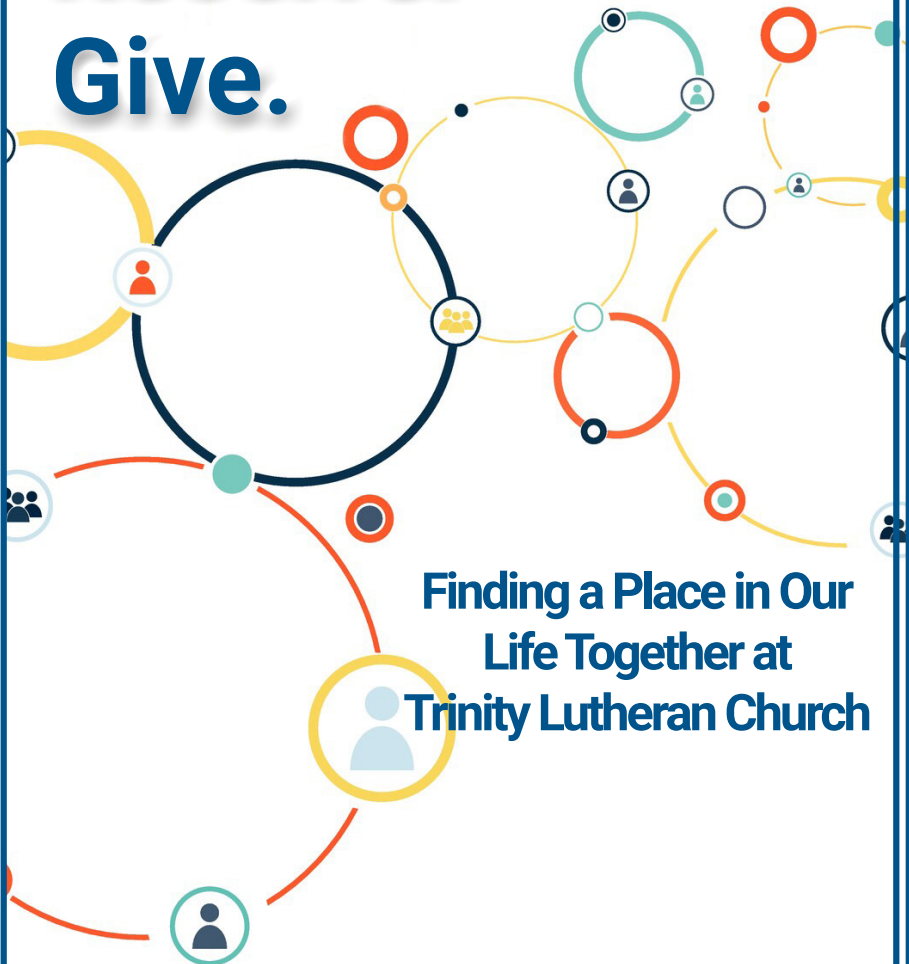


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Finding a Place in Our
Life Together at
Trinity Lutheran Church



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Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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

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*For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.
-Romans 12:4-5*

Being part of a church community provides you with the possibilities to make a difference within the church, our community, and within the world while providing you a sense of belonging.

For more information on how to get involved in one or many of the following, please look at Trinity's website (tlcgr.org), *The Messenger* monthly newsletter, weekly eBlasts, or contact the church office at 616.949.2510.

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship at Trinity

- 8 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. – Rejoice Worship in Centennial Hall
- 10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Check the website or our newsletter, *The Messenger*, for special worship services during the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons.

Worship Assistants

- **Acolytes/Crucifers** – Trinity youth light the altar candles, assist with Communion distribution, and the offering collection. On festival days, the Bible and Crucifix are added during the Gospel reading and they process/recess in and out of worship.
- **Communion Assistants** – Help serve the bread and wine during distribution of Holy Communion.
- **Communion Bread Bakers** – Make bread at home to be used for Holy Communion during all worship services for a month at a time. The bread recipe can be provided, or bakers are welcome to use their own basic recipe.
- **Sacristans** – Set up Communion trays with wine and bread prior to worship service and clean up the trays and supplies following worship.
- **Launderers for Holy Communion Linens** – Launder the linens used during Holy Communion.
- **Lectors** – Read the lessons, Prayers of Intercession, and assist with Communion.
- **Ushers** – Be a welcoming presence before the services, collect offerings, and direct members to Communion.

- **Cantors** – Chant/intone the Kyrie and the psalm of the day during traditional worship services.
- **Trinity Choir** – Prepares anthems for traditional worship and occasional concerts. Open to high school students and beyond. The choir breaks during summer.
- **Resound Handbell Choir** – Plays handbells about once per month and sometimes during special worship services. Adults and teens who have musical/instrumental experience are welcome to join. No handbell experience is required but must be able to read music.
- **Contemporary Band Members** – Play during Rejoice worship. Adults and teens can audition as vocalists, electric and acoustic guitar players, keyboardists, drummers, and bass players to be placed in a Trinity band. Other instruments are welcome. Proficiency in basic musicianship is required and previous experience in other bands is helpful.
- **Sound Board/Livestreaming Assistants** – Assist our tech team in the livestreaming and recording of worship services and concerts.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday School – Sunday school is offered for children ages three through fifth grade from the third Sunday in September through the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend.

