



# The Messenger

## Trinity's Celebration of Music Concert Series Presents: African Drum Circle Family Event Saturday, February 4 • 11 a.m.

The African Drum Circle event allows participants of all ages to play authentic drums from Africa. Parents/guardians and children will enjoy a cultural experience connecting them with music from another part of our world. Our musical host will be Leah Ivory, who is an expert in African drumming circle events that are participatory, highly energetic, and fun for all. In addition, Leah is the director of the Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Choruses.

Participants will also hear about the Trinity Church mission that supports Christoph's Children in Kalehe, a village in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Visit [www.christopheschildren.org](http://www.christopheschildren.org) for more information.

Sign up [here](#) to let us know who will be attending the music event and joining us for lunch.



## Lent Begins in Worship on Ash Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday Worship at 4 and 7 p.m.

The annual journey "from ashes to Easter" begins with worship on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in the Ash Wednesday readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection and the sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

**At Trinity, Ash Wednesday will include worship at 4 and 7 p.m.** The 4 p.m. service will be **livestreamed** and then available later in the evening via Trinity's YouTube channel for those who wish to participate in one of those virtual formats. Plan to join the people of Trinity as we seek to mark our journey from ashes to Easter in worship in 2023.

**KCAH Meal-Packing Event — Sunday, January 29 • 10:15 a.m.**

*We need you! Refreshments will be provided.*

# What's Happening at Trinity in February?

## Weekly at a Glance

### **Sundays**

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.  
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.  
Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.  
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Livestreaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
**Sponsor a Mile Youth Campaign**

### **Mondays**

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.  
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesdays**

Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.  
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.  
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. – noon\*

### **Wednesdays**

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### **Thursdays**

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. – noon\*

\*Contact fitness instructor **Xristina Kuhlmann** at 616.719.6961 for current class schedule.



**Q1:** What are three ways Trinity supports the health and well-being of our members?

**Q2:** (Community and Global Outreach) For fiscal year 2023, approximately what percent of Trinity's total expense budget is designated for benevolence?

a. 5% b. 8% c. 10% d. 12%

See back cover for answers!

## Daily Calendar

### **Wednesday, February 1**

Donuts & Coffee, 10 a.m.  
Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.  
Outreach Comm Mtg, noon  
Women's Retreat Participant Mtg, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 2**

Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### **Friday, February 3**

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

### **Saturday, February 4**

Celebration of Music Family Event, 11 a.m.

### **Sunday, February 5**

Choir Retreat, noon  
LWR Quilters, noon  
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.  
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.  
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

### **Monday, February 6**

Stephen Leaders Mtg, 1:30 p.m.  
Property Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.  
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Called to Care IHN Training, 6 p.m.  
Executive Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 8**

Donuts & Coffee, 10 a.m.  
Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.  
Helping Hands Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.  
Youth & Family Comm Mtg, 8 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 9**

Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### **Friday, February 10**

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

### **Saturday, February 11**

Women's Retreat

### **Sunday, February 12**

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.  
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.  
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.  
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

### **Monday, February 13**

*The Messenger* Deadline  
Schubert Male Chorus Bd Mtg, 5:30 p.m.  
Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
Congregation Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, February 14**

Oasis Bd Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 15**

Donuts & Coffee, 10 a.m.  
Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.  
*(Make-up date)*

### **Thursday, February 16**

Bridge, 1 p.m.  
*Life Begins at 60* Dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### **Friday, February 17**

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

### **Monday, February 20**

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

### **Tuesday, February 21**

*Shrove Tuesday*  
Worship & Music Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 22**

*Ash Wednesday*  
Ash Wednesday Worship, 4 p.m.  
Pack 3015 Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.  
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 23**

Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### **Friday, February 24**

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

### **Sunday, February 26**

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.  
MS Service Project, 3 p.m.  
HS Escape Room Outing, 6:30 p.m.

### **Monday, February 27**

Beyond Belief Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### **Tuesday, February 28**

Council on Aging, 7:30 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.

# A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom

## "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals..."

Beloved community,

I was delighted to recently receive the invitation from Rabbi Michael Schadick to again join he and the people of Temple Emanuel for an Interfaith Seder on March 28. After several years missing this observance during the pandemic, we will gather again in 2023. Watch for more information on this year's Seder in upcoming communications.



For a couple of decades during my ministry in South Haven, the people of Peace Lutheran Church gathered with the people of the First Hebrew Congregation to share a Seder during Holy Week. That Seder, crafted by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, cared well for the integrity of the Jewish Passover Haggadah, the story of deliverance of the people of Israel. It also included a somber but beautiful excerpt from the writings of Anne Frank, who eventually died at the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen.

On Saturday, July 15, 1944, Anne Frank made this remarkable entry in her diary. Anne was fifteen years old then and, with her family and others, had been in hiding in an attic room for more than two years. Three weeks after this entry the hiding place was found, and the Nazis sent all the inhabitants to concentration camps. Seven months later Anne died in the camp at Bergen-Belsen.

