



The Messenger

Trinity's Celebration of Music Concert Series Presents...

An Afternoon at the "Silent" Movies

Saturday, February 10, 2024

2 p.m. • Trinity's Centennial Hall

Enjoy some classic silent movies from the Golden Era of early film making. Classic actors in these films include Charlie Chaplin with his hilarious onscreen antics. These fun movies were often accompanied by a live pianist whose role in making the action on film come to life was an art form! Our accompanist Robert Edwards is a highly sought-after musician that performs frequently for events like these all over the world. A classically trained pianist, Edwards performs all types of music, including this interesting and entertaining genre. This is sure to be an afternoon of fun, laughter, and amazement for all who join.



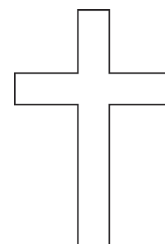
Popcorn and movie candy provided. This is a family-friendly event geared for the young and the young at heart.

Mark Your Calendars for the Journey from Ashes to Easter

Lent arrives on February 14 with our observance of Ash Wednesday in worship at 4 and 7 p.m. Mark your calendar now for the journey through Lent to Easter at Trinity in 2024:

- Ash Wednesday: February 14 — Worship at 4 and 7 p.m. (4 p.m. service will be livestreamed)
- Wednesdays in Lent: February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20 — Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. and Midweek Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday: March 24
- Maundy Thursday: March 28 — Worship at 7 p.m.
- Good Friday: March 29 — Worship at 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of Our Lord: March 31 — Three festival worship services, the annual Easter Breakfast, and a children's Easter Egg Hunt

Let us continue to journey together at Trinity during Lent and Easter in 2024!



What's Happening at Trinity in February?

Weekly at a Glance

Sundays

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Not meeting Feb. 18
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Livestreaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Mondays

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
High Blood Pressure Ed Class, 2 p.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

TLC Quilters*
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Meets at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 27
Women's Bible Study/Grace Group, 9:30 a.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Fitness Class, 10 a.m.

Thursdays

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

* Contact Carol Hendricks at
cahendricks14@gmail.com for exact
dates and times.

Daily Calendar

Thursday, February 1

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

Private Event

Sunday, February 4

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5

Adult Ed Forum with Pastor Smith, 10:30 a.m.
Centennial Hall
In The Image Volunteering, 1 p.m.
Property Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.
Adult Ed Forum with Pastor Smith, 6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 6

Executive Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Outreach Comm Mtg, noon
Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 8

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, February 9

Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.
Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 10

Celebration of Music Event, 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 11

SM Continuing Ed, 12:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 1, 1:30 p.m.
SM Peer Supt Grp 2, 1:30 p.m.
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 12

The Messenger Deadline
Adult Ed Forum with Pastor Smith, 10:30 a.m.
Centennial Hall
Schubert Male Chorus Bd Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
Adult Ed Forum with Pastor Smith, 6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary
Congregation Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13

Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Worship, 4 & 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

In The Image Volunteering, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.

Friday, February 16

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

Monday, February 19

Finance Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.
Health Ministries Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.
Worship & Music Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, February 23

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
30 Hour Famine, 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

HS Event, 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 25

Oasis Training, 1:30 p.m.
Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.
MS Service Projects, 3-5 p.m.
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 26

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.
GriefShare, 3:30 p.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, February 28

Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.
Lenten Midweek Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Pack 3015 Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 29

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Check an upcoming
eBlast for the
Lenten Grace Group
schedule!

See [page 9](#) for more
information and to
join a Grace Group.



A Message from Pastor Dennis Smith



According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, there are at least three different St. Valentines mentioned in the chronicle of martyrs under the date February 14. The best known was said to have been a priest in Rome who assisted other Christians during the persecutions under Claudius II. In due time, Valentine was arrested and threatened with execution if he did not renounce his faith. Valentine refused to betray his Lord Jesus and was summarily beaten with clubs and beheaded on February 14, around the year 270 AD.

I think it's fair to say that St. Valentine died for love, though not the sentimental, romanticized expressions captured in a box of chocolates and bouquet of roses. To publicly and boldly declare one's devotion to Christ is to simultaneously commit one's self to the one teaching expressly connected with him, to love one another. What we often miss in that commandment is that such love is not in accordance with how we feel or even how deserving the object of our love may or may not be.

Take my one-time, across-the-street neighbors in Texas. It was easy to love Archie and Linda LeBron. Archie would sew a missing button on before he lent you the shirt off his back. Linda actually looked for opportunities to be helpful and, well, neighborly. Our kids played together and she would bake cookies and treat the kids before she sent ours back home to us. Of course, our kids wanted Linda for their mom.

