



The Messenger

Midweek Soup Suppers & Lenten Worship on Wednesdays in March

Join us on Wednesday evenings in March at **5:30 p.m. in the Courtyard for Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers** followed by **Lenten Midweek Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

Each week you will enjoy amazingly delicious soups! While there is no charge for our Soup Suppers, we do ask that, if possible, you help in some way by providing soup or bread, coming early to help set up or staying for a brief time afterwards to help with cleanup. Sign-up is available in the Friday eBlast or by calling the church office.

Following Wednesday Soup Suppers, our Lenten Midweek Worship Service will be offered at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will offer the sung service of Compline, Prayer at the Close of the Day, and receive a sermon series offered by Pastor Dan on a traditional prayer of Confession and Forgiveness that many of us prayed growing up in the community of faith. The scriptural themes for Pastor Dan's five-week series will come from Joel 2:12-14, Isaiah 6:5-8, Psalm 51:7-12, Amos 5:21-24 and Micah 6:6-8. Join us for a discipline of fellowship and reflective worship at midweek in Lent of 2023.



Please see [page 7](#) for information on Lenten Soup Suppers and how you can help!

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

Trinity will be hosting IHN families again the week of March 5 to 12, 2023. Without the help of our volunteers it would be impossible for us to house these families. **Volunteers help us make sure to give these families a way to stay together as a family unit.** We give them a dry roof over their heads, warm food, and people that walk beside them by loving and not judging them during the most difficult time in their lives.

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

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

Thank you!

Kathy Bush, IHN coordinator



What's Happening at Trinity in March?

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, 9:20 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Livestreaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

Lenten Grace Group (Karen Unruh), 9 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. – noon*
Lenten Grace Group (Linda Taffs), noon
GriefShare, 2 p.m.
Lenten Grace Group, 7 p.m. (Pr. Frank Rothfuss)

Wednesdays

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m. (Pr. Dan Schewe)
Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m. (Dan & Carol Butler)
Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m. – noon*
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

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



Q1: (Organization & Structure) Since its beginning in 1988, the ELCA has been one church body organized in three expressions. Each has its particular functions, but all three together share a common mission of doing God's work in the world and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

a. Which level of organization is between the congregation and the churchwide organization?

b. What is the name of the (a. answer) that Trinity is a part of?

Q2: (Being Lutheran) What are the three ecumenical creeds originating from the earliest centuries of the Christian church's history which are affirmed in the Lutheran confessional writings and in the ELCA's governing documents?

See [back cover](#) for answers!

Daily Calendar

Wednesday, March 1

Outreach Comm Mtg, noon

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Baby Shower, noon

Sunday, March 5

IHN Week
High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
LWR Quilters, noon
Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

Executive Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

Youth & Family Committee Mtg, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 10

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

Sunday, March 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.
Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 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, March 14

Grand Rapids Conference, 9:30 a.m.
NELL Coaches Mtg, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 16

Bridge, 1 p.m.
Life Begins at 60 at First Wok, 5:30 p.m.
Children's Ministry Comm Mtg, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.
Celebration of Music Concert, 3 p.m.
MS Service Project, 3 p.m.
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

Visitation, 10 a.m.
Memorial Service for Janet Konen, 11 a.m.
Luncheon, noon

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Grade Communion Class Blessing & Bibles
Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 27

Beyond Belief Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 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.

Wednesday, March 29

Pack 3015 Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31

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

A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom

"A garden park in the midst of the 'technicization' of life..."

Beloved community,

In her text *Keeping the Sabbath Wholly*, Marva Dawn wrote that, "Observing the Sabbath gives us the opportunity to be as careful as we can to fill our lives with beauty and to share beauty with the world around us. When we observe a day especially set apart for beauty, all the rest of life is made more beautiful . . . The Sabbath becomes a garden park in the midst of the 'technicization' of life; it brings tranquility and intimacy, sensitivity and creativity, butterflies and goldfinches and roses!"



Having paused in great cathedrals and rural country churches, midcentury modern sanctuaries (like Trinity's!) and outdoor chapels, one common thread to the places where faith people come together to observe the Sabbath is that we seek to make of those places something beautiful. Our Sabbath-making evokes some of the best of human attempts to reflect the beauty of the creator through the many media of the arts that adorn our worship spaces. Set apart for beauty, our keeping of the Sabbath encourages our care for rich artistic expression.

For several years, a small group of volunteers have served as Trinity's Arts Committee, helping us in furnishing our facility after a major building project, leading us in seeking acquisitions to adorn this space, and creating the **Overlook Gallery** between the narthex and the Courtyard to exhibit the works of local artists. Several of those volunteers have moved on to other pursuits and the committee is seeking a few Trinity folks with a passion for the arts to join them. Take note of the article below and be welcome to step up to serve with this team as we seek to, ". . . fill our lives with beauty and share beauty with the world around us."

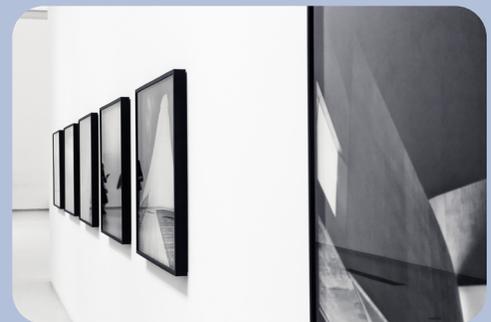
It remains a privilege to serve as a pastor among the people of Trinity.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob Linstrom

Trinity Arts Committee Seeks New Members

In 2017-2018 a new Trinity Arts Committee was established to direct our efforts at furnishing gathering spaces in our facility after our extensive building project. They sought to be true to our "midcentury modern" facility in directing those efforts. The committee's mission has grown to include acquiring, managing, and maintaining the fine art acquisitions of the church; determining the proper display of all fine art and artifacts of the church; making decisions to care for fine art assets, including, but not limited to, sculptures, paintings, tapestries, weavings, quilts, stained glass and historical artifacts; managing and maintaining the Trinity Overlook Gallery; and encouraging gifts to the Trinity Arts Designated Fund through education and promotion of the Fund to the congregation.