She wrote that day in July:

*"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery, and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness. I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us too. I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again."*

Our world remains a complex, violent place. We remember the six million Jews and their communities who were destroyed in World War II by diabolical forces that turned against all that was sacred to Jews, Christians and all other peoples who hold human life sacred and a manifestation of God. We likewise remember all those who suffer persecution in our day because of their religious beliefs, ethnicity, class, national origin or gender identity. All of those who experience the wilderness of destruction and war, and the "ever approaching thunder" of oppression and violence of any kind, are the persecuted of our day.

We are called to be those who live in ways that are life-giving, seeking justice for all who are persecuted simply because of who they are or where they make their home. And then, with a teenager named Anne Frank and the countless other beacons of hope and light who have enlivened our world, to 'look up into the heavens' and find the inspiration to believe in a future where, "things will all come right, that this cruelty will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again."

The repentance and renewal of Lent is coming for Christians, a season of preparation for the new life of Easter. Blessings as we enter 40 days of the Lenten pilgrimage, confessing our sinful human nature and accepting the absolution that God gives to those who seek a "clean heart."

It remains a privilege to serve as 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 Council President Karen Unruh



A year ago, I wrote that the people of Trinity could reflect on 2021 and celebrate it as a year of renewal, revitalization, and transition for our facilities, programming, and staffing. As we look back on 2022, we see that Trinity has continued this renewal and revitalization.

We welcomed five new staff members in 2022. Pastor Kari Fast (Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care) and Dr. Darlene Kuperus (Director of Music and Organist) joined us in February and Jeanne

Becker (Helping Hands Coordinator), Kathy Bush (IHN Coordinator), and Laura Norton (Discipleship and Outreach Coordinator) joined us in September. As the year ended, Amelia Crist resigned as Wedding Coordinator. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and hope to welcome a new Wedding Coordinator this spring.

We have sought to be good stewards of our property and grounds. Parking lot maintenance and repairs were completed. A new sprinkler/water feature system was installed. Plans have been put in motion for the maintenance and/or repair of our cross tower, sanctuary roof, lantern, downspouts, main entry, and gutters. A land conservation/forest management plan is underway to care for our wetlands and grounds. Members of all ages have pitched in to help maintain the trails on the east side of the property and to beautify the grounds throughout.

Our congregational life flourished as we continued to resume activities that had been halted or diminished during the pandemic. We welcomed nearly 50 new members into our life together over the summer. Many Bible studies, Grace Groups, and book clubs resumed in-person participation after many months on Zoom. Several much-missed fellowship events were back in 2022, including Trivia Night, the Men's Breakfast, and the Scandinavian Smörgåsbord. Trinity's youth attended Summer Camp at Stony Lake for the first time since 2019. Vacation Bible School and Sunday School became more robust, as in-person attendance among families with younger children has continued to increase.

Throughout the year, your Congregation Council worked hard to ensure that the church buildings and the people who gather here are well cared for. As our new Council year begins, I would like to thank outgoing Council members Kate Bredwell, Carol Butler, Chris Engle, Amy Fox, Eric Gohlke, Alaina Lundgren, and Christophe Muganza. I look forward to working with new Council members Dan Butler, Michelle Feutz, Erick Kind, Dave Marquardt, Dakota Morin, Michelle Morin, and Lauren Wright. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your President alongside such a strong and dedicated group of Council members, pastors, and staff.



## Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

### Month of December 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	100,440	99,369	(1,071)	-1.1%
Total Expenses	99,828	97,449	2,379	2.4%
Net Income (Loss)	612	1,920	1,308	

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

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	1,148,376	1,045,483	(102,893)	-9.0%
Total Expenses	1,090,849	1,003,360	87,489	8.0%
Net Income (Loss)	57,527	42,123	(15,404)	

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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.

## Instructions for Giving Stocks and Securities to Trinity

For those who make plans to offer gifts of stocks and securities to the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, our investment firm Norris Perné & French offers these instructions:

When contacting the firm that is holding your securities you should give the following information:

- DTC Number: 0226
- Receiving Firm: National Financial Services/Fidelity
- Receiving Account Name: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Account Number: 645-063880

Please be advised that you will also want to indicate which securities and how many shares you would like to donate.

REMINDER: Do not sell shares in your account as this can trigger capital gains.

# A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

God created us to love, belong, value, attach, and bond. When we lose people/things/experiences/internal states, we experience pain; that pain is called loss. God is present with us in the midst of this loss and is actively healing and strengthening us.

## **LOSS**

We can lose living things, including family, friends, spouses, significant others, and pets. We can lose them due to death, moving, conflict, turmoil, divorce. We can lose physical items or locations, including our house, hometown, the city we lived in, heirlooms, or cars. We can lose intangible things, including a held dream, innocence, self-worth, our faith, a feeling of spiritual wellness, a clear-thinking mind, peace, hope, our physical health, independence, or an excitement about the future.

Losses can have a ripple effect, causing other losses. For example, someone who loses their job could also lose things like structure, meaning and purpose to their lives, financial security, and friends.

There are also “unmentionable” losses – things society or our families deem taboo or shameful. These losses are difficult for us to name aloud and may include bankruptcy, suicide, rape, physical or sexual abuse, incest, mental illness, abortion, or divorce.