Vacation Bible School – Children ages three through fifth grade gather for Bible stories, games, and crafts in the mornings for a week in summer.

Middle School Youth – Confirmation class and youth group are held on Sunday afternoons during the school year. Confirmation, a three-year program for sixth through eighth graders, is led by our pastors.

High School Youth – Our Trinity high school youth stay busy learning, serving, and having fun! High school youth group meets on Sunday evenings. Our youth take part in many varied activities throughout the year.

Stony Lake Camp – One-week summer camp for children first through twelfth grade. Campers enjoy an amazing week of community and faith formation in the midst of nature, building relationships with each other and with God.

Mission Trip – High schoolers are invited to participate in a week-long service trip in the summer.

ELCA Youth Gathering – Every three years, 20,000+ youths and their companions gather to experience the diverse breadth and depth of what ELCA has to offer.

College Care Packages – We support our college students with goodies during final exams or other challenging times.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Studies

- **Tuesday Morning** – Women’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday Morning** – Pastor’s Bible Study/Forum
- **Friday Morning** – Women’s Bible Study

These studies meet at various times/locations. Find more information at tlcgr.org or in select issues of *The Messenger*.

Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Evening** - Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Trinity. Open to adults of any age and gender.
- **Friday Morning** – Meets on the second Friday of the month. This women’s book club reads all types of literature and enjoys lively discussions from a religious point of view.

Lenten Grace Groups – Grace Groups are Trinity’s short-term, small group Bible studies that take place during Lent. More information can be found at tlcgr.org, in select issues of *The Messenger*, or by contacting the church office.

“Food for Thought” – Dinner and speaker/conversation events about important health topics – a ministry for the whole congregation!

Women’s Retreat – Occurs annually to help women grow in faith and community with each other.

Men’s Breakfast – Meets once every quarter for a full breakfast, a brief Bible study led by Pastor Bob, and an engaging guest speaker.

Advent Devotional Writing – Trinity members and friends write a short devotion based on a Bible verse for our congregational Advent Devotional book.

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Sunday Morning Hospitality – Share coffee, refreshments, and friendship after each Sunday service.

All Church Potluck & Annual Meeting – On the third Sunday in January we gather as a church family for a potluck luncheon and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Advent Meals & Lenten Soup Suppers – Occur on Wednesday evenings prior to Advent or Lent midweek worship. Many hands are needed for these special dinners.

Start of Summer Celebration Potluck & Fall Parish Picnic Potluck – It's always fun to enjoy a Lutheran potluck! Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and, if possible, volunteer to help with setup, activities, and/or tear-down.

Trinity's Scandinavian Smörgåsbord – Takes place on a Saturday evening in December and provides an abundance of great food and a musical program. There is a small fee for this event.

Advent by Candlelight – An evening in December to celebrate Advent and the coming of Christ's birth.

JOYful Days (Just Older Youth) – Five Wednesdays in the fall and in spring begin with coffee and donuts, followed by a Bible Study with one of our pastors. We then enjoy a catered lunch with a speaker presentation to wrap up the early afternoon. All are welcome! There is a small fee for this event.

Euchre/Game Night & Potluck – Join fellow members by playing euchre, a favorite Michigan card game, or other fun games! No experience is needed.

Trivia Night & Potluck – Have fun with fellow members and compete to see who knows the most random information!

Celebration of Music Concert Series – The Celebration of Music Concert Series is a wonderful opportunity to attend concerts in our beautiful sanctuary. These concerts are free and open to the public and typically take place on Sunday afternoons. More information can be found at tlcgr.org.

Bridge Group – Meets monthly during the day.

Life Begins at 60 – This group of aged 60 or older Trinity members and friends meets monthly at various local restaurants to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

Fall Family Outing – All-congregation fun-filled evening in the fall! Typically takes place at a local orchard and offers unique activities, food, and fellowship.

Young & Sleepless – Young and Sleepless is a fellowship group for Trinity families with young children who are newborn through preschool age. This group gathers every few months for family adventures, parents' night out, fellowship, and fun!

Fitness Classes – Fitness classes are currently offered several mornings a week in the Commons. All abilities are welcome and no experience is necessary.

TLC Quilters – This group of women typically meets bimonthly, on Tuesday, at Trinity. Design and sewing is done by individual members at home on their personal machines. Fabrics and batting are provided. Quilts are gifted to Trinity members facing health issues or grieving the loss of a loved one, and to individuals who are baptized by Trinity pastors.

Know Mercy Trinity Softball Team – Trinity's co-ed softball team "Know Mercy" plays weekly during the summer.

Rummage Sale – The annual Rummage Sale is a time when you can donate all the gently used items you no longer need, join with other members in sorting the goods, and then come back and shop for treasures new to you! Typically held the first Thursday through Saturday in May, the Rummage Sale is put on by Trinity high school youth to raise funds for their summer mission trip.

