Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, January 8, 2023 — Christmas in January

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 8
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 9
The Messenger Deadline
Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Race and Restitution Reading Group, 1 p.m.
Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10
Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 11
"Embracing a Life of Meaning" Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.
Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 12
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, January 13
Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 14
Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Grand Rapids Women's Choir Retreat, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, January 15
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
All Congregation Potluck & Annual Meeting, noon
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Eternal Candle & Flowers for Worship Today

The eternal candle and today's Traditional and Rejoice worship flowers are given by Bill and Deb DeWitt in loving memory of their dear son Chris.

Baptism Today at 10:45 a.m.

Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Cooper Edward Cox into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Cooper's parents are Morgan and Amanda Cox and his sponsors are Nicholas and Cristen McCarty.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.
Sacristans: Cathy Olson
Lector: Kim Brock
Communion Assistants: Debbie Duckworth
Betty Hall
Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey
Gloria Von der Heide

9:15 a.m.
Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristans: Greg Battreall
Lector: Susan Barnhart
Communion Assistants: Joanna Waite
Kristin Bradley
Ushers: Mark Baker, Greg Battreall,
Carrie and Dave Boer, Mark Hagbom
Sally Mahoney, Jeff Postlewaite

10:45 a.m.
Cantor: TBD
Sacristans: Kara Day
Lector: Jenn Becker
Communion Assistants: Kate and Kai Bredwell
Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin,
Don Kishman, Tom Mannisto,
Jamie Norris, Dee Scales, Wayne Snyder

Bread Bakers: Kris Fox and Dawn Brackmann

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**: Sue Bailey, Mark Baker, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, Bob Beaudry, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Pam Burkle, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Donna Erickson, Ruth Ann Evans, Elias Frezghi, Eric Gohlke, Bob Guigue, Mark Hahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Roy Lamprich, Lloyd and Allison Landon, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Matthew Lohr, Tim Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia, Christophe Muganza, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Karen Nagle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Andrea Severns, Ella Severns, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Joan Start, Patricia Stevens, Franny Turnage, Gale Volkerding, John Walls, Robert Williams, Lisa Wiseman, Donna and Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kay Zeaman, Kathryn Zielinski and Cindy Zientarski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones**: George Bauer, Todd and Bonnie Brandstadt, Renee Brinks, Jennifer Brown, Bill and Patricia Bruin, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, Sharon Fourcha, Eric Gohlke, Keith Gohlke, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Carol Hendricks, Linda Holm, Sarah and David Huckstep, John and Emily Keller, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, Ed and Joan Lohr, Dolly Lowe, David and Rebecca Marquardt, Mark and Rebecca Mattison, Matt and Lisa Mead, Craig and Patti Mutch, Tammy Parat, Kris Racek, Bruce and Joyce Schlanderer, Lee and Ann Schomberg, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, Gale and Dale Volkerding, Julie Williams, Phillip Youngman, and John and Missy Ziech.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Rebecca Ebb-Speese and the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Woodland, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for January 8

Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14
Psalm 96	Luke 2:1-14

#283 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (red book)
#270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (red book)
#267 Joy to the World (red book)

JANUARY 8, 2023
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Baptism leads us to speak of Christ to others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Matthew 3:13-17**	**The baptism of Jesus**
Monday	**Isaiah 42:1-9**	**The Lord's servants**
Tuesday	**Acts 10:34-43**	**Gentiles hear the good news**
Wednesday	**Romans 10:5-17**	**Salvation is for all**
Thursday	**Jeremiah 1:4-10**	**Jeremiah's call and commission**
Friday	**Colossians 4:2-5**	**Rules for Christian living**
Saturday	**Psalm 29**	**Voice of God in a storm**
Sunday	**John 1:29-42**	**Jesus, the Lamb of God**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"You know the message he [God] sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced.
Acts 10:36-37 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God, we thank you for the ministry of Jesus that began with his baptism and announced that he is your Son and the Beloved. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Lord God, we thank you that through your glory and strength, you give us food from your creation and send us out in Jesus' name. Amen. (Psalm 29:1)

A Blessing to Give:
May you go forth knowing you are a beloved child of God.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

I Love to Tell the Story

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What gives you strength and confidence to do things each day?
- What does it mean to you that you are God's beloved child?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 10:34-48.
Just prior to Peter baptizing Cornelius (a Roman soldier) and others in his household, Peter speaks and says he now realizes that all—not just Jews—are acceptable to God. Peter speaks of Jesus and his ministry that began with the baptism of John and Jesus' anointing *"with the Holy Spirit and with power"* (v. 38). Jesus' baptism by John is not the same as our baptism, but Peter does make a clear connection. The same Holy Spirit that is at Jesus' baptism is also at our baptism. As Cornelius and his group heard Peter's sermon about Jesus, the circumcised believers present were amazed that this non-Jewish community had received the Holy Spirit. Because of that, Peter was compelled to baptize all of them. Jesus' baptism leads to his public ministry just as our baptism leads us by the power of the Holy Spirit to witness to what God has done and continues to do through Christ our Lord. Our own baptism and that of others creates an opportunity to witness to the Christian faith.
Discuss: How does a baptism give someone an opportunity to speak about the Christian faith?
Pray: **God of power and might, just as Jesus received the Holy Spirit and power in his baptism, empower us in ours to speak of your saving work through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you show the Christian faith through actions and words?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus' baptism by John leads Jesus into his public ministry filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Since the New Testament, baptism has initiated our life in Christ to go out into the world in Jesus' name. Make a list of how you would like to be empowered by God to do good and to bring God's healing power to others. Bless one another with these words: **Go out in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit with the peace of God meant for all.**

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