Unmentionable losses and complicated losses (such as, arguing with a loved one just prior to their death) can slow down the healing process because they can include multiple layers and feelings that are difficult to face and process.

## **GRIEF**

Loss – causes – grief. At times we can choose our losses (such as deciding to take a new job or moving to a new city). We don't choose grief. Grief happens to us. It can be a full-body experience of pain that we feel throughout our entire being. It can affect our bodies in numerous ways, causing increased or decreased eating or sleeping, muscle pains, headaches, stomachaches, fatigue, agitation, or the need to move. It can affect our mind and our feelings by increasing fear, anger, guilt, shame, blame, anxiety, sadness, depression, mental confusion, obsessive thinking, hopelessness, helplessness, suicidal thinking, taking charge over others or things, or obsessively caretaking others.

We can't control our grief, but we may try to avoid the pain of our grief by drinking, using over-the-counter or illegal drugs, socially withdrawing, being excessively busy, and focusing on taking care of everyone, except ourselves.

## **HEALING/MOURNING**

Mourning is the process of actively being open to our loss, aware of the impact of our grief, and doing the work of mourning. There are many ways we can do the work of mourning which may include praying, reaching out to trusted friends and professionals to tell the story of our loss and being honest about how our grief is affecting us, engaging in rituals (such as, funerals, honoring special days, etc.), and reaching out for support through prayer requests, grief support groups, pastors, and friends who won't judge us or try to “fix” us or our feelings and who will walk with us in the bumpy journey that is grief.

May we be this support in someone's life and do the good work of helping others as they grieve their losses. May we encourage others, even as we encourage ourselves, to seek support for this bumpy journey. May we know – whether we're able to feel it or not – God is with us in the midst of our pain, Christ cries with us and feels our pain, and the Holy Spirit prays for us, even when we don't know how to pray.

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## A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast

And, if you are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, please be welcome to join Trinity's **Grief Share support group** starting on Tuesday, March 7 at 2 p.m. See below and [page 17](#) for more details.

God's deepest blessings now and always!

Pastor Kari, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care



This 13-week support group will be led by Pastor Kari and co-led by Carol Butler.

**It begins on Tuesday, March 7 at 2 p.m. at Trinity.**  
**Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/6p7e824d>**

For more details, see [page 17](#) of this newsletter or contact Pastor Kari at [kari.fast@tlcgr.org](mailto:kari.fast@tlcgr.org)

## A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

*...and now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love*

—1 Corinthians 13:13

The people of Corinth were a beloved community to Paul, yet they were torn apart by conflict. In his correspondences, Paul urges them to live in love with each other. Yet what does "living in love" look like?

In our lives we encounter all sorts of ways we have been told and modeled what "love" looks like. Sometimes, we "love" someone for what they can do for us or what we can get out of it. At other times, we "love" someone for the doors they can open for us or the status we gain because of our association. We also sometimes "love" because of how someone else makes us feel. So many of the ways we are told to love are self-serving; they are ways for us to get something. "Love" in this way, as Paul tells us, is not what God has in mind when he tells us to love each other. His actual definition of love is made clear in the beloved 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians:

*Love is patient, love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. —1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

Love like this is rare in our world. Love with no strings attached and no expectations.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer delves into these differing ways to love in his work *Life Together*. In the first chapter he contrasts what he calls 'human love' and 'spiritual love'. The 'human love' is the one we all know too well that seeks to gain at the expense of the other, or simply gather to itself. The 'spiritual love' is only given to use via Jesus. In this love we learn to see each other not with gain as the main motivation, but instead we are able to see that we are each loved by God, so we can love one another as well. Bonhoeffer defines this love in the same way Paul does in 1 Corinthians: a love that is seeking to serve and appreciate the other as they are and as God sees them. Not as we desire or in seeking to gain. Simply to appreciate and learn to love. This is a gift from God given to us.

As we journey through Lent together, let us continue to find ways to love each other as God teaches us, not as we so often have experienced. Let us turn toward each other and learn to love as God loves.

Shalom, Pastor Dan Schewe



# Biblical Learning Opportunities

## Pastor Bob's Adult Forum

### Adult Forum on Wednesday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. in February Join Pastor Bob for "Embracing a Life of Meaning" with Kathleen Norris

On Wednesday mornings in early 2023, Pastor Bob is facilitating a five-week course on "what matters most." Award-winning poet, writer, and author of four New York Times bestsellers Kathleen Norris provides the brief weekly video presentations for this series, followed by filmed interaction with a diverse small group of adults. The editors



at Morehouse Education Resources note that, Kathleen Norris' work is, "... intimate and historical, rich in poetry and meditation, brimming with exasperation and reverence, deeply grounded in both nature and spirit, sometimes funny and often provocative." Our weekly viewing and discussion of this forum series continues in Centennial Hall on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in February.

Each participant is provided a copy of the "Embracing a Life of Meaning Participant's Workbook."