Brian, who lived across the alley from us was a bit more of a challenge. Where Archie always had a tool to lend, Brian never seemed to have anything until he "borrowed" it from me. Brian drank too much, cussed too often, and let the dogs tear up his garbage in the alley. Yet, when his infant son died of spinal meningitis, he needed a friend, someone to love him through a terrible time of loss and grief. I could be up for that. Love thy neighbor, right?

Now, the guy who mugged my son; the guy who hit him with a brick and took his money and left him injured in a train station in Italy while I was a pastor in Reese, Michigan fussing with a sermon on "love of neighbor" – that guy presented me with a real "love thy neighbor" challenge. I didn't care if he was an out of work, desperate drug addict or just an opportunistic, common thug. I didn't care who his mother was or whether he had a wife and child shivering in some tenement. Love of neighbor reaches its elastic limit when someone I don't know or care to know hurts someone I do know and love – MY son.

That, I suppose, may be the fundamental difference between me and St. Valentine. Valentine understood that the command of Christ is shorn of all qualifications, all reciprocity, all hope or reward or commendation – what a great guy! He even loves the unlovable. The command of Christ is absolute and uncompromising. No one can say that they love Jesus and are a follower of Christ if there is any line in the sand with regard to love.

Fortunately, the love Jesus commands is not contingent upon my feelings. I don't have to like Brian to love him. I don't have to find any redeeming qualities about the person who hurt my son, not even some imagined remnant of the divine spark, to pray for him. I know. That's hard, right? Being a Christian is sometimes just hard work. But, the command is simple. Love one another as I have loved you. I still have some work to do. Flowers and chocolates are optional.

Pastor Dennis Smith

Pastor Smith's adult education forum continues!
See [page 10](#) for details, including an additional meeting time.

Council Corner



A Message from Council Member Brad Kessel

One of the blessings of Trinity is that well over a decade ago, following one member's gift, the leadership established an Endowment Fund. The Endowment was established to ensure the continued growth and sustainability of our church, as well as to maintain the ability to support various initiatives and future projects **outside of our adopted annual operating budget**. Over the years, through additional member gifts and earnings, the fund(s) have grown significantly and also during this time frame meaningful distributions have been made.

Trinity's Endowment Committee meets multiple times throughout the year, monitoring the performance of the church's endowment funds. The committee is chaired by Mike Mason and consists of George Bauer, Todd Brandstadt, Chris Engle, and me, with our senior pastor in attendance.

In addition to monitoring the fund's performance the committee will recommend to the Congregation Council an annual distribution not to exceed 4% of the fund's average assets over the prior 20 quarters. This policy was established to ensure protection of the principal but most importantly the long-term sustainability of the endowments and their objectives.

Trinity has two specific endowment funds: **The Mission Endowment Fund** allows us to reach out to those who are in need, both within our congregation and beyond. It supports our efforts to offer vital assistance to individuals and families facing financial difficulties, supports various outreach programs, and provides resources for mission trips and community service projects. **The Building Endowment Fund**, on the other hand, ensures that our church has the necessary funds to maintain and enhance our physical facilities. This fund supports critical repair and maintenance work, upgrades to our church grounds, and renovations to provide a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our doors. Below is a summary of the change in each fund over the last year.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>12/31/22 Value</u>	<u>12/31/23 Value</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Mission	\$ 716,987	\$ 812,707	\$ 95,720
Building	\$ 604,113	\$ 688,705	\$ 84,592

Based on the positive results and in accordance with our investment policy, most recently, Trinity was able to make significant distributions in the 4th quarter of 2023. The Mission Endowment distributed **\$27,000** and the Building Endowment **\$18,000**. Over the last eight years, the Mission Endowment has distributed nearly \$150,000 while the Building Endowment has distributed close to \$65,000. We thank you for generously supporting this ministry.

Prayerfully consider making a gift that aligns with your financial abilities and desire to support Trinity Lutheran Church. Every contribution, regardless of size, is greatly appreciated and will make a difference. **Furthermore, consider including Trinity Lutheran Church and its endowment funds in your estate planning.** By leaving a legacy through planned giving, you can ensure that our church continues to thrive for future generations.

If you have an interest in learning more on this subject or have an interest in serving on the Endowment Committee, please contact one of the committee members.

