darlene Kuperus & Dr. Kody Wallace (Chamber Choir Conductor), artistic directors***

Presented collaboratively by the Trinity Lutheran Church concert series and the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids, this beloved Christmas tradition will fill the sanctuary with powerful choruses and solos from Handel's masterwork oratorio.

**Trinity's Celebration of Music Concert Series is free and open to the public!**

# Music Ministries (cont.)

## Gratitude to Our Concert Series Donors

This year's concert series has been thoughtfully planned by a team of church members along with Music Director & Organist, Dr. Darlene Kuperus. We hope that your spirit will be refreshed as you enjoy these musical offerings in the exquisite acoustical environment of the church sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church.



**This outreach concert series is offered with no ticket cost to our guests. The concerts are funded by gracious donors who are acknowledged in our printed concert programs.**

If you wish to support these concerts, you may consider a donation at a variety of giving levels.

Please contact the church office ([Joanna Waite](#)) for further information.

## You are Invited to Join the Trinity Choir for the National Memorial Day Choral Festival in Washington D.C.

Music Celebrations International, the United States Air Force, and the American Veterans Center cordially invite the Trinity Choir to participate in the National Memorial Day Choral Festival, A Musical Tribute in Washington, D.C. Saluting America's Military and Fallen Heroes **May 26 to 29, 2023**.

Unique for this trip, while the choir is rehearsing, those not singing will have sight-seeing opportunities around the capitol area. We will have a coach bus available to us for the entire trip.

**For additional information, please be in contact with either [Dr. Darlene Kuperus](#) or [Sid Hoeksema](#) and they will answer any and all questions. The approximate cost is \$2,100.**

**Payments will begin in October/November.**

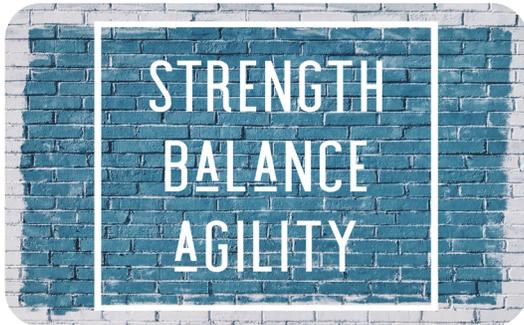
## Resound Handbell Choir



This past summer, Trinity's five octave Malmark handbells were sent to the manufacturer for a complete refurbishment, a maintenance project that is typically done every 5 to 10 years. The bells are in fabulous condition again. They sound beautiful and are in excellent mechanical condition. This project was funded by memorial donations. The Resound Handbell Choir rings in worship on a monthly basis and welcomes new members. The ability to read music is needed. Please contact director Dr. Darlene Kuperus at [darlene.kuperus@tlcgr.org](mailto:darlene.kuperus@tlcgr.org) for more information.



# Health Ministries



## FALL into FITNESS!

Please join us in the Commons on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings.

Tai Chi, Strength & Balance and Somatic Yoga can be enjoyed by all! No experience necessary.

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

## Save the Date for Trinity's Next Blood Drive!

Trinity's next blood drive is **December 5, 2022**. Our goal is to collect 30 units!

Please secure your spot here: <https://tinyurl.com/hze86wxe>

Contact [Kristin Bradley](#) with any questions or for additional ways you can support this ministry. Thank you!

## DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE



*Please Join Us!*



Save the date for dinner and conversation on **Wednesday, November 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** at Trinity!

We'll enjoy each other's company for a meal and then welcome **Vonnie Woodrick** from **[iunderstandloveheals.org](http://iunderstandloveheals.org)** to learn about how we can each "Be the One for Someone." Vonnie will share ways we can destigmatize mental illness, dispel myths surrounding suicide, stand up for our own mental well-being, and help support each other.

Only your presence is needed. Sign up to bring yourself, your family and/or your friends: <https://tinyurl.com/bdnds45r>. Childcare can be available during the speaker segment for children 12 and under if requested in advance.

This dinner and speaker event is brought to you by our Health Ministries team, which has applied for a Thrivent grant to help offset the cost of the meal. Please reach out to [Kristin Bradley](#) with any questions or for more information.

# News Briefs

## Fall 2022 JOYful Days Fun!



JOYful Days attendees learning the meditative art of Zentangle.