After two mid-January sessions on "Belief Matters" and "The Bible Matters," the schedule for the remaining weekly Wednesday forum sessions is as follows:

#### **Schedule:**

**January 25 – Community Matters**

**February 1 – Place Matters**

**February 8 – We Matter**

**February 15 – Make-up date in case of inclement weather**

*Donuts & Coffee  
at 10!*

Join us in the winter of 2023 to reflect upon "what matters most."

## Save the Date!

### Family Promise/IHN Called to Care Training – February 7

Anyone interested in learning more about Family Promise's Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)? Well, we have something for you – Called to Care Training!

**On Tuesday, February 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. a Family Promise representative will be at Trinity to discuss what exactly happens during the IHN program and how you can get involved.** All are welcome to join us and there will even be a dessert or two to enjoy!

Trinity is also going to extend an invite to Westminster Presbyterian Church since they will be a support church for Trinity during our IHN weeks starting in 2023. Most of the churches that host IHN guests already have a support church, so it is exciting to have Westminster on board with Trinity.

Please plan to join us on February 7, whether you are a seasoned IHN volunteer or just curious about the program and want to find out how you can help. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you,

Kathy Bush, IHN Coordinator





## Helping Hands Committee Meeting – February 8!

Get involved in this great and rewarding ministry! See [page 18](#) for more information.



### Let's Do it Again at the Cascade Roadhouse!

Plans are in the making to gather on **Thursday, February 16, at 5:30 p.m.** at one of our favorite restaurants – the Cascade Roadhouse. If you are 60 years or older come and enjoy the evening with us. Reservations are limited to the first 25 people. Contact Jim Coates at 616.254.9447 or [thecoates627@gmail.com](mailto:thecoates627@gmail.com) to make your reservation.

## Lenten Grace Groups 2023

Grace Groups are Trinity's short-term, small group Bible studies that take place during the six weeks of Lent, between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Grace Groups will use the booklet *Water and Spirit: Devotions for Lent 2023* published by Augsburg Fortress. Copies will be available for free at the welcome center or in the main office at Trinity.

**Interested in hosting a Grace Group? Reach out to Director of Family Ministry [Rachele Battreall](#).**

We hope to make Grace Groups convenient and comfortable, offering a choice between in-person and virtual. The schedule/sign-up will be published in the eBlast later this month. The devotion is also well-suited for individual study. Pick up your copy today!

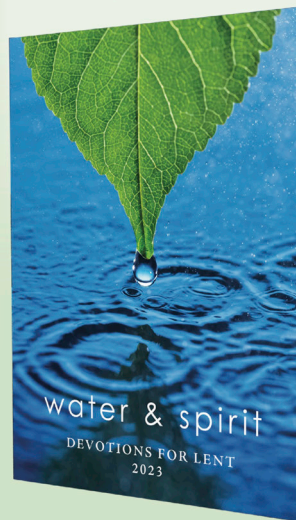
## Journey from Ashes to Easter 2023

Lent arrives on February 22 with our observance of Ash Wednesday in worship at 4 and 7 p.m. Join us for the journey through Lent to Easter at Trinity:

- **Ash Wednesday** – February 22, with worship at 4 and 7 p.m. (4 p.m. service will be livestreamed)
- **Wednesdays in Lent** – March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29  
Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. and Midweek Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Dan invites you to contemplate the call of the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures which are still very relevant today.
- **Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday** – April 2
- **Maundy Thursday** – April 6, with worship at 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday** – April 7, with worship at 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of Our Lord** – April 9 with three festival worship services, the annual Easter Breakfast, and children's Easter Egg Hunt

## water & spirit

DEVOTIONS FOR LENT  
2023



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*Water and Spirit* provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of John. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

For year A the Revised Common Lectionary assigns texts from John's gospel to the second through fifth Sundays in Lent, as well Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. These texts are included in this devotional. Several of them are unique to John: Jesus urges Nicodemus to be born again "of

water and spirit," offers "living water" to a Samaritan woman at the well, raises Lazarus from the dead, washes the disciples' feet, and surprises Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. As you read the daily devotions, pause to think about how John describes water and the Spirit, and how water and the Spirit are at work in your life.

# L E N T

## Save the Date! (cont.)

### Fifth Grade Holy Communion Class Meets During Lent

Pastor Linstrom will be leading a Fifth Grade Communion class for Trinity kids on **Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m.** during the season of Lent. All our fifth graders will be presented with the Study Bible they will use in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Confirmation classes at the end of the four-session Sunday class, with that presentation and an order of blessing in worship on the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 26.

The four-session class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons in the Library on **February 26, March 5, 12, and 19.** Be in touch with [Pastor Bob](#) with questions or for more information.



### Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN): March 5 to 12, 2023 at Trinity!

We are going to need your help once again to make this important ministry work. It takes a village and a loving, caring church to make it all happen. Please visit the SignUp Genius link below to volunteer or to purchase and drop off groceries for IHN.