Respectfully,

Brad Kessel, Endowment Committee Liaison to the Trinity Congregation Council

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals Month of December 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	119,942	127,166	7,224	6.0%
Total Expenses	102,256	94,348	7,908	7.7%
Net Income (Loss)	17,686	32,818	15,131	

2023 Fiscal Year-to-Date Through December 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	1,142,745	1,195,522	52,777	4.6%
Total Expenses	1,095,127	1,049,899	45,228	4.1%
Net Income (Loss)	47,618	145,622	98,005	

Please Don't Forget Your Offering!

At Trinity, you have many options for giving:

1. Direct bill pay from your bank
{free to set up with your bank}

2. Online giving via Tithe.ly
<https://get.tithe.ly>
{member or church incurs fee}



3. Offering plate on Sunday morning

4. Mail in your offering

We thank you for your generosity. Please contact Trinity's Finance Administrator [Joanna Waite](#) in the church office if you need assistance.

Year-End Giving of Stocks & Securities

As you are planning year-end giving to Trinity, gifts of stocks and securities are made through Norris Perné & French. When contacting the firm that is holding your securities you should give the following information:

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

For assistance, please contact Elizabeth Poole at 616.459.3421.

You will also want to indicate which securities and how many shares you would like to donate.

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

Trinity Congregation Council Members 2024-2025

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.

Chris Becker
Bill Bush
Dan Butler
John Derbin
Michelle Feutz
Steve Heacock
Sarah Huckstep
Brad Kessel
Erick Kind

Susan Knoll
Jamie Kuntzman
David Marquardt
Julie McLeod
Dakota Morin
Michelle Morin
Jacquie Murray
Chris Norton
Kelly Wittry

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

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

Love is a messy word in English. Many other languages have a spectrum of words to express this concept, but we use just one. We use it to refer to someone we are committed to for all our lives and for that tasty dessert you had last night. Because of this, I'm not surprised that we have difficulties understanding and expressing the concept of love as a culture.

For some, love is a transactional concept: *Because I love you, you will perform this action for me, or because you love me I will do this for you.* It becomes: *I will love you if...* In this understanding love becomes commerce.

For others, love is wielded to manipulate and control: *Because you love me, you will give up something I want you to give up or endure a difficulty for me.* Or, *You will do this for me because you love me or I love you.* In this understanding love becomes something to be used to manipulate those around you – love becomes control.

Others see love as a thrown away concept, a filler word used to express interest or appreciation. There is no depth to the concept because of how widely it is used.

Most of us have an understanding of love as it has been shown to us by people in our lives. These experiences give us a model for what we think love should be.

Yet, this is not how God leads us to understand the concept of love. Paul writes about this often. In the above well-known passage from 1 Corinthians, he reminds us what love is not and what love is. He speaks to us about how love is not turned in on itself at the expense of others, it is not transactional or abusive, and about how it should be focused on expressing commitment and care for the beloved.

All of these concepts can be confusing to understand, which is why models are so important. To help us understand love, Paul points us to Jesus. He is the model we are to follow in our lives when it comes to love. He is full of compassion and care. He sought to bring healing, help, and hope wherever he went.

As we enter Lent and journey toward Easter I invite you to focus on the model for love that Christ has given to us and to see how you can emulate it in your own life. We are to love as he loves.

Shalom,

Pastor Dan Schewe



Work With Trinity's Youth!

Trinity is looking for people interested in working with Pastor Dan as part of our Youth Ministry team. These team members would collaborate with and encourage our middle and high school youth as they grow in their faith and experience community. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3ru9k6se> for a full description of what we are looking for and, if interested, please reach out to Pastor Dan.



A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast

Lent and GriefShare

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

This year Lent begins on Valentine's Day, February 14. It's a bit of an odd match, but somehow it seems fitting that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are celebrated together.

Most of these Valentine's Day sayings – from the silly to the sublime – could describe our feelings for God or Jesus:

*My heart is all yours
Your beauty still astonishes me
I love you more than pizza
You make my heart glow
You will forever be my always
On cloud nine*

*Thank you for being mine
You occupy my heart and mind
You are my best friend
You brighten my day
I love spending time with you
You are my everything*



Lent is the season of thanksgiving for Christ's love. It's the season to reflect on our lives, specifically our lives of faith. Lent is the season when some may give up something they love (chocolate, social media, etc.) or take on a new and impactful challenge (volunteering, increased giving, writing notes of encouragement, joining a Lenten Grace Group etc.).



