

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, February 4, 2024 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 4

Clean Start Appeal continues
Sponsor the Synod Gathering Fund begins
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.
High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Adult Education Forum with Pastor Dennis, 10:30 a.m.
Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.
Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Adult Education Forum with Pastor Dennis, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 p.m.
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Fitness Class, 10 a.m.
Outreach Committee Meeting, noon
Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 8

Memorial Service for Fred Rother, 2 p.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

Celebration of Music Event—Silent Movies, 2 p.m.

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

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Cantor: Marcia Schaner
Sacristans: Fred & Kathy Wilcox
Lector: Cindy Zientarski
Communion Assistants: Gloria Vonderheide, Sue Wait
Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Joel Westra
Acolytes: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship
Sacristan: Tricia Diener
Lector: Carrie Boer
Communion Assistants: Jamie Kuntzman,
Marge Willman
Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Ethan Guis, Ed Lohr,
Lisa Mead
Acolytes: Layla and Lily Lothschutz

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Gwyneth Hoeksema
Sacristan: Kara Day
Lector: Kai Bredwell
Communion Assistants: Doug & Melissa Haneline
Ushers: David, Bergen and Theo Marquardt,
Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll
Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery:** Sue Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Kristin Bradley, Pat Bruin, Dan Butler, Bob Crossman, Mike Danielski, Kim Danielski, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field, Kris Fox, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Bob Heine, Bev Heyne, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Mary Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Isaac (Ike) Keller, Grace Lanning, John Leese, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Stephanie McLeod, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Bob Sielaff, Dave Smoes, John Walls, Robert Williams, Rick Wolner, Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kathy Young, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones:** Albert Asfour, Maria Ashimine, Greg and Rachele Battreall, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Liz and Jason Coles, Jack Danielson, Scott and Corina Dulecki, Julie Earhart, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Josh and Katie Gardner, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Kristen Lamprich, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Debbie and John Potter, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Linda Taffs, Wollen/Billings families, Natalie Yeager, and Terry and Linda Zabel.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Domingo Shriver and the people of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Ludington, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for January 28

Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	Mark 1:29-39

#858	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (red book)
#773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand (red book)
#867	In Thee Is Gladness (red book)

NOTE: For your safety, when it snows, avoid parking on the hill near the kitchen entrance. The hill becomes very icy.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Jesus' followers are sent to serve.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people
Monday	Isaiah 40:21-31	The Lord gives strength
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	For the sake of the gospel
Wednesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Thursday	Joshua 22:1-6	The eastern tribes return
Friday	Acts 20:25-35	Paul speaks to the elders
Saturday	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] came and took her [Simon Peter's mother-in-law] by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

Mark 1:31 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we give you thanks and praise for raising us up to a new life to worship you and serve others with joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you feed the animals and even the young ravens. We thank you for nurturing us with your presence in Jesus and for this meal today. Amen. (Psalm 147)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with the joy of service.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*The Spirit Sends Us
Forth to Serve*



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:

- Describe someone you know who likes to serve others.
- A disciple's life is one of service. How is this important to the good news of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 1:29-39.

Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law from an illness, a condition possibly approaching death. There is a clear association with the resurrection in this reading. This woman, whose name is not given, is touched by Jesus, lifted up, and begins to serve. This is a description of discipleship of all the unnamed followers of Jesus throughout history: touched and healed by Jesus, given new life, and sent out to serve. There is no hesitation about her calling; as a disciple, she serves. Other references to serve are found in Mark 1:13 when the angels of God served Jesus in the wilderness, and again in Mark 10:45, Jesus as the Son of Man came to serve. Service is the life of a follower of Jesus. It is not a burden. It is the great joy of life. Those who think the "good life" is to be served by others miss the point of the "gospel life" of Jesus. The joy of living is the ability to use whatever gifts one may have to bless others with service.

Discuss: In what ways have you experienced joy when serving others?

Pray: **Living God, help us to see and believe that the life worth living is a life of service that brings peace, joy, and your saving grace through Jesus Christ, our great healer. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring Jesus' healing touch to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Isaiah 40:21-31 expresses great joy at the saving presence of God in the lives of the exiles, those who have felt abandoned and imprisoned by others. Write a list of names of those you know who are experiencing difficult times.

Pray: **Lord God, help (read list of names) feel your presence and know that those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. In Jesus' name, amen.** (Isaiah 40:31)



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