Also, a huge **thank you** to everyone that takes time out of their busy lives to make all these families feel so loved and cared for during their week with us.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,  
Kathy Bush, IHN coordinator

**To volunteer:** <https://tinyurl.com/437vm59n>

**To purchase groceries:** <https://tinyurl.com/yyk282dx>



### Return of the Annual Interfaith Seder at Temple Emanuel on March 28, 2023



At the invitation of Rabbi Michael Schadick of Temple Emanuel, several Grand Rapids area "Standing Together" partner congregations will come together again to share an Interfaith Seder on Tuesday evening, March 28, 2023. Sharing a Passover Haggadah designed for everyone, our gathering will include a catered dinner featuring Gefilte Fish with horseradish, Chicken soup with Matzah Balls, Chicken, Potato Kugel, Carrot Tzimmes, Passover Cookies, and Coffee or Tea.

If you would like to reserve seats at the Temple Emanuel Interfaith Seder, watch for details in the March issue of this newsletter and a sign-up link in upcoming Friday eBlasts, or contact [Kris Baker](#) in the Trinity church office and she will assist you with reservations.

## Trinity's Overlook Gallery Featuring the Works of Father Joachim Lally, CSP

Visit the Overlook Gallery through the end of February to see the work of Father Joachim Lally, CSP. According to Father Lally: "Art for me is one of the primary ways that I bring to the light that beauty that is inside of me, others, and all of creation. To be creative is to truly be ALIVE...to be creative is to desire to share deeply with others. To see people and things as they truly are is an act of deep contemplation...to experience REALITY as it is...and not as I would design it to be. I resonate with the words of Vincent Van Gogh: "I wanted to touch people with my art. I want them to say: 'He feels deeply, he feels tenderly.'"



## Wedding Coordinator Position Posted



After four years of faithful service as Trinity's Wedding Coordinator, Amelia Crist has stepped down after serving the last two 2022 wedding weekends in November. She has walked with many couples and their families as they entered the covenant of marriage at Trinity during her tenure in that position.

Is this a position that would interest you? Dedicating yourself to Friday evening wedding rehearsals and Saturday marriage celebrations for the 6 to 8 annual onsite weddings at Trinity Lutheran Church? Are you interested in learning more about the position? Be welcome to contact Pastor Linstrom. We hope to have this position filled before the 2023 wedding season begins in April. Contact Pastor Bob at 616.949.2510, ext. 115 or [robert.linstrom@tlcgr.org](mailto:robert.linstrom@tlcgr.org).

## New Members Celebration Being Planned for Spring 2023

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?

Individual meetings and Pastor's Classes for prospective members will be offered this winter and 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 **Sunday, May 21, 2023**. 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](#) or one of the pastors for more information.





## News Briefs (cont.)

### Highlights of the January 15 Annual Meeting of the Congregation



The people of Trinity Lutheran Church gathered again on the third Sunday of January to share an All-Congregation Potluck Luncheon and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The work of the Annual Meeting included the reception of reports from all the congregation's ministries, the election of Council members, Synod Assembly representatives and Nominating Committee members, and the adoption of an operating budget for the new fiscal year which begins on February 1, 2023. An operating budget of \$1,192,616 was adopted for fiscal year 2023.

We also acted at the January 15 Annual Meeting to ratify the changes to Trinity's Constitution and Bylaws that were approved at the 2022 Annual Meeting, and to approve restated Articles of Incorporation.

In addition to reelection of eleven Council members already serving, the Council welcomes the following newly elected Congregation Council members:

- Dan Butler
- Michelle Feutz
- Erick Kind
- David Marquardt
- Dakota Morin (youth representative)
- Michelle Morin
- Lauren Wright

We also elected Joe and MaryBeth Iaria and Bob and Liz Dever to serve as voting members with Trinity's pastors at the May 2023 Synod Assembly in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Hard copies of the 2022 Annual Report of the Congregation remain available at the church office and PDF copies can be accessed in the Publications section of Trinity's website. Please keep Trinity's elected leadership in your prayers as they serve in 2023!

### Are You a Thrivent Member?

#### ***Don't Forget to Direct Your Choice Dollars By March 31!***

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire!

**Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31 to direct any remaining Choice Dollars to help support Trinity Lutheran Church.** Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more, or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Last year, Trinity received over \$4,000 from Choice Dollar donations from Thrivent!





## Update on the “Pastor Karen Niemeyer Scholarship Fund”

Recognizing the need for pastors across the church and the potential of many lay members who are currently working in a different career, Trinity has initiated the Pastor Karen Niemeyer Scholarship Fund for second-career seminarians. The fund’s purpose is to encourage gifted candidates to attend seminary and prepare to serve in Christ’s name as ordained Word and Sacrament clergy. A series of *Messenger* articles highlighting four Trinity members who are second career pastors have been shared in months past. This month features Pastor Kari Fast, Trinity’s Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care.



### The Rev. Kari Fast, Master of Divinity

Have you sensed a call to ministry from God or an encouragement from others to consider one? Some pastors speak of their calling as an experience of God or others relentlessly pursuing them until they finally cannot deny the call. Other pastors speak of a particular moment that gave them assurance God was calling them into ministry. In the Lutheran (ELCA) tradition, a call to ministry includes the sense of internal call and external confirmation by the church, synod, seminary, and denomination.