As you think about the connections between Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday/Lent or contemplate how you may personally celebrate the season of Lent, please also mark your calendar to join us for Ash Wednesday services at 4 and 7 p.m. on February 14. Following Ash Wednesday, join us the next five Wednesdays for Lenten Compline services at 6:30 p.m. or come early and enjoy Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. before the service.

Another Trinity offering during the season of Lent is GriefShare, a faith-based 13-week grief support group. Please consider attending or inviting someone to attend – everyone is welcome, even those with no connection to Trinity. Those who have already attended GriefShare are welcome to attend again; many can benefit from hearing about the experience and wisdom of those who have traveled through grief longer. GriefShare begins on Tuesday, February 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Please arrive at 3:15 p.m. for a time of gathering and refreshments. There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of your GriefShare workbook. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/4ys6248e> or through the link in an upcoming eBlast. Please direct questions to Carol Butler or me.

God's Deepest Blessings now and always!

Pastor Kari
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Name tags are back! [BACK COVER](#)

Easter Flower Order Form [PAGE 23](#)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Lent Begins in Worship on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday Worship at 4 and 7 p.m.

Our annual journey “from ashes to Easter” begins with worship on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

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



At Trinity, we will worship at 4 and 7 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. The 4 p.m. service will be livestreamed and available later in the evening on Trinity’s YouTube channel for those who wish to participate in one of those virtual formats.

Plan now to join the people of Trinity as we seek to mark our journey from ashes to Easter in 2024.

2024 Lenten Soup Suppers



Starting Wednesday, February 21, join us weekly at 5:30 p.m. for Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers featuring delicious soups and wonderful fellowship before attending midweek worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Select your favorite soups to make and share with your Trinity family – both gourmet and traditional family favorites, store bought or homemade – are welcome! The Trinity cookbook also 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 one or more of the following:

Bring Soup. You may drop off the day before or the day of our soup supper and we will heat it and have it ready to serve. Or, bring your ready-to-serve soup with you 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 crockpot so we can keep it hot for everyone. Please provide 12-15 servings.

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 (4:30 to 5:30 p.m.) **or clean-up** (6 to 6:30 p.m.)

Look for our sign-up link in the Friday eBlast. Contact [Tess Lundgren](#) for more information.

*Save the Date for
Fellowship!*

March 23
Euchre & Potluck Night

March 31 - Easter!
Easter Breakfast/Festival Worship/Egg Hunt

March 27
JOYful Days Begins

April 27
Trivia & Potluck Night

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

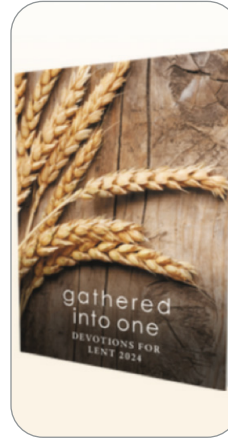
Lenten Grace Groups 2024

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 (February 14 to March 24). Grace Groups will use the booklet *Gathered into One: Devotions for Lent 2024* published by Augsburg Fortress. Copies will be available for free at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Grace Groups will meet weekly on various days at a variety of times. Sign up for the group that best fits your schedule by clicking the link below, scanning the QR code, or through the weekly eBlast. The devotion is also well-suited for individual study. Pick up your copy today!



Gathered into One 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 First Corinthians. The writers then bring their diverse voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.



Register: <http://tinyurl.com/3hwjnmbp>



Trinity will once again be offering **GriefShare** - a biblical, Christ-centered support group designed to minister to those grieving the death of a loved one. Our next 13-week session will begin on **Tuesday, February 20 from 3 to 5 p.m.** Please feel free to arrive at 3:15 p.m. for a time of gathering and refreshments before we begin our session.

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us Tuesday afternoons to learn more about grief and how we might support each other on our journeys through the grief process. Those who have already attended GriefShare are welcome to attend again, as many can benefit from hearing about the experience and wisdom of those who have traveled through grief longer.

This group will be led by [Pastor Kari Fast](#) and co-facilitated by Trinity member and retired professional counselor [Carol Butler](#). Please contact either one of the leaders with questions or for more details. There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of your GriefShare workbook.

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/4ys6248e>

HOLY



COMMUNION

Fifth Grade Holy Communion Class Meeting During Lent

Pastor Dan will be leading a Fifth Grade Communion Class for Trinity kids on most Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. during the season of Lent. All our fifth graders will be presented with the Study Bible they will use in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Confirmation classes at the end of the three-session Sunday class, with that presentation and an order of blessing in worship on the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17.