## Thankful for Our Trinity Neighbors Group!

Brenda Fritts has done an amazing job as a Trinity Neighbors facilitator! She recently had a gathering at Village Inn Pizza where group members shared dinner and played a game that she made up called "fun facts." The group had a great time as they always do. Look for Trinity Neighbors coming to your neighborhood soon as we get ready to renew this community building program!



## Lots of Learning & Fun at the Young Children's Communion Class

At Pastor Bob's Young Children's Communion Class, kids receive a meaningful introduction to Holy Communion and then work with Mrs. Linstrom to bake communion bread for the next day's worship services.

## Habitat for Humanity Build Update from Kelly Smith

We had fabulous weather the day of the Habitat build and a total crew of 20. Twelve were volunteers from Trinity, three were part of the construction team from Habitat, two were Habitat home recipients and three were family and friends I recruited. We worked on roughing in the basement area sections for each of the three home units. Everyone put their all into it and we accomplished a lot. At the end of the work day the crew leader from Habitat had to ask volunteers multiple times to stop working. They wanted to get just a little bit further along. It was truly a joy working with these volunteers on such a wonderful Outreach Ministry.



**Above:** Volunteers work at a Habitat for Humanity Build on October 1.

**Top right:** Drone view of house's lower-level before work began.

**Bottom right:** Drone view of house's lower-level once volunteers finished a day of hard work.

## Endowment Fund Committee Recommends Nearly \$40,000 in Distributions

Trinity's Endowment Fund Committee met for its quarterly meeting on October 6 and recommended to the Congregation Council distributions of \$25,000 from the Mission Endowment Fund and \$14,000 from the Building Endowment Fund. At its October 10 meeting, the Council accepted those distributions, with plans to allocate those funds in November of 2022.

Mission Endowment Fund distributions are used exclusively for ministries beyond our doors, supporting a wide range of local and international efforts to touch those with the greatest needs in society. Building Endowment Fund distributions are used for special projects to provide for the upkeep and maintenance of our church facilities. Endowment Fund distributions are calculated by reviewing the average balance of the funds over the last 20 quarters and recommending up to a 4% distribution based on those averages. As the overall Endowment Fund balances have reached more than \$1.5 million in 2022, the growth of those annual distributions makes a larger impact each year in our life together as the people of Trinity.

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

# News Briefs (cont.)

## Thank You for Your Coat, Outerwear, & Blanket Donations

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated warm coats and blankets for our September and October collections. It was a joy to see the Outreach Committee sorting through hundreds of coats and blankets! Thank you for sharing warmth with our neighbors in need.



## Thank You for Filling the Shopping Carts!

Thank you for your continuous food donations that support our local food banks. We kindly ask that you be mindful of **expiration dates** on donated items. Food that has expired and items that are open cannot be donated to our pantries. Remember, if something's on sale, pick up an extra and place it in the shopping carts located at the entrance to the sanctuary!



# Thanks!

Dear Trinity Members, Pastors, & Ministry Staff,

I wanted to share that I've been making remarkable progress in my recovery from a serious bike accident. Over the course of the past month, I've gone from barely able to move the lower part of my body to being now able to walk with crutches. I was advised this past week that I may be able to walk without crutches in the next couple of weeks.

I attribute my successful progress to the support, encouragement, and prayers that I have received from Trinity members, friends, and family. I wanted to share that your prayers were heard as I couldn't have imagined the recovery I've made from my accident five weeks ago. I am so thankful for all your prayers.

I also want to thank all those people who prepared meals for Chris and me. Each meal was a welcome blessing and it allowed Chris to care for me when I was in most need of the most basic care.

Chris and I feel so blessed to be part of the Trinity community and being connected to all of you. Thank you for the comfort and blessings you provided us.