We are seeking several new team members to serve on the Trinity Arts Committee. If you have questions or are interested in serving, contact one of our Co-Chairs, John Ziech (ziechs@gmail.com) or H. J. Slider (hjslider51@gmail.com), or contact Pastor Linstrom.

Trinity Congregation Council Members 2023-2024

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: David Marquardt
Endowment Fund: Brad Kessel
Fellowship & Hospitality: Jamie Kuntzman
Finance: Chris Norton
Health Ministries: Michelle Morin
Helping Hands: Susan Knoll
Human Resources: Steve Heacock
Outreach: Dan Butler
Property: Erick Kind & Lauren Wright
Publicly Engaged Church: Michelle Feutz
Spiritual Growth: Bill Bush
Stewardship: Jacquie Murray
Worship & Music: John Fox
Youth & Family Ministry: Chris Becker
Youth & Family Ministry: Dakota Morin (Youth Representative)



A Helping Hands Committee Update by Council Member Susan Knoll

As a first-year member of your Church Council, I am privileged to also be a member of Trinity's newly-formed Helping Hands Committee, which held its first meeting on February 8. The overarching purpose of Trinity's Helping Hands ministry is to care well for members and friends who are in need by engaging and connecting them to nurture each other, sharing God's gifts of love and grace. The Helping Hands ministry accomplishes this through various programs that rely on volunteers to carry out specific, useful tasks to assist Trinity's members and friends in times of need.

Last fall, Trinity welcomed staff member Jeanne Becker whose job as the Helping Hands Coordinator is to direct and maximize Trinity's efforts to care well for one another by coordinating volunteers to:

- 1. Provide meals. It is a long-held American tradition to show a friend in need that you care by bringing them food because food is the most nurturing gift you can offer, as it literally keeps people healthy and alive.**
- 2. Provide rides. Volunteers help to keep congregants who are unable to drive connected to others by providing rides to church services and medical appointments.**
- 3. Deliver altar flowers, as well as Christmas poinsettias and Easter flowers, to Trinity's members and friends who are homebound, grieving, hospitalized, or recovering.**
- 4. Take communion to and visit with congregants unable to attend Sunday services.**

These are just a few of the ways that Trinity's Helping Hands ministry cares well for our individual members and friends. However, with Jeanne's leadership, we think we can do even more. Jeanne and the Helping Hands Committee believe that the future of this ministry encompasses a broader focus on "congregational care," centering on caring well for even more of the different groups at Trinity.

In order to achieve its overarching purpose of caring well for Trinity's congregants, the Helping Hands Committee needs your help. **We need more people who enjoy engaging and connecting with those in need to suggest even more ways that we can support each other. More specifically, you can help in one of two ways: join the Helping Hands Committee or help in one of the four ways listed above.**

If you can help in either of these ways, please contact Jeanne Becker at 616.949.2510, ext. 129 or at jeanne.becker@tlcgr.org. Thank you!

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. –Proverbs 11:25

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of January 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	99,765	137,877	38,112	38.2%
Total Expenses	103,601	102,117	1,485	1.4%
Net Income (Loss)	(3,836)	35,760	39,596	

2023 Fiscal Year-to-Date Thru January 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	1,248,141	1,183,360	(64,781)	-5.2%
Total Expenses	1,194,450	1,105,477	88,973	7.4%
Net Income (Loss)	53,691	77,883	24,192	

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<https://get.tithe.ly>

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

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) 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 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.

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

From an early age we are trained to find the faults, missteps, and mistakes of others. Sometimes we are taught to see them as a lesson we can learn from, but most often we are told to look at them and take comfort in how much better we are. I hear this from my kids all the time. They often tell me what other kids, or one another, is doing and how they are not doing those things, indicating that they are so much better.

This is nothing new; it has been happening as long as there have been people on this Earth. Jesus dealt with it in his time, as is evident from this passage in Matthew:

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. –Matthew 7:1-5

Jesus invites us not to judge those around us, but to instead look at our own lives. To examine our hearts and behaviors and see where we are failing to love our neighbor as God does. He encourages us to “first take the log out of your own eye.” This “log” can represent behaviors, views, preconceived notions, and so much more, but it is always an issue of our own that must be worked on within ourselves.

The journey of repentance starts with introspection, not comparison.

In Lent we are encouraged to be introspective. We are invited to contemplate our behaviors, actions, and lives and see where there is a “log in our own eye.” This contemplation is not meant to make us feel miserable about ourselves, but to instead help us turn toward God, asking for forgiveness and direction.

This Lent I encourage you to contemplate this passage and the “logs” in your life, knowing that we have a God who loves us and helps us love ourselves and those around us.

Shalom, Pastor Dan Schewe



A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast

Dear Trinity Family & Friends,

Thank you. Thank you for a wonderful first year at Trinity!

Thank you for the many prayers regarding my mother's quick decline and passing on into eternal life. Thank you to Pastor Bob for preaching on the Sunday I was scheduled, which ended up being the weekend of my mom's funeral. Thank you for all the kind words, generousness, cards, and expressions of sympathy. It is often through difficult times you see peoples' – or in this case a church's – identity. I continue to be impressed and grateful for the people and ministries of Trinity, even as I discern God's specific calling for me here at Trinity.

One of my smaller, newer callings seems to be what I've named Heart-to-Heart Conversations. A heart-to-heart conversation can be summarized as: *A conversation in which people talk freely about their feelings or personal problems.* It also can include laughter, wondering, feelings of closeness, sharing of joys, curiosity, an awareness of God's presence, and a growing compassion and awareness of the joys and burdens of one another's' lives.