The three-session class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons in the Trinity Library on **February 25, March 3, and March 10**. Contact [Pastor Dan](#) with questions or for more information.

Biblical Learning Opportunities

Pastor Smith's Adult Forum

Pastor Smith's Monday Adult Forum

What Does it Mean to Be an ELCA Lutheran? Why Should Anyone Care?

4-Week Monday seminar led by Pastor Dennis Smith

Meets January 29 / February 5 & 12

10:30 a.m. in Centennial Hall / 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Have you ever wondered:

- Why our church ordains women, but so many other churches do not?
- Why we celebrate two sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion) while our Catholic brothers and sisters celebrate seven?
- Why our church emphasizes grace while it seems so many others emphasize judgment?
- How to answer the question, "Are you saved?"
- As a Lutheran, how to name Jesus as your Lord and savior?

Let's explore these and other questions of life and faith as we gather with Pastor Smith on Mondays and answer together what it means to be an ELCA Lutheran and why we should care.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets at Trinity every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.
New participants always welcome!

Want to join an intergenerational group of women on Tuesday mornings to grow together in faith and friendship? We'll begin the new year with a new study and you're invited to join us!

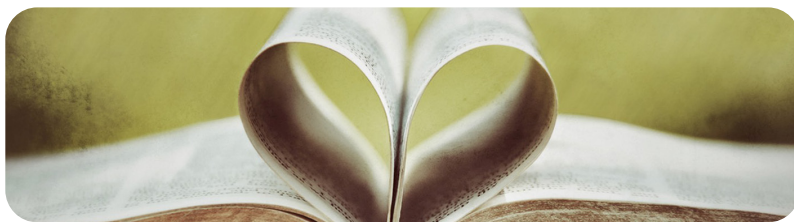
We will meet in the Trinity Library. Contact Karen Unruh with questions at kbunruh@gmail.com.



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets at Trinity the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Friday of every month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.
New participants always welcome!

We would love for you to join Friday Morning Women's Bible Study! In our last session, we focused on hope and confronting our doubts and fears. Join us as we delve into new material and make connections with one another. For more details, contact Kris Fox at jklsafox@comcast.net.



Book Clubs

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.

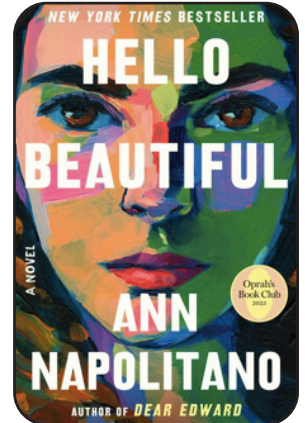
Do you enjoy reading? Please join us for Tuesday evening book club! This group is open to adults of any age and any gender. We love having new people, so bring a friend! This year we will be meeting at Trinity on the third Tuesday of every month starting at 7 p.m. Reach out to Corina Dulecki at cdulecki@gmail.com for more information.

February: *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

March: *Rodham* by Curtis Sittenfeld

April: *The Wide Circumference of Love* by Marita Golden

May: *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang



Friday Morning Women's Book Club

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

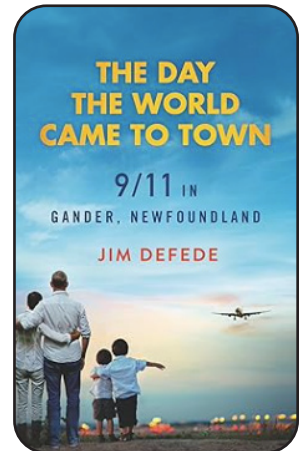
This book club typically meets through May in a member's home. Contact Carol Hendricks at cahendricks14@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

February 9: *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede
Host: Kris Racek Discussion: Pam Gunderson

March 8: *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni
Host: Dolly Lowe

April 12: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
Host: Jamie Kuntzman

May 10: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick
Host: Sue Coates



Music & The Arts at Trinity

Welcome! COME AND FIND YOUR PLACE IN MUSIC AND ARTS AT TRINITY.

- We heard the newly formed **Children's Vocal Ensemble** as they sang for the Sunday School Christmas program in December. Read below to learn about more opportunities in 2024.
- The **Celebration of Music Concert Series** offers amazing concerts in the beautiful church sanctuary. See the [following page](#) for information on our next two concerts.
- Read the following piece about one of the members of Trinity's **Rejoice Bands** and consider your place in this ministry.
- The **Trinity Choir and Resound Bell Choir** regularly lead in sanctuary worship services and enhance these liturgies through various musical expressions.
- The **Overlook Gallery** currently features the work of Grand Rapids artist George Peebles.