My call to ministry came when I was in my early 30s. After moving to Oklahoma and not being able to find a counseling position in our new state, I found myself as an at-home mom. The call came when I was pregnant with our second child, and we were about to move from Oklahoma to North Dakota for my husband’s new job. My call to ministry was sudden and unexpected; even three days later I doubted it was a call to pastoral ministry and thought I was to pursue Christian counseling. Seven years later, as I was applying to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, the seminary admission’s person encouraged me to consider again a call to pastoral ministry. After being accepted in the pastoral ministry degree program, I started taking classes, one each semester.

By then we had our third child and David’s job unexpectedly moved us to Illinois. After having changed seminaries and synods to Metro-Chicago, settled in Illinois, and decided to wait until our third and youngest child was in first grade, I began full-time seminary at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. On the second day of school, my husband got a job offer in Michigan.

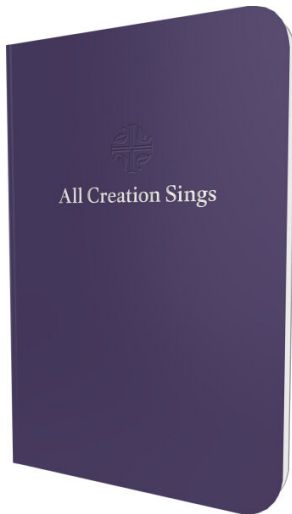
The only time of real doubt for me came after we moved to Michigan, when I had somehow missed – by one day – the application deadline to begin at Western Seminary in Holland, Michigan. I was talking with our friendly Catholic neighbor, Dan, who had introduced us to everyone in our new neighborhood, about my disappointment of yet another roadblock to seminary. While standing in the middle of our road, I said, “Maybe my missing the deadline is God’s way of saying I’m not to pursue a call to ministry.” Dan said, “Or maybe God is calling you to be a pilgrim seminarian. Wherever you move, you’re called to be a seminarian.”

*It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.  
Do not fear or be dismayed. —Deuteronomy 31:8*

With all the twists and turns, throughout the almost twenty years from my call to my ordination day, this journey took me through four states, three seminaries, two synods, and two pregnancies. God is faithful and was with us wherever we went.

*If you or someone you know are desiring to go into Word and Sacrament ministry as a second career, please contact the Trinity Office (office@tlcgr.org or 616.949.2510) or speak with one of the Scholarship Team members (Pastor Karen Niemeyer, Pastor Donna Erickson, Pastor Galen Knutson, or Pastor Frank Rothfuss). Continued contributions to the “Pastor Karen Niemeyer Scholarship Fund” are always welcomed.*

# Music Ministry



## Worship Music During Lent

Trinity has been singing from the new ELCA hymnal supplement entitled *All Creation Sings* since last May. In Lent 2023 we will add a new setting of the liturgy as found in this worship music resource. **Holy Communion Setting 12** can be found on **page 29** of the purple supplement in the sanctuary pews. This new congregational music will be a part of Lenten worship at both the 8 and 10:45 a.m. sanctuary services.

One of the goals voiced by the group of pastors and musicians who created this resource was a need for music that focused on four major topics: *creation care, lament in times of crisis, healing and wholeness, justice and peace.*

This resource of congregational music has already been a welcome addition in worship. We look forward to new ways to sing the words of weekly sung responses in liturgy such as the Kyrie, Gospel Acclamation, and Lamb of God.

# Children's Ministry

## VBS Needs Co-Pilots! June 19 to 22, 2023

Vacation Bible School is looking for co-pilots for a STELLAR Bible adventure! Planning will begin soon! We are seeking adult volunteers for the following roles:

- **Co-captains:** Love organizing? Making checklists? This job is for you! Seeking detail-oriented individuals to help behind-the-scenes with registration, recruiting, decorating, and publicity.
- **Station Leaders:** Music, Drama, Science, Games, and more!
- **Crew Leaders:** Guide teams of kids on this intergalactic Bible journey!

Please contact Director of Family Ministry [Rachele Battreal](#) for more information.



## Middle School

### February and March Confirmation Schedule:

February 5 & 12 – Youth Group, 2 to 3 p.m.; Confirmation Class 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
February 19 – No class due to Mid-Winter Break  
February 26 – Service project (instead of class), 3 to 5 p.m.  
March 5 & 12 – Youth Group, 2 – 3 p.m.; Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
March 19 – Service (instead of class), 3 to 5 p.m.  
March 26 & April 2 – No class due to Spring Break



**Stay connected with our middle school ministries via Remind: Text @7kkdg2 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 on Sunday nights from 6:30 until 8 p.m. We will not be meeting on February 19 due to midwinter break. Join the Remind Class and watch our YouTube channel for weekly updates. See you Sunday nights!

### First Sunday of the Month Bible Study with Pastor Dan – February 5 at 9:15 a.m.

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join Pastor Dan in the Youth Room on February 5 during the 9:15 a.m. service for Bible Study! There will be donuts and conversation. See you there!

### Mission Trip Team Meeting – February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Our next team meeting for our trip to East Bank, West Virginia is on February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. There is still space to join this amazing week of community and faith formation. If you have any questions reach out to [Pastor Dan](#).