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A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast (cont.)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect... Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor... Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another... –Romans 12:1-2, 9-10, 15-16a

Watch the weekly eBlast to sign up for March's Heart-to-Heart Conversations with Pastor Kari!

Please also consider attending or inviting someone to attend our **GriefShare support group** for those inside/outside of Trinity who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We begin the 13-week support group on **Tuesday, March 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.** Please find registration information in the eBlast or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/6p7e824d>.



Again – thank you, Trinity. Thank you for the love you've shared with David and me during the loss of my mom, the love you share with one another, and the love you share with the entire world. I'm grateful and impressed.

God's deepest blessings now and always!

Pastor Kari, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Lenten Worship & Activities

2023 Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us weekly for Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays in March. Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. Join us and share delicious soups and wonderful fellowship. Select your favorite soups to make and share with your Trinity family. We enjoy both gourmet and traditional family favorites. The Trinity cookbook has some awesome soup recipes. If you're stuck, contact [Tess](#) for recipes or ideas.

Lenten Soup Suppers are free! Please pitch in by signing up for something below:

Bring Soup. You may drop the soup off the day before or the day of our soup supper and we will heat it and have it ready to serve. Or, you can bring your soup with you ready to serve when you arrive. If bringing with you, please come 10 minutes early so we can be ready to pray and begin supper right at 5:30 p.m. The best practice is to bring your soup in a crock pot so we can keep it hot for everyone. Please provide 12-15 servings. Store-bought or homemade soup is fine.

Bring Bread. Provide bread that is yummy with soup such as sourdough, Italian, baguettes, etc. Bread should be sliced and ready to serve if you bring it with you. If you drop it off early we can slice it for you.

Help with set-up (5 to 5:30 p.m.) or clean-up (6 to 6:30 p.m.)

Sign-ups are taking place via a link in the weekly eBlasts or by contacting [Tess Lundgren](#). Enjoy a midweek meal with friends and stay for the midweek worship that begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary!



Lenten Worship & Activities (cont.)

New During Lent! Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga



Meet virtually on Sundays from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for 45 minutes of sharing and Bible study followed by 45 minutes of gentle stretching yoga. This unique opportunity for women combines participants from Calvary Evangelical Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran churches. We will use the *Water & Spirit: Devotions for Lent 2023* devotional as well as incorporating the book of Luke.

Message or call Kathy Noble for more information or to sign up: 248.561.2200 or kathy.noble11@gmail.com.

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 and are also great for individual study.

It's not too late to join a Grace Group! See the *Weekly at a Glance* calendar on [page 2](#) of this newsletter for offered Grace Groups, or try the similar Lenten Virtual Bible Study & Yoga listed above. Please reach out to Director of Family Ministry [Rachele Battreal](#) if you have any questions.

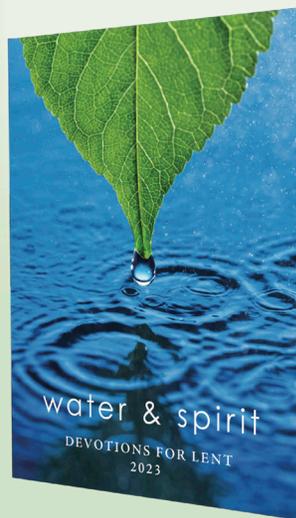
Mark Your Calendars: The Journey from Ashes to Easter Continues

Lent arrived last month with our observance of Ash Wednesday in worship. Take note of these dates as we journey through Lent to Easter at Trinity in 2023:

- **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.

Lent

Young & Sleepless 3.0

If you have little ones, this group is for you! Young and Sleepless is a fellowship group for Trinity families with young children who are newborn through preschooler age. The third generation of this group plans to gather every few months for family adventures, fellowship, and fun! Ideas for upcoming get-togethers include: *Parents' Night Out* (with childcare provided at the church nursery), *Movie Night & Potluck at Trinity*, and *Pancakes & Playtime*, a fun ministry and fellowship event at Trinity. For information about upcoming events, contact Director of Family Ministry [Rachele Battreal](#) or watch for specific communications to young families regarding upcoming activities.

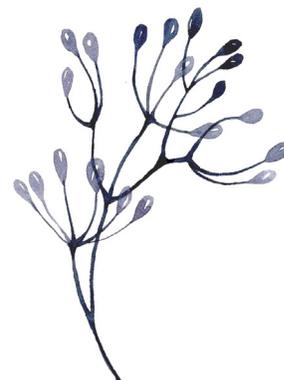
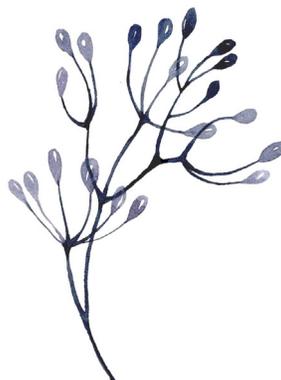
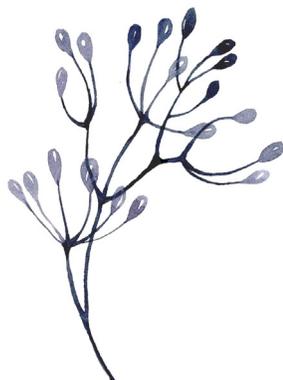


Save the Date for STELLAR VBS!

June 19 to 22
9 a.m. to noon

Vacation Bible School registration will open for kids on **May 1** and is open to children aged 3 years through grade 5.

Co-Pilots Needed ASAP! We are seeking adult volunteers to help plan and lead an out-of-this-world Bible adventure! Contact Director of Family Ministry [Rachele Battreal](#) for more information.