CARE FOR EACH OTHER

New Member Mentors – Program in which established Trinity members serve as a short-term, connecting presence for new Trinity members.

Youth Mentors – Trinity is constantly striving to surround our youth with an array of nonfamilial adults who participate in youth group and/or impact youth lives in positive ways.

Email Prayer Chain – Prayer concerns are shared via email to volunteers who will pray for these specific concerns.

Trinity in Touch Visitation & Phone Call Ministry – Provide calls, connections, and homebound Communion to members unable to be present in worship.

Pastoral Care/Visitation – Available for those who are hospitalized, in rehab, are homebound, experiencing a life challenge, or who request a visit.

Altar Flower & Poinsettia Delivery – Volunteers deliver altar flowers to members who are hospitalized or homebound. These members also receive poinsettias during Christmas.

Helping Hands Meals/Rides – Volunteers provide meals or rides to church services to members at times of illness, grief, or special circumstances.

Stephen Ministry – Trained volunteer members care for others in a one-on-one, confidential, Christ-centered way to those who are experiencing challenging circumstances. This ministry provides both an opportunity to receive care and an opportunity to be trained to provide care.

Heart-to-Heart Conversations – Small group conversations of listening, wondering, and discerning what's on the heart while listening for God's wisdom.

GriefShare – A 13-week Christian-based grief support group for those mourning the death of a loved one. Offered once a year in late winter/early spring.

Surviving the Holidays – A seminar offered one Saturday morning in November to provide strategies for coping with the holiday season after the loss of a loved one.

Care & Share – A group for those who are the primary caregivers of a parent, adult child, or spouse. This group gathers to Care for each other and Share their journeys.

Funeral Luncheons – Volunteers set up/clean up, and prepare and serve lunch/dessert at funeral receptions held at church.

Flu Shot Clinic – Facilitated on a Sunday morning in early fall by Corewell Health visiting nurses.

Blood Pressure Screening – Offered by our Faith Community Nurse as requested.

CPR Training – Offered twice a year to staff members and others who are required to or wish to participate.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) – This is a signature outreach program at Trinity that requires *many* volunteers. We provide shelter and meals for homeless families onsite at Trinity on a quarterly basis for a week at a time, combining safe and comfortable surroundings with the hospitality of volunteer hosts. Volunteers are needed for making meals, playing with children, staying overnight, helping with setup or take-down and washing bedding and towels.

Trinity's Annual Collections of In-Kind Items

- **January & February: Clean Start in the New Year**
Cleaning products
- **March & April: Personal Care Items**
Personal care and hygiene products
- **May & June: Diapers and Undies**
Diapers and underwear in various types and sizes
- **July & August: School Supplies**
Supplies for GR Public School, Congress Elementary
- **September & October: Blankets and Coats**
Clean, gently used or new items. Warm hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves are also welcome.

Blood Drives – Versiti Blood partners with Trinity to host quarterly onsite blood drives to supply our local hospitals with blood products.

Local Community Agencies Supported By Trinity

Christmas Stores at Dégagé Ministries and Family Promise

Christophe's Children – In the village of Kalehe in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Trinity helps provide safe, sanitary housing and schooling for orphaned children in the area.

Dégagé Ministries

Global Outreach Ministries

Habitat for Humanity

Heartside Gleaning

Home Repair Services

ICCF Community Homes

In The Image

Kids Coalition Against Hunger (KCAH) Meal Packing – Once a year, Trinity raises money and packs tens of thousands of simple, nutritious meals to combat food insecurities here and around the globe.

Kids' Food Basket

Lutheran Disaster Response – Trinity and its congregants help to provide assistance to communities devastated by disaster.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilting – Volunteers from Trinity meet 1-2 times per month to make quilts for LWR. Volunteers do not need to know how to quilt to help.

Mission In India – Trinity supports the Neerekshe community ministry in South India.

Moms Bloom

Refugee Resettlement – Trinity partners with Samaritas to support refugees in the resettlement process by collecting items to set up housekeeping, financial assistance, rides to appointments and worship, assistance in learning English, and much more.

Safe Haven Ministries

SECOM Resource Center

CARE OF OUR CHURCH: OPERATIONS & BUILDING

There are many ways to help with church operations and to help care for our building:

- Help **set up** and **clean up** during church events
- Be an offering **Counter**
- Help with the **Gardening Team**
- Assist with **The Messenger mailing assembly**
- Provide **general mailing assistance**
- **Dust/polish the pews** and **replenish pencils/cards**
- Serve on a **Trinity Committee:**

Arts

Children's Ministry

Communications

Endowment Fund

Fellowship &

Hospitality

Finance

Forestry/Land

Management Team

Gardening Team

Green Team

Health Ministry

Helping Hands

Human Resources

Outreach

Property

Publicly Engaged

Church

Spiritual Growth

Stewardship

Worship & Music

Youth & Family



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.

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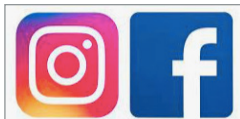
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