**Stay connected with our high school ministries via Remind: For Mission Trip information text @dcaeebg to 81010; For general High School Ministry information text @fag2c7 to 81010**

## Camp is Coming: July 16 to 21, 2023

Register now for camp this summer! The week is going to fill up, so be sure to register as soon as you can.

Youth going into first grade through current seniors in high school and their friends are invited to join us for an amazing week of community and faith formation. Trinity makes camp extremely affordable for families. Each camper is asked to pay a \$100 deposit and Trinity will cover the rest of the cost of camp. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Dan.

Go to [ELCALivingwater.com](http://ELCALivingwater.com) to register. Please make sure to see the emails from Pastor Dan prior to registration!



## Living Water Ministries

Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

## Escape Room Outing! February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Our high schoolers and their friends are going to The Great Escape Room for an Escape Room Race on February 26! Meet us there (233 Fulton, Suite #211 in Grand Rapids)

at 6:30 p.m.

The cost of the event is \$20 per person. Open to all high schoolers.

**Please RSVP to [Pastor Dan](#)!**



# Health Ministries

## Save the Date! Blood Drive on Saturday March 4, 2023

We're hosting our spring blood drive on a **Saturday** this year! We've got higher goals and are trying a weekend drive to achieve them! If you're 16 or older, you are a potential donor!

Versiti Blood will be onsite **Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** and appointments are highly recommended. Let's keep our local blood supply strong. Plan your giving today! Contact [Kristin Bradley](#) to secure your spot or register here: <https://tinyurl.com/7nasjj6v>

*Please note that anyone under 17 needs parent/guardian permission in order to donate.*

Not able to donate? There are many other ways to help out. We need people to oversee the canteen, help with set up/clean up, make phone calls, bring food, and provide care for young children while parents donate. There is a place for you! Check the SignUp Genius to see where you can assist: <https://tinyurl.com/5h9v6bz7>

Let's make this our best drive yet. Give the gift of life!

## WHY DONATE BLOOD?



1. One donation can save up to THREE lives.
2. Donating blood is free.
3. There is no substitute for blood.
4. You or someone you love may need blood someday.
5. You get a mini-physical.
6. It's an act of Kindness and Compassion.
7. Blood donation makes you a real, live Super Hero!
8. Someone in the US needs blood every 2 SECONDS.
9. Donating blood burns 600 calories.
10. The real question is, "Why not give blood?"

**Contact Kristin Bradley to save your time slot or to get more information  
616.949.2501 x119 ~ [kristin.bradley@tlcgr.org](mailto:kristin.bradley@tlcgr.org)**



**NEXT DRIVE:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4  
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**







Trinity will once again be offering **GriefShare** - a biblical, Christ-centered support group designed to minister to those grieving the death of a loved one. Our next 13-week session will begin **Tuesday, March 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.** This group will be led by Pastor Kari Fast and cofacilitated by Trinity member and retired professional counselor Carol Butler.

Understanding that people grieve differently and that there is no right or wrong way to grieve, our weekly gatherings will include a 40-minute video featuring nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics such as "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." Following the video there will be time for discussion.

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us Tuesday afternoons to learn more about grief and how we might support each other on our journeys through the grief process.

Please contact [Pastor Kari](#) with questions or for more details. Please note that pre-registration is requested for this seminar/support group. **Sign up here:** <https://tinyurl.com/6p7e824d>



### Stay Active During the Winter!

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, Kristina Kuhlmann, for the current schedule and with any questions or concerns: 616.719.6961. Suggested donation is \$3/class or \$20/month.

### What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. They come from all walks of life, but all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Stephen Ministers have training that equips them with essential caring and relating skills. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life.

After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

Interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry? Contact Faith Community Nurse [Kristin Bradley](#).



# Opportunities to Support Church & Community

## Donate Cleaning Supplies

Help others to have a clean start in the new year! As you plan ahead, please be aware that we will once again be collecting cleaning supplies for distribution to area food pantries and social service agencies. The Food Stamp/Bridge Card program does not cover such things as laundry detergent and assorted household cleaning necessities, so why not buy a laundry basket or cleaning bucket and fill it with cleaning supplies? Following are some suggested items:



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

Please drop off your donations **through the end of February** in the labeled black barrels located outside the narthex and in the Courtyard. Thank you!

## Fill the Grocery Carts at Trinity & Shop Online



Help us fill the grocery carts each week! Trinity collects non-perishable food items on a year-round basis. As you are grocery shopping for yourself or your family, please pick up a few extra items and bring them to Trinity. You may place groceries in the grocery carts located outside the narthex and near the elevator. Please be sure to check expiration dates as we cannot donate expired items.

We all seem to shop at Amazon -- why not shop AND donate at the same time! When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), **Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Heartside Gleaning, at no cost to you.** Use the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-5234202>

## Attend the Helping Hands Committee Meeting on February 8

*Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.* —Proverbs 11:25

The Trinity Helping Hands Coordinator position was created to lead Trinity's efforts to care for our congregation's members through programs and member volunteers. Some of these programs are already in existence such as the ministry for meals, rides, and homebound visitation/Holy Communion but there is room for more! **If you are interested in helping with the existing volunteer efforts or are interested in delving into what other needs Trinity has, the first committee meeting will be held on February 8, 2023 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the church library.** We are looking for Trinity members who would like to get involved with helping cultivate this position.