Youth News

Middle School

March & April Confirmation Schedule:

March 5 & 12 – Youth Group, 2 to 3 p.m.; Confirmation Class 3 to 4:30 p.m.

March 19 – Service project instead of class, 3 to 5 p.m.

March 26 & April 2 – No class due to Spring Break

April 9 – No class – Happy Easter!

April 16 & 23 – Youth Group, 2 to 3 p.m.; Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

April 30 – Final Class of the year followed by a family meal



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 March 26, April 2, or April 9. 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 – March 5 at 9:15 a.m.

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

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

Our next team meeting for our trip to East Bank, West Virginia is on March 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 to register. Please make sure to see the emails from Pastor Dan prior to registration!



Living Water Ministries

Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

Come Pray with Us! March 12, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

You are invited to join the Trinity youth for an afternoon of prayer on **Sunday, March 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** We are going to be learning to pray in a variety of ways to help us to connect to God and each other. Reach out to [Pastor Dan](#) if you have any questions.



Resound Handbell Choir

You have probably heard this wonderful group provide handbell music for worship services. This ensemble meets weekly on Thursday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They ring for the 10:45 a.m. traditional worship service once a month. **There is space for 2 additional ringers.** You are welcome to consider the opportunity to participate in this excellent instrumental ensemble. The ability to read music is needed. Contact Director [Dr. Darlene Kuperus](#).



Celebration of Music Concert Series

DRUMS...MISSION...LUNCH!

We celebrate a highly successful and energetic event that was held on Saturday, February 4 in Centennial Hall. Over 40 djembe drums from Africa were played by a group of 85 participants. This multi-generational event brought together people from Trinity as well as many from the community.



In addition to having a great deal of fun, we also learned about Christophe's Children, an important outreach ministry supported by Trinity Lutheran Church. Christophe Muganza shared his story and Trinity member and strong supporter Michael Sytsma showed several short videos of the Christophe's Children

orphanage and school in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Through the vision of Christophe and strong supporters such as Mr. Sytsma, over 56 children have a home and education space.

The lunch which followed the fun-filled morning was supported by a grant from Thrivent Financial Services, an organization that supports Lutherans in their financial planning and stewardship.

This event received strong support from the Celebration of Music Concert Team (Bryan Bredwell, Dr. Deb DeWitt, Steve Feutz, Kris Fox, Karen Krummel, Marcia Schaner, and Gale Volkerding). It was also supported by additional congregation members who assisted with setup, lunch, and reset for the following day's worship.

Calvin University: Women's and Cappella Choir

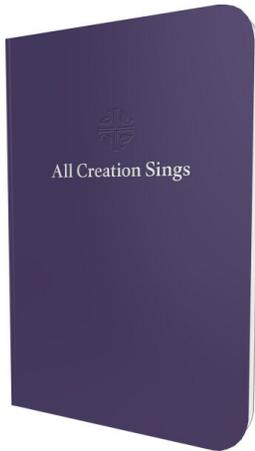
A Concert of Sacred Choral Music

Sunday, March 19, 3 p.m. • Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary

This concert will feature sacred choral music for voices accompanied by piano, pipe organ, and a small string ensemble. These local college musicians are skillfully led by Dr. Pearl Shangkuan, who is known for her energetic, precise, and inspirational conducting. Shangkuan is a highly-sought conductor for choral festivals in the United States and across the entire globe.



Music Ministries (cont.)



Sanctuary Traditional Worship Services During Lent

Singing new melodies to familiar texts is something that enlivens worship music. As we begin Lent, we turn to new music written for ancient words like the *Kyrie* or *Lamb of God*. We also sing a Gospel acclamation that is specific to the Lenten season. The text is from the book of Romans, Chapter 8: *"Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God."*

Join us in singing a new setting of the liturgy that comes from the purple hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*.

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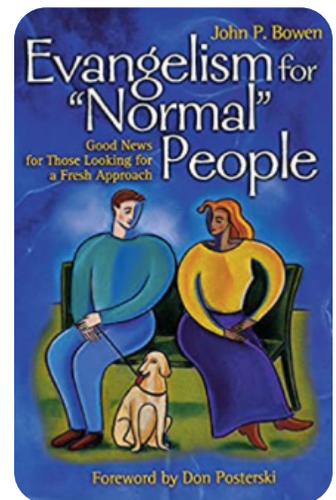
A Spring Book Study with Pastor Frank Rothfuss

Pastor Frank to Lead study of Evangelism for "Normal" People

Coming This Spring!

Retired pastor and Trinity member Frank Rothfuss has a passion for the people of the church telling their faith stories. In keeping with that passion, Pastor Rothfuss has agreed to lead a small group book study in the spring of 2023 on *Evangelism for "Normal" People: Good News for Those Looking for a Fresh Approach*. For many people in 'mainline' denominations, the word "evangelism" has a connotation of aggressive proselytizing, a means of arguing people into the Christian community. However, the word 'evangelism' simply means to be Gospel proclaiming, a vocation for all the people of faith. And there are many means of proclaiming the Gospel.

In *Evangelism for "Normal" People*, noted author and teacher John Bowen takes a unique look at what it means to witness to one's faith. Evangelism is something that all Christians can do as a normal part of being a follower of Jesus. Witty, wise, and biblically grounded, the book challenges in a gentle way. The book also includes study questions for congregational use. Author John Bowen is a professor at Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto.



If interested in this book study, contact [Kris Baker](#) in the church office or Pastor Rothfuss directly.

Calling Trinity's Young Families!

Young & Sleepless 3.0 is organizing! See [page 9](#) for more information.

Another Very Successful KCAH Food-Packing Event!

On January 29, Trinity families and friends came together after the 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services to pack food for Kids Coalition Against Hunger (KCAH). In total, \$14,456 was raised to pack 34,874 meals and is also enough to go toward some of next year's meals! We thank everyone who contributed to this cause.

