

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday in Lent

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, March 12

*IHN Guests Depart*

*Personal Hygiene Products Appeal*

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 1:30 p.m.

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 3 p.m.

Confirmation, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, March 13

*The Messenger Deadline*

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 14

Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 a.m.

Grand Rapids Conference, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, noon

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

NELL Coaches Meeting, 6 p.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 15

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, March 16

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.

*Life Begins at 60* at First Wok, 5:30 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

### Friday, March 17

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

### Saturday, March 18

Pancakes & Playtime, 9 a.m.

Memorial Service for Ralph Thomas, noon

Potluck & Euchre Night, 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, March 19

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Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Celebration of Music Concert Series

Calvin University Women's Chorus, 3 p.m.

Middle School Service Project, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga, 8 p.m.

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Cathy Olson

Lector: Meri Leidel

Communion Assistants: Nancy Morrison,  
David Marquardt

Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey,  
Gloria Von der Heide

Acolytes: TBD

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Steve Heacock

Lector: Dave Straw

Communion Assistants: Eric Larson, Ed Lohr

Ushers: Mark Baker, Greg Battreall,  
Dave & Carrie Boer, Mark Hagbom,  
Sally Mahoney, Jeff Postlewaite

Acolytes: Daniel Ahrens, Sydney Waite

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: John Fox

Sacristans: Jo Murphy, Joyce Bonbrake

Lector: Dolly Lowe

Communion Assistants: David Marquardt,  
Lois McCardell

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,  
Jamie Norris, Dee Scales, Wayne Snyder

Acolytes: Riley and James Day

Bread Baker: Kelli Basher

## Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery**:

Sue Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, Bob Beaudry, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Donna Erickson, Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Roy Lamprich, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Kristin Linkfield, Ken Lown, Tess Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Gail Mazurek, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Bertie Nelson, Jesse Platt, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Luanna Seyffert, Michael Smith, Patricia Stevens, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Robert Williams, 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**:

Kelli and John Basher, George Bauer, Jennifer Brown, Bill and Patricia Bruin, Jim and Sue Coates, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, Pastor Donna Erickson, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Sharon Fourcha, Eric Gohlke, Keith Gohlke, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Jill and Curtis Hahn, Carol Hendricks, Linda Holm, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Mark and Rebecca Mattison, Matt and Lisa Mead, Craig and Patti Mutch, Tammy Parat, Kris Racek, Bruce and Joyce Schlenderer, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, and Phillip Youngman.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Chrisy Bright and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Barton City, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for March 12

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

#645	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (red book)
#777	Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (red book)
#611	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (red book)

MARCH 12, 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*God changes enemies into followers.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well
Monday	Exodus 17:1-7	The Lord gives water from a rock
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-11	Right with God
Wednesday	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for enemies
Thursday	1 Samuel 24:1-15	David spares Saul's life
Friday	Romans 12:14-21	Rules for Christian living
Saturday	Psalms 95	Call to worship
Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Romans 5:10 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Reconciling God, we thank you for reuniting us with you and with all the people of the world through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

#### Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, give us thankful hearts for this meal. We pray for all to have enough to eat for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*



### 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 characteristics do you look for in a friend? When is a time you felt you were an outsider?
- How does God's care for you feel a bit surprising, even when you know you have done something wrong?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* John 4:5-42.

In John 3, Jesus speaks to Nicodemus who is a male, a Pharisee, and a Jewish insider. In John 4, Jesus speaks to someone (by contrast), who is a woman, a Samaritan, and an outsider in her own community. For a Jew, a Samaritan is an enemy worthy of being excluded, but Jesus expands God's reconciling work by speaking to a Samaritan woman who is a community outsider. Jesus gives a visible example of what John 3:16 means for the church. God's love for the world brings unlikely disciples into the church who witness to Jesus. Jesus' followers are to have a real relationship to him as Savior. (The Samaritans are the only ones in John's Gospel who call Jesus "Savior.") The follower's relationship includes reaching out to others with the love of Jesus. The woman tells the people to "Come and see" Jesus (John 4:29). They do and respond that "we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world" (v. 42). The woman witnesses to Jesus so others may know him as Savior.

*Discuss:* How do you reach out to others with the love of Jesus?

*Pray:* Lord God, help us to see Jesus as the Savior of the world and to see our neighbor as worthy of your love. Help us to show your love to our neighbors. Amen.

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you reach out to someone who seems to be an outsider in the community?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. This week think or talk about the homeless and their needs. Add a donation for the homeless to the Almsgiving Box placed in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent.

*Pray:* Loving God, we often forget about the needs of others. Help us to think of the homeless and how we can help fulfill their needs. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.



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