**Volunteer or buy groceries for the next IHN in March!**

See [page 10](#) for details.

# February Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

## February 1

Wren Barker  
Cindy Burchfield  
Cami Estep  
Dan Lorenz  
Craig Mutch  
Terry Zabel  
*HJ Slider & Steve Johnson*

## February 2

James Genow  
Noah Schneider  
*Jason & Heather Loepp*  
*Dan & Deb Pollert*

## February 3

Kerry McKee  
Lleyton Olson  
Paul Reges

## February 4

Tom Albaitis  
Elliot Bekker  
Ashlynn Kimble  
Christian Kimble  
Kylee Kimble  
Brandon Owens  
Dee Scales  
Molly Teichow  
*Bob & Louise Pfau*

## February 5

Kara Day  
Jude Gingras  
Marilla Marks  
Annette Remsburg  
*Cliff & Margaret Hartline*

## February 6

Jerry Anderson  
Corina Dulecki  
Sharon Fourcha  
Susan Guiterrez  
Erick Kind  
Jenna Mencarelli  
Benedicte Mukadi  
Nick Pardy

## February 7

Kai Bredwell  
Allison Landon  
Olivia Ulrich

## February 8

Song Anderson  
Gavin Faas  
Diane Gohlke  
Michelle Tshilumba  
Caleigh Wood

## February 9

Peni Aldrich  
Owen Battreall  
Jamie Kuntzman  
Laura Price  
Ann Schomberg

## February 10

Eric Gohlke  
Ericka Peters  
Morgan Taylor  
Carrie Woolworth  
Mark Youngren

## February 11

Doug Earhart  
Chris Luders  
Jurgen Luders  
Karen Niemeyer  
Sara Robach

## February 12

Doree Burnside  
Cheryl Bushman  
Keith Flatt  
David Flink  
Marcia Schaner  
*John & Karin Moglia*

## February 13

Shelley Mishler  
Nichole Robinson  
Joyce Snyder  
Steve Stephan

## February 14

Stephen Brink  
Kaleigh McKee  
Lindsey McKee  
Sam Siminski  
Erica Spalding  
*Scott & Kari Proux*

## February 15

Garrett Bakkila  
Jeanne Becker  
Jack Bishop  
Tom Cannon  
Lloyd Landon  
George Mencarelli  
*Andy & Ausma Pupel*  
*Bruce & Joyce Schlenderer*  
*Tom & Amy Williams*

## February 16

Brody Conway  
Ryan Hall  
Isaac Keller  
Bergen Marquardt  
Rebecca Ulrich

## February 17

William Severns  
Patricia Whittemore  
Allie Zollman

## February 18

Lindsey Peters  
Shad Selleck

## February 19

Steven Basher  
Chase Bidle  
Patty Boer  
Linda Holm  
Fritz Kilcrease  
Mike McCardell  
Jon Mirque  
Jason Montgomery  
Logan Smith

## February 20

George Bauer  
John Fuger  
Catherine Hagenbush  
John Leese  
Beth Vanderwall  
*Bob & Edie Pergler*

## February 22

Cheryl Ahrens  
Brett Bradbury  
Ryan Hatkowski  
Krista Knight  
Owen Loepp  
Jenna Ludeman  
Nicole Rodammer  
*Kevin & Kate Schaefer*

## February 23

Joyce Kuecherer  
Rhonda VanDeusen  
Zewditu Zeratsion

## February 24

Claire Robach  
*Jim & Melissa Owens*

## February 25

Dawn Brackmann  
Emmet Schmehling  
Sheila Talsma  
Linda Zabel

## February 26

Isla Anderson  
Katie Bowman  
Steve Hale  
Linda Heine  
Galen Knutson  
Allison Potter  
Turner Sytsma  
Jing Zhao-Cairns  
*Jim & Sue Coates*

## February 27

David Benkert  
Andrew Ryan

## February 28

Jimmy Bennett  
Emma Conrad  
Ella Estep  
Karin Neal  
Vince Schumacher  
Shannon Small-Wilson  
Mike Unruh

## February 29

Nathan Feutz

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

# Livestreaming Services at Trinity

We are streaming our **9:15 & 10:45 a.m.** 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*.**

**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.

# Trinity's Inclement Weather Policy

When the Forest Hills Public Schools close during the day, all Trinity daytime activities are canceled and the church offices are closed. When Forest Hills Schools announce a two-hour morning delay, morning programming at Trinity is canceled. After 3 p.m. and on weekends, check WOOD TV8, FOX 17, or WZZM TV13 about the status of our evening/weekend activities. Please be as certain as possible that it's 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!



## Trinity Trivia Answers

**A1:** Blood pressure screening, blood drives, fitness classes, Stephen Ministry, flu shot clinic, Helping Hands ministry, homebound communion, prayer chain, special events (mental health awareness, seminars, book clubs)

**A2:** d. 12%



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