Great job, Trinity!



Charlotte Stephan, Christian Blauwkamp, and Rebecca & Mark Mattison smile for the camera



Some of Trinity's youth give a big thumbs up! From L to R: Isaac Stephan, KC Fawcett, Nick Derbin, Dakota Morin, Tyler Mason, Alex Leverett, & Edmond VanMeter



Lutheran School of
Theology at Chicago

Martin Luther Zoom Series

Zoom Series Runs February 26 to March 22, 2023

The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) is hosting a free spiritual enrichment opportunity titled Martin Luther on the Holy Spirit and the Christian Life. Led by Dr. Candace Kohli, this four-week Zoom series will be held February 26 to March 22.

Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3f5k5b>

News Briefs (cont.)



Mission in India Update

Greetings from our mission partners in India! Shadrach and Gladys share that everyday living in the village is both difficult and joyful as they experience the presence of God in a literal sense; every single day is a brand-new adventure walking with God.

Currently there are 130 students attending school. Each morning begins with teacher devotions and an opening assembly with songs and Bible readings. All subjects are taught in English (costly for students to obtain elsewhere) to provide greater opportunities for the children. Challenges continue since COVID-19, with increased poverty in the area and many students experiencing difficulty paying even minimal school fees. The school accepts as many students as possible, regardless of ability to pay.

Some children live onsite in the hostels where they receive food, shelter, education, and Bible studies every day. A young Christian family has joined as full-time staff to help in many ways, including caring for hostel students (and reducing some of Shadrach and Gladys' tension). Although supporting the family increases costs, the stability and consistency they offer is very beneficial. Shadrach and Gladys also hope to help them grow spiritually.

Shadrach and Gladys share that words cannot fully express their thankfulness for Trinity's support in their mission as we share the love of Christ with them, noting Matthew 25:40: *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did it for me."* The local government has enacted "anti-conversion laws" which create fear and uncertainty about how to live out the gospel. Shadrach and Gladys pray for wisdom and protection and give thanks to God for the grace He provides as they continue to share the Word, trusting that, *"My word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty"* (Isaiah 55:11).

In closing, please know they also pray for us; that we may be showered with God's abundant blessings in our lives.

Please continue to pray for our friends in India and contact **Dawn Brackmann** at dawnbrackmann@gmail.com for more updates or information. Our prayers provide encouragement as they know they are not alone. Our financial contributions are greatly needed and provide basic food supplies, tuition for students, books, teacher support, and much more. As always, financial contributions may be made payable to Trinity with a *Mission in India* notation in the memo line.



Creating a Safe Haven

Trinity's Congregation Council helps guide the safety and security policies of our church. With a focus on abuse prevention, plans are underway with Safe Haven Ministries to create a formal domestic violence prevention policy.

Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of learned behavior that one person uses to control another in an intimate relationship. Trinity is concerned about domestic violence because statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience domestic violence at least once in their lifetimes. Statistics also indicate that at least 1 in 3 adolescents experience some form of domestic violence before they graduate high school. In response to these troubling statistics, Trinity is taking actions to develop a formal domestic abuse policy.

The first step we have taken to achieve this goal is to partner with the Safe Haven Ministries Church Certification program. "Creating a Safe Haven" is a program designed to help communities receive comprehensive domestic violence and human trafficking education and develop a plan for how they would respond if confronted with these major issues. The certification process ensures that leadership has the tools they need to work with an individual or family faced with these crises. It also helps them develop policies and procedures on how to respond if someone on the staff is a victim or perpetrator of domestic violence and/or human trafficking.

On Saturday, January 28, Trinity hosted Safe Haven leaders to begin our Church Certification process. Twenty four members of Trinity and three synod partners joined us for a full day of learning. Program attendees learned how to recognize and respond to domestic violence and how to provide non-judgmental listening and support to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Attendees also learned about unhealthy relationships, trafficking and exploitation, talking to victims about developing a plan to leave, and ways to help victims stay safer in their current relationships until they are ready to leave.

Trinity is committed to be a place where people experiencing abuse can seek support. We are fortunate to have Safe Haven Ministries providing advocacy, services, and shelter in our community. Together we can care for victims and survivors and prevent abuse from happening.

The task force shaping our congregational policies on abuse includes Council members John Fox and Steve Heacock, staff members Kristin Bradley and Laura Norton, and volunteers Kathy Noble and Carrie Wygmans. Contact [Kristin Bradley](mailto:kristin@trinitylutheran.org) if you'd like to get involved with this initiative.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call or text Safe Haven at 616.452.6664.



Safe Haven Training at Trinity, January 28, 2023



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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, contact [Pastor Kari](#).

New Members Celebration Being Planned for Spring 2023 Mailing Sent Out to Prospective Members in Mid-February

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 are being 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 [Kris Baker](#) in the office or a pastor for more information.



Health Ministries



Let's Keep Moving!

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.

Spring Blood Drive: Saturday, March 4 at Trinity!

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](#) or register here: <https://tinyurl.com/7nasjj6v>

Not able to donate? Check the SignUp Genius for other ways you can help: <https://tinyurl.com/5h9v6bz7>

Thank you for giving the gift of life!

80 units of whole blood and 23 units of double red cells were donated at Trinity in 2022! Thank you!