Regards,  
Dave Straw

Dear Trinity,

I have a lot to be thankful for with my long-term affiliation at Trinity. My younger sister has had some serious bouts of illnesses over the past few years and Nurse Kristin has been so encouraging with me and full of helpful ideas on how to make things better. Then a few months ago, Norma was once again in the hospital and I could see the pain she was suffering, and it was killing me. Kristin started off talking with me, and putting my sister on the prayer chain. My brother-in-law chuckled because of the full spectrum of prayer chains Norma was on, from Lutheran to Catholic to Greek and Hindu – just to cover all the bases. On one of my poorer days, Steve and Amy Stephan walked their dog past my house and we chatted. They made me feel so much better, with a comforting hug from Amy. Then Steve popped over the next day with a bouquet of sunflowers for me, as he had gotten one for Amy, too. My group of Trinity friends held me up and two also came to the funeral to support me. Then cards from so many loving church members began pouring in, and words of condolence spoken at church. It's helped bring some sunshine back into my life. This week I received a grief booklet from Laura Norton and the Stephen Ministry Team with reassuring words that I will get through this time, with more to come throughout the year. Now I find it in me to express my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you.

Linda Taffs



# Opportunities to Support Church & Community

## IHN Coming to Trinity December 4 to 11, 2022

IHN is fast approaching and will be here at Trinity December 4 to 11, 2022! **Please prayerfully consider being part of this important ministry.**

You and your family can be part of helping families feel Trinity's Christian love during this week by making a meal, picking up groceries, setting up bedrooms, being a host, staying overnight, playing with children, and much more!

**To sign up to donate groceries visit:** <https://tinyurl.com/nxpetcuc>

**To sign up to volunteer onsite visit:** <https://tinyurl.com/2p98a9mc>

You can also sign up through Friday's eBlast or contact Kathy Bush at [kathy.bush@tlcgr.org](mailto:kathy.bush@tlcgr.org) or 616.485.0031.



## College Care Packages



Are you the parent of a college student? Every year, about 50 of Trinity's young adult students receive a special college care package during their fall semester, a reminder of the love and support from our congregation. If you would like to have your student(s) receive a care package, please use the link below to provide the name and complete mailing address of your student(s). Be sure to indicate any food allergies. Please contact Jamie Kuntzman with any questions at [jamkuntzman@gmail.com](mailto:jamkuntzman@gmail.com) or 616.485.5763.

**Sign up for a Care Package:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/t4zf22mn>

## Donations Needed for College Care Packages

A college care package from Trinity is a great way to show our congregation's love and support for our young adult students as they prepare for end-of-semester exams, projects, and papers. **Donations of care package items can be brought to church until November 13.** Please use this link to sign up to donate items: <https://tinyurl.com/4b378yfr>



# Opportunities to Support Church & Community

## ELCA Good Gifts

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

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has a multitude of life-giving items that you may buy in someone's name that are actually delivered to someone in need around the world.

Go to [ELCA.org/goodgifts](https://www.elca.org/goodgifts) to view the Good Gifts catalog.



## Help Afghani Refugee Sara In Her Job Search

In the fall of 2021, Trinity sponsored two young Afghani couples after they arrived in Grand Rapids from Kabul, Afghanistan. One of the women, Sara, is looking for a job. Sara is still learning English, so she needs minimal communication with customers. She's ready to begin working right away.

### The ideal job for Sara:

- Accessible by bus
- Day time shift, M-F
- Perhaps a job in daycare
- Lite manufacturing/assembly
- Housekeeping
- Working "back office" in a store/shop/office

Please contact Lisa Mead at [lmead340@gmail.com](mailto:lmead340@gmail.com) if you can help!

## Christmas Stores at Dégagé Ministries & Family Promise

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

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

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



In addition, Dégagé Ministries has set up a Wish List on Amazon at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9a992n>

Please place your orders by **December 1** in order to ensure a timely delivery, or you may drop off your gift items yourself at Family Promise or Degage Ministries. Please contact Discipleship & Outreach Coordinator [Laura Norton](mailto:Laura.Norton@tlcgr.org) for more information.

# Technology @ Trinity

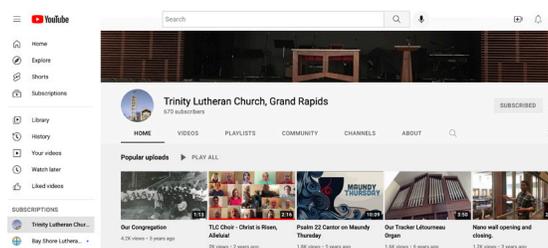
## Trinity is Live Streaming Services!

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

(1) Go to the Trinity website ([www.tlcr.org](http://www.tlcr.org)) and click on **Virtual Worship**.