Come and be enriched by all that Trinity offers through music, worship, and the arts.

Dr. Darlene Kuperus

Director of Music & Organist

Artistic Director of the Celebration of Music Concert Series



Children's Vocal Ensemble

This past summer we began collaboration with hopes to offer a new opportunity for children that enjoy singing. In October, the Children's Vocal Ensemble began rehearsing on Sunday mornings at the conclusion of Sunday School classes. They sang together in worship for the Christmas Sunday School program on December 10, 2023 and their music was an absolute joy to hear.

We welcome new children to join the vocal ensemble as it prepares to sing for Rejoice worship in March. Interested parents can contact Trinity Music Director [Dr. Darlene Kuperus](#) for more details and rehearsal plans.



CELEBRATION OF MUSIC PRESENTS . . .

An Afternoon at the "Silent" Movies

Saturday, February 10, 2024

2 p.m. • Trinity's Centennial Hall

Enjoy some classic silent movies from the Golden Era of early film making. Classic actors in these films include Charlie Chaplin with his hilarious onscreen antics. These fun movies were often accompanied by a live pianist whose role in making the action on film come to life was an art form! Our accompanist Robert Edwards is a highly sought-after musician that performs frequently for events like these all over the world. A classically trained pianist, Edwards performs all types of music, including this interesting and entertaining genre. This is sure to be an afternoon of fun, laughter, and amazement for all who join.

Popcorn and movie candy provided. This is a family-friendly event geared for the young and the young at heart.



Chamber Music Performance:

Karen Krummel, cellist

Sunday, March 3, 2024

3 p.m. • Trinity's Sanctuary

Karen Krummel is a frequent performer for worship services and concerts at Trinity. She is a former member of the Grand Rapids Symphony and her musical career has been broad and varied. In this chamber music concert, listeners will enjoy works by Bach, Debussy, and Beethoven composed for cello. Karen will be joined by pianist Robert Edwards.



Music & The Arts at Trinity (cont.)

Band Corner

SPOTLIGHT ON REJOICE BAND MUSICIAN **CHERYL REEVE**

How long have you been playing with Rejoice Bands?

I am one of the “originals,” so I’ve been part of the band for twenty-five years.

Do you play or do music anywhere else?

- I’m a preschool teacher and sing several times a day with my students.
- For the past 10 years, I have been leading music therapy at Care Cardinal Assisted Living in Cascade.
- I’m a choir member with the Calvin Oratorio Society; we perform Handel’s Messiah each year.
- I’ve been a choir member with the Grand Rapids Community Choir for 13 years. Each February, we perform in the Symphony with Soul concert at DeVos Performance Hall.



What got you involved in playing for Rejoice services?

The service began under the leadership of former Trinity members, George and Janet Weller. Soon after our family joined Trinity in 1997, George found out I sing and play guitar and asked if I would like to join the band.

Why do you play with us on Sunday mornings?

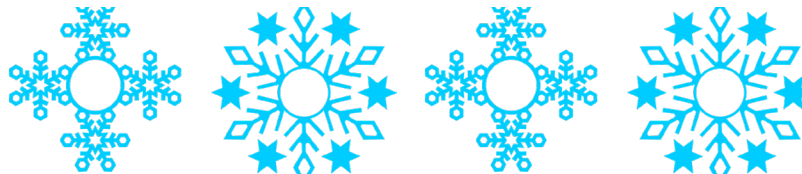
I play and sing to use my God-given spiritual gift of music for the glory of God. Our band is like a (very talented) musical family, of which I’m honored to be a part. I love connecting the Rejoice service congregation with God’s word through our music.

Do you have any favorite Rejoice songs or favorite types of songs?

You Are by Jason Castro; *Shout to the Lord* by Darlene Zschech; *You Are So Good to Me* by Ben Pasley, Robin Pasley, and Don Chaffer; *Go Ye* by Jared Anderson

Outside of the music we play in church, what other type(s) of music do you like?

I love all types of musical genres, including alternative rock, classic rock, R & B, gospel, folk, classical, and new age.



Children's Ministry: Inspiring New Leaders

By the end of March, we are planning to welcome new staff to the Children's Ministry Team! Long-serving members of the current staff offer encouragement, support, and inspiration to the future leaders. Let's take a closer at the team that has provided solid leadership for many years.