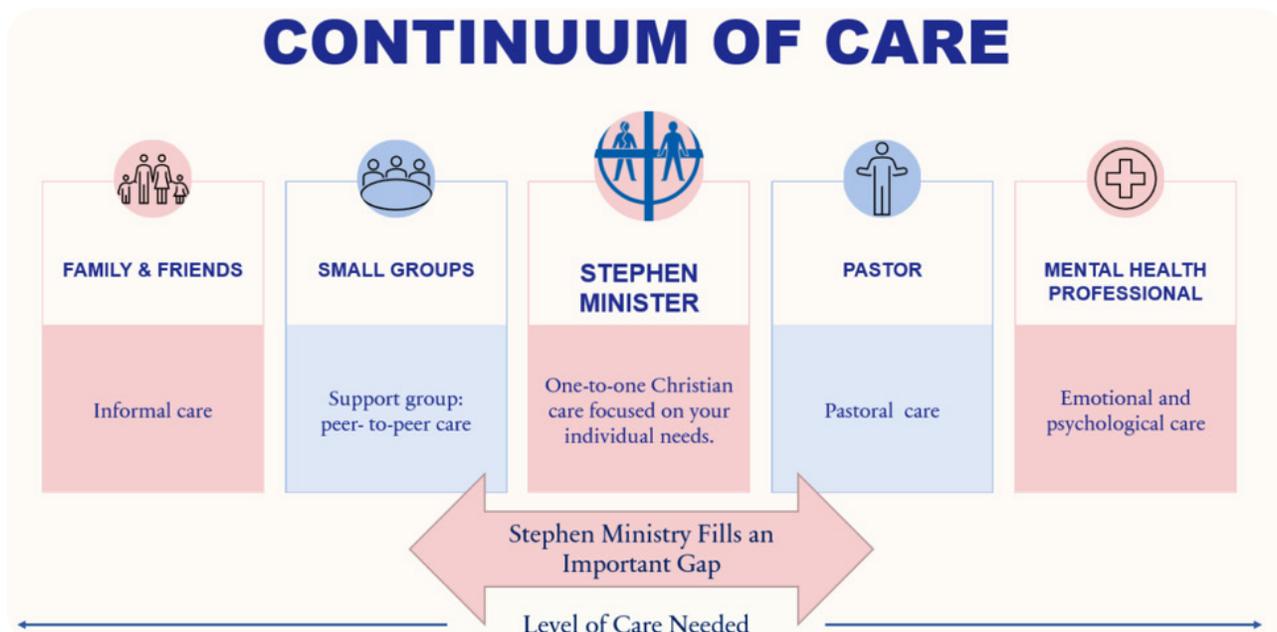
Care & Share: Tuesday, March 21

Are you, or have you been, a full-time caregiver for an adult child, parent, spouse, or loved one? If so, you could likely benefit from getting together with other folks in similar situations. Let's meet together to **Care** for each other and **Share** in our journeys. We'll gather on **Tuesday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity**. Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley is facilitating this group. We'll meet each other and then discuss the challenges – and benefits – surrounding caregiving, learn ways to refocus when things get chaotic (both for us and for those we are caring for), and ground ourselves in God's promises. Connect with [Kristin Bradley](#) with any questions or concerns.

When Do You Need a Stephen Minister?

Life is a jumble of joys and stressors. Challenges such as moving, having a baby, not being able to have a baby, wrestling with a child's learning disability or behavioral issue, retiring, death of a loved one, divorce, losing or changing your job, or being diagnosed with a chronic/terminal condition not only affect you, but they affect everyone in the family. While we rely on friends and family to work through everyday problems, these significant stressors may be too much for our informal support system. And yet, we often feel like our issues are not "big" enough for us to seek help from pastors or counselors. That's where Stephen Ministry comes in. A Stephen Minister shares your Christian value system and will walk with you, concentrating on your specific need, until you feel ready to manage it yourself.

If you are dealing with one of life's major stressors and would like to have someone walk alongside you, contact Faith Community Nurse [Kristin Bradley](#) to explore how a Stephen Minister may benefit you.



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 has been shared in the last few months. This month's final article features Trinity member and retired pastor, Karen Niemeyer.



The Rev. Karen Niemeyer, D.Min.

Way back when I graduated from high school, there seemed to be only three career options for girls: teaching, nursing, or secretarial work. Neither teaching nor nursing sounded inviting to me, so I pursued a business major at Valparaiso University. When Ted graduated two years ahead of me, I quit school, got married, and worked for IBM/Chicago for a couple years before becoming a stay-at-home-mom. When our kids became college age, I was called into action to help with their school expenses, so I went to work for my church, which was part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). It was then, as I came into contact with many people grieving the loss of loved ones, that I decided what I *should have done* after high school was become a funeral director, because of how comfortable I felt when consoling people whose loved ones had passed away. Since the LCMS did not ordain women, it never dawned on me to become a pastor; funeral director seemed to be the way I *should have gone*.

Years later, after finishing my business degree at Aquinas College, working for a local marketing communications firm, and earning an MA in Organizational Communication from Western Michigan University, Ted and I decided to join Trinity, (part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that *did* ordain women). It was after I read an article in *The Lutheran* magazine about a woman who was ordained when she was in her 80s, that I began to think, "Well, if she did it, so can I!" I started slowly, taking Greek and Hebrew classes at nearby Western Seminary, thinking if I could get through those classes, then I could get through anything. The next years of my life in seminary are now history. Those were delightful but tough years, traveling to the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (especially during snow storms at the bottom of the lake) as well as completing a short chaplaincy internship with Spectrum Downtown, and pastoral internships with Hope Lutheran Church in Rockford and Christ Lutheran Church in Wyoming. I loved my classes (especially Lutheran Confessions, which to me was like my 7th/8th grade confirmation on steroids). And with time, I realized my going back to school at an age when many thought I was way too old, was a life-giving gift from God; after being ordained and becoming Trinity's assisting minister, I had a ministry that gave wonderful purpose to my life, especially when I was facing the challenges of widowhood. I've learned that while it might not work for a woman to have it all at the same time – school, motherhood, career, etc. – with the longevity and energy of women these days, maybe we can have it all – we just need to do it more one at a time. And even more important, we have a Great God who will walk alongside us all the way.