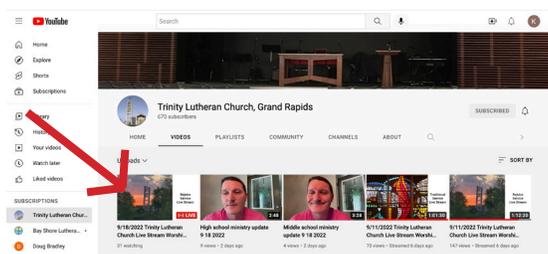


(2) Clicking the Virtual Worship button will take you to our YouTube page:



(3) If the service is currently streaming live (from about 9:10 to 10:20 a.m. and 10:40 to 11:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings), you will see a video with a red box with the word "LIVE" in it. Click on that video.

**Note:** If you go to YouTube early, you may have to wait a few minutes or refresh the page to get this "LIVE" option.



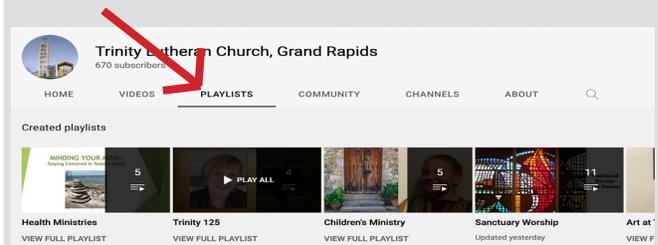
You can also go directly to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search **Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids** to find our YouTube page.

\*\*\*If you click the **subscribe** button on Trinity's YouTube page, videos should automatically show up on your feed.



## Miss a Live-Streamed Service?

We record our services, so you can always watch a past service. These are referred to as "**Rejoice Worship**", and "**Sanctuary Worship**." (On Sundays, it may be a few hours before videos are available.) These are available under the **PLAYLISTS** tab on our YouTube page.



## 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!

### Please Note:

If live services are unavailable due to internet issues at Trinity, please check YouTube later in the day to watch a recorded version of that day's service. Most Sundays, services will be available by 2 p.m.

# November Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

## November 1

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

## November 2

Colin Beckett  
Annika Bekker  
Travis Fredericks  
Lyndon Turnage

## November 3

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

## November 4

Ken Block  
Don Brouse

## November 5

Lois Ege  
Ted Frecka  
Peter McKinney  
Hailey Pfeiffle

## November 6

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

## November 7

Theodore Garvey  
Beth Hall  
Rick Wolner  
*Leslie & Gregg Gallagher*

## November 8

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

## November 9

Lisa Barkema  
Grace Cairns  
John Taylor II  
*Kim & James Bradbury*  
*Jim & Brenda Donahue*  
*Ann & Perry Gooch*  
*Kaori & Tim Schau*

## November 10

Paul Crist  
Chuck Schadler  
Nick Wollen  
*Dawn & Bill Thorsen*

## November 11

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

## November 12

Steve Lewkowski  
JJ Lorenz

## November 13

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

## November 14

Dolly Lowe  
Wendy Mielock  
Canaan Smith  
Dawn Thorsen  
Harlow Ulmer

## November 15

Michael Morin  
Dani Ryan

## November 16

Hank Eimers  
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## November 17

Esperance Kalonji  
Hanna Reierson  
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## November 18

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## November 21

John Glass  
Steve Potter  
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## November 22

Jules Brubaker  
Carolyn Johnson  
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## November 23

Stacey Curtiss  
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## November 24

Tori Harris  
Beth Humphreys  
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## November 25

Becky Bacon  
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## November 26

Erin Breaugh  
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## November 27

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John McIntyre  
Brittney Mencarelli  
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James Morin

## November 28

Andy Engle  
Joyce Fick  
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## November 29

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## November 30

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## Trinity Trivia Answers

**A1: Temple Emanuel, Masjid At-Tawheed, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.** (For more information about our upcoming Interfaith Thanksgiving service, see [page 11](#).)

**A2: The Congregation Council.** The Nominating Committee will be convening later this month to nominate members for Council terms beginning January 2023. If you would like to suggest a candidate for the committee to consider, please contact Council Vice President Steve Heacock or President Karen Unruh.

## Trinity's Inclement Weather Policy

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



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