Sheri Mason jokes that, "You'd think people would run the other way when they see me...they know I'll be asking them to volunteer!" Sheri serves as the Sunday School Coordinator in charge of recruiting and scheduling teachers and helpers for Sunday School. In her heart, Sheri aspires to connect kids and families with a supportive and loving community of believers. She can be found at the check-in desk greeting families on most Sunday mornings. Her many gifts include: knowing the names and grades of all the kids, remembering who needs to stay after or leave early, connecting with newcomers, and finding substitute helpers at the last minute. Using her gifts of organization and encouragement, Sheri leaves no volunteer spot unfilled!



Amy Stephan has been "bringing the energy" to kids' ministry for decades. There is no greater champion for kids at Trinity. Throughout her 33 year career in education, and raising her family with husband Steve, Amy's passion for kids' ministry has only increased. Amy recognizes how God is active in her life and helps kids discover "God sightings" in their own lives. Part of her life philosophy is, "Work smarter, not harder!" As Sunday School Coordinator in charge of weekly lessons for five classrooms, this strategy has served her well and is admired by many!

For Director of Family Ministry **Rachele Battreall**, the best part of the job is seeing kids reach "faith milestones." There are many memory-making moments along a young child's journey with Jesus Christ. One of Rachele's favorites is when a nervous 4th or 5th grader speaks with poise and confidence in front of the entire congregation at the Christmas Program. Another favorite is seeing a child discover God's love at Vacation Bible School. And years later, the same child, now grown, joyfully sharing God's message of love and salvation as a VBS volunteer!

Family Activity Coordinator **James Morin** (AKA Chancellor of Fun) will continue to delight us with his Santa shorts, enviable computer know-how, and tales of his pet tortoise. James remains committed to inspiring families to share God's blessings with our community and the world through organizing key events, such as the Kids' Coalition Against Hunger meal pack. James will remain on staff for the foreseeable future and offer support for Children's programming and annual CPR training.

As Sheri, Amy, and Rachele wrap up their time on staff this spring, they are dedicated to helping usher in a smooth transition. The Children's Ministry team is looking to have new staff members in place by the end of March so they can be involved in planning for Vacation Bible School in June and programming for the 2024-2025 school year. **Are you interested in a part-time position at Trinity working with our Children's Ministry? Positions range from 5 to 15 hours weekly in a variety of areas, such as:**

- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- Children's Christmas Program
- Fellowship Activities
- Milestone Celebrations & Blessings

Please reach out to Director of Family Ministry [Rachele Battreall](#) if interested or with questions.

Youth News

Middle School

February and March Confirmation Schedule:

February 4 & 11 – Youth Group, 2 to 3 p.m./Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

February 18 – No Class due to midwinter break

February 25 – Service Projects, 3 to 5 p.m.

March 3 & 10 – Youth Group, 2 to 3 p.m.; Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

March 17 – Service Projects, 3 to 5 pm.

March 24 – Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

March 31 – No Class – Happy Easter!

Stay connected with our middle school ministries via Remind: Text @a4ha6a 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 in the Youth Room. Come for some fun and conversation around how God is leading us in our lives. **There will be no youth group on February 18 due to midwinter break.**

High School Bible Study with Pastor Dan – February 4 at 9:15 a.m.

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join Pastor Dan during the 9:15 a.m. service for Bible Study in the Youth Room. Come for donuts, juice, and conversation.

Summer Trips Meeting – February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Our next meeting for our trips to New Orleans, LA, and Lincoln, IL is on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. There is still space to join us on our Mission Trip to Lincoln, IL for an amazing week of community and service. If you have any questions reach out to [Pastor Dan](#).

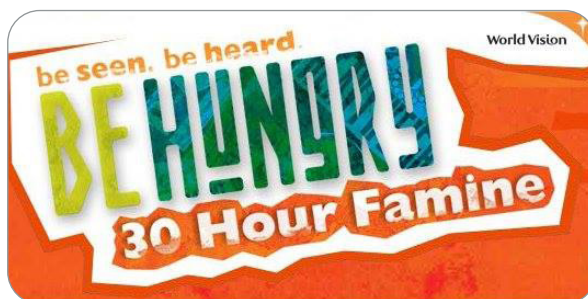


Karaoke at Trinity – February 24 at 5 p.m.