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 and Pastor Frank Rothfuss). Continued contributions to the "Pastor Karen Niemeyer Scholarship Fund" are always welcomed.

Fifth Grade Holy Communion Class Meeting During Lent

Pastor Linstrom is leading a Fifth Grade Communion class for Trinity children 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 conclusion 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 had it's first meeting on February 26 and will continue to meet on **March 5, 12, and 19**. There is also a Zoom option for those unable to be onsite. Be in touch with [Pastor Bob](#) with questions or for more information.



Let's Do Chinese!

If you're over 60, please join us on **THURSDAY, March 16, at 5:30 p.m.** at First Wok, 6740 Old 28th St SE, Grand Rapids. *Reservations are limited to the first 30 guests.* Call hosts Bob and Nancy Scott at 616.272.1782 to make your reservation.

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Potluck & Euchre Night: Saturday, March 18

We're having a potluck and euchre night at Trinity on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Grab a partner or come on your own, and be ready to play Michigan's favorite card game. Prizes will be given out to the top players. Sign-ups will take place via a link in the weekly eBlasts. Please indicate in the sign-up if you will need child care.

Our potluck will start at 5:30 p.m. Teams will form and directions will be given at 6:15 p.m., and play will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtyard. Please contact [Tess Lundgren](#) if you have any questions. Come enjoy a fun evening of friendly competition!



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

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 at 7 p.m. Rabbi Schadick has extended Temple Emanuel's invitation:

We are excited to open our doors to members of the community who would like to have a "taste of Passover" at Temple Emanuel. We are hosting a Model Seder on Tuesday evening, March 28 at 7 p.m. The evening will include a sampling of the Seder liturgy and music, a tasting of traditional Passover foods, and a chance to ask questions and to dialogue. This is our opportunity to share a bit of our joyous holiday with our neighbors.

Temple Emanuel is located at 1715 Fulton Street East in Grand Rapids. The cost to attend the March 28 Seder is \$15 per person. Those interested are asked to contact Cathy@grtemple.org to reserve a spot or to call the Temple office at 616.459.5976. **The deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 24.**

Save the Date! (cont.)



Potluck & Trivia Night: Saturday, April 15

Mark your calendar, bring a dish to share, and join us on Saturday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. for a family potluck! At 6:30 p.m., younger kids will go to the Commons to watch a movie. Everyone aged 12 and up is invited to stay in the Courtyard for a friendly-competitive game of trivia. Teams will compete against each other to see who has the most random information on the tip of their tongue. You will

be amazed at the random information you have tucked away for just this very occasion. Prizes will be awarded to the top team!

Watch for a signup link in the mid-March and April eBlasts. You can sign up as an entire team of 8, or sign up as an individual, as a couple, or as a family. Tess will put teams of 8 together. Don't be shy – if you love trivia but don't have a team yet, please sign up and then we'll create a team and you'll get to meet new friends while having a great time!

Childcare will be provided for infants up to 11 years old. Please let Tess know if you need childcare so we can be sure to have enough personnel. Please contact [Tess Lundgren](#) with any questions.



Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 15 – Join Us! With Guest Speaker North/West Lower Michigan Synod Bishop Craig Satterlee

The Men's Breakfast group is planning its second gathering of 2023 on **April 15**. Gathering once every quarter for food, study, and fellowship, this Men's Breakfast will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. We will gather for a fresh, full breakfast, a brief Bible study led by Pastor Bob, and our guest speaker: North/West Lower Michigan Synod Bishop Craig Satterlee. Bishop Satterlee is a recognized scholar, sought after preacher, speaker, and teacher, and published author. Learn more about Bishop Satterlee and find his public schedule

at his personal webpage: <https://craigasatterlee.com>. Bishop Satterlee was pleased to receive the invitation to address our Men's Breakfast gathering.

Men of Trinity, watch for your invitation to sign up and plan to be in attendance on April 15 for our quarterly breakfast!



Get Ready for the Spring Rummage Sale!

Spring is coming and so is our Rummage Sale! We need your stuff! **We will begin accepting donations in late April to prepare for the sale on May 4, 5, and 6.** If you need help transporting large items or have questions about donations please reach out to [Pastor Dan](#).

Thank you for how your donated items help support those who need them in our community and also Trinity's youth.

Opportunities to Support Church & Community

Donate Personal Care Items

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

- Bar soap, body wash, deodorant, Q-tips, nail files/clippers
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, mouth wash
- Comb, brush, shampoo, conditioner, hand or body lotion, lip balm

While sample sizes are useful, it would be wonderful if we could provide items in **standard sizes** that will last longer. Please drop off your donations in the labeled black bin located in the entryway of the main entrance on the west side of the building or in the narthex by **Sunday, April 30**.



Volunteer at In The Image



In The Image links gently used clothing, housewares, furniture, and appliances with families in need. We are gathering a group together in March to begin regularly meeting to help sort, organize, and serve the community on the **1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Our first volunteer day will be on Thursday, March 16 at 1 p.m. Choose to meet us there (4255 Kalamazoo Ave SE, GR, MI 49508) or in the Trinity parking lot if you'd like to caravan. Please contact Discipleship & Outreach Coordinator [Laura Norton](#) for more information or with questions.

Donate Easter Hams for SECOM Resource Center

Please help us break the (piggy!) bank by donating a ham for low-income children and families. **We will be collecting hams before each service on March 19 and 26 and on April 2 (Palm Sunday)**. The collected hams will be taken to SECOM Resource Center for distribution to their clients. Any size ham will be appreciated for an Easter celebration that so many would typically go without. If you are unable to carry a ham, will be out of town, or just prefer to make a monetary contribution, we will have envelopes available for donations. We will then shop for additional hams to add to the collection. Questions? Please contact Discipleship & Outreach Coordinator [Laura Norton](#).



Help Heartside Gleaning Run Their Fresh Food Fair



Helping 200 food-insecure families!

We need individuals/families/groups to volunteer at Heartside Gleaning's Fresh Food Fair!

When: Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: Potter's House School – 810 Van Raalte Dr. SW, GR, MI 49509

What: Set up the Fresh Food Fair; help participants pick up 20# of produce, eggs and beans; break down Fresh Food Fair

To volunteer: <http://www.heartsidegleaning.org/volunteer-form.html>

Easter Flower Gifts

Easter Flower Contribution Form

On Easter morning our sanctuary will be a beautiful floral garden!

Please use this form to make an Easter flower gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. **Forms are due by Sunday, March 26, 2023.** You may drop the form with your payment in the offering plate, contact the church office, or mail to:

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.



First Name

Last Name

Address (Number/Street/City/State/ZIP)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Yes! I'd like to make an Easter Flower donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

___ Number of 6" tulip plants (\$10 each)

___ Number of 6" daffodil plants (\$10 each)

___ Number of 6" hyacinth plants (\$10 each)

___ Number of azalea plants (\$30 each)

Total Due: _____

My contribution is given by: (list how you would like your name to appear in the bulletin): _____

in honor of: _____

in memory of: _____

Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church
(write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line)

**Please take your flowers home after Easter services or by Sunday, April 16.*

*Flowers not picked up by the deadline will be donated or disposed of. Thank you!**

March Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

March 1

Beth Krueger
Sam Schewe

March 2

Stellan Bowman
Connor Fetting
Allie Idema
Kristen Selleck

March 3

Joshua Anderson
Melanie Glenn
John Keller
Mandy Kettel
Lauren Krug
Owen Spalding
Phillip Youngman

March 4

Jeff Fischer
Kristina Kuhlmann
John Walls
Gary Watson

March 5

Grant Ferguson
Maria Heldt
Heather Kimble
Avery Missman
Lillian Scalabrino
Lisa Tesch
Sydney Waite

March 6

Judy Carlson
Dean Juth
Travis McMillan II
Jo Murphy
Hannah Perez
Debbie Shumaker

March 7

Megan Brackman
Sharon Brandner
Kevin Conway
Leslie Gallagher
Kenneth Lown
Ruby Peterman
Brian Talsma

March 8

Angel Bonjour
Mike Danielski
Linda Hallman
Jim Hudson
Ashley Perkins
Jessica Scalabrino

March 9

William Becker
Avery Hungerford
Carol Huttenga
Gayl Kessel
Joanna Kutschinski
Kali Mochel
Catherine Vander
Woude

March 10

Audrey Basher
Mary Beth Mencarelli
Carol Welz-Gustafson
Aidan Zarou

March 11

Linnea Fox
David Greiner
Ella Kroll
Chad Saum
Michael Schultz

March 12

Nicholas Claus
Grant Juth
Samantha Smith

March 13

Diane Barnes
Heather Loepp
Sarah Pfeiffle
Rhett Taylor
Zoey Zupin

March 14

Gwyneth Hoeksema
Torie Lynn
Ethan Schaefer
Mike Siminski
Kate Wolfe
Audrey Zollman

March 15

Amanda Brondyke
Daniel Lynn
Bill & Kathy Bush

March 16

Lydia Albaitis
Harris Frecka
Charlotte Worsfold

March 17

Joyce Bonbrake
Brenna Havard
Denny Helzer
Elizabeth Mulligan
Joan Start
Steven Triesenberg
Timothy Vander Woude

March 18

Daniel Gutierrez
Kristine Lang
Marian Schaible
Ashley Zollman
Bill & Erin Childers
Dave & Sheila Talsma

March 19

Dana Brouse
Morgan Cole
Ray Engle
Darrell & Natalie Yeager

March 20

Emily Albaitis
Lindsey Czerew
Kaori Schau
Benji Worsfold
Tom Worsfold
Kathy Young
Shauna & Jeff Allchin
James & Janet Genow

March 21

Bill Bailey
Bob Guigue
Sally Reinke
John Schuen
Brittney Zielinski

March 22

Olivia Black
Maggie Coles
Chris Engle
Paul Getzin
Rayeann Lackey
Eric Larson
Kathryn Larson
Chris Owens
Elizabeth Panzer
Kelly & Edward
Gauthier Smith

March 23

Jack Cole

March 24

Olivier Bouwman
Bob Hamilton
Ashlie Johnson
Tate King
Meredith Kubicek
Katarina Lundgren
Tim Lundgren
Andy Nikolajuk
John Ruble

March 25

Megan Ahrens
Brandon Basher
Bev Block
Cora Dudley
Julie Earhart
Gail Mester
Patti Patton

March 26

Richard Gehl
Megan Glass
Richard Mencarelli
Michael Rubenstahl
Jennifer Sommers

March 27

Mason Childers
Dave Ezell
Weston Lackey
Christopher
Posthumus
Sammye Zollman

March 28

Jim Donahue
Stacey Phillips
Denny Rosen
Bruce Schlanderer
Franny Turnage

March 29

Evie Brang
Brian Rieth
Nathan Scurfield
Lillian Wollen

March 30

Lee Baribeau
Ben Hall
Emma Hall
Jesse Hall
Aubrey Loepp
Mary Minich-Carwell
Kristy Rieger
Luke Sommers
Patrick Tyrrell

March 31

Mary Coles
Donald Kishman
Mark Mattison
Paul Pruitt
Rochelle Roskam
Robert & Amy Peters

**If you have a
milestone birthday /
anniversary, please
contact [the office](#) at
Trinity to let us know!*

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!



March Trinity Trivia Answers

A1: a. The synod; **b.** Trinity is part of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod (AKA the Mitten Synod)

A2: The Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed



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