Our high schoolers and their friends are invited to join us for a fun evening of karaoke at Trinity from 5 to 7 p.m.! We laugh, sing, and share dinner. RSVP to [Pastor Dan](#) if you are interested.

30 Hour Famine – March 8 at 6 p.m. to March 9 at 7 p.m.

All high schoolers and their friends are invited to take part in our 30 Hour Famine taking place on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9. This is a lock-in event at Trinity. We will spend 24 hours together learning about world hunger, delving into the scriptures, playing hunger related games, and volunteering. Check your email for a link to the registration form and for more information. Contact [Pastor Dan](#) if you have any questions.



Youth News

High Schoolers: Plan for This Summer!

This summer we have three amazing experiences for our high schoolers to plug into. Please put these dates on your calendars now and contact [Pastor Dan](#) with questions.

Mission Trip to Lincoln, Illinois: June 15 to 22

ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans: July 15 to 20

Stony Lake Camp: July 22 to 27

Stay connected with High School Ministries via Remind!

For information on our summer trips text @k8dk9d7 to 81010.

For general High School Ministry information text @42gefg to 81010.

Camp at Stony Lake! July 22 to 27, 2024 – Register Now!

Young people 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!



Living Water Ministries

Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

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. Registration is open now at www.elcalivingwater.com. For more information, see the email from [Pastor Dan](#) or let him know if you did not receive one.

Stephen Ministry



What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry where trained congregation members agree to walk alongside a person while they are experiencing a difficult time in life, such as job loss, moving, the impact of a health crisis, loss of a loved one, divorce, loneliness, or any other situation that is challenging. Stephen Ministers provide a listening ear, caring support, prayer, and encouragement on a weekly basis.

Could you or someone you know benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister? Contact one of our pastors or [Kristin Bradley](#) to learn more or get connected.

Looking to Join Trinity's Team of Stephen Ministers?

Trinity has offered Stephen Ministry for over 26 years. We have trained almost 100 congregation members and have offered care to nearly 200 people. We act under the guidance of Stephen Ministries in St. Louis, a not-for-profit, ecumenical Christian education organization founded in 1975.

Trinity's Stephen Ministry vision is to be a place where a ministry of skilled caregivers, sharing Christ's love, assures that no one is alone in a time of need.

To that end, Trinity offers a training class for new Stephen Ministers every two or three years. This training equips people with essential caring and relating skills. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and journey with those going through difficult times in life. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. **We are planning for a class this fall. Look for more details in the coming months!**

Health Ministries

High Blood Pressure Control Workshop



High Blood Pressure Control (HBP Control) is a no-cost workshop presented by the National Kidney Foundation that will help build skills and provide tools to manage high blood pressure. It is an 8-week class being held at Trinity on Monday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 p.m. beginning February 5.

Pre-registration is required at <http://tinyurl.com/mr35ecf4> or by contacting **Kristin Bradley**.

Spring Blood Drive

We're holding a Saturday blood drive again this spring. If school or work has limited your ability to donate in the past, this is your chance! Versiti Blood will be at Trinity **SATURDAY, March 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Our goal, designed to meet the anticipated community need, is to collect **37** units. We have 17 people currently signed up, so there is still room for YOU!

Secure your spot at <http://tinyurl.com/32cznkyv> or connect with **Kristin Bradley** to register.

It takes about an hour to donate. You get a mini physical, great camaraderie, homemade treats, and you get to be a superhero for the day! Also, know that if you can't donate there are many roles in ensuring our blood drives are successful. From calls to cookies, there is a place you can help. **Check** <http://tinyurl.com/5h9v6bz7> to view our **current needs and to sign up to help!**

Our community continues to count on us. Let's keep showing up for those who need blood. Give the gift of life this March!

**Saturday, March 2
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**BLOOD
DRIVE**



Fitness at Trinity

*Power Bend and
Stretch, Reach for
the Sky!*

**Join us Wednesday mornings
at 10 a.m. in the Commons.**

Trinity member Debra Freeberg leads this class which is geared toward anyone who wants to strengthen their core and increase flexibility.

Bring your own mat, or borrow one of ours. Recommended donation - \$3/class.

**Please note:
Tai Chi classes
are on hiatus
until spring.**



Mission in India Update

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5

With great thankfulness and praise, we celebrate Shadrach Peter's life as he unexpectedly entered eternal life on December 15, 2023. As I reflect on Shadrach's life, I continue to be overwhelmed and humbled by his commitment to his call to follow God amidst many challenges and adversities and to serve others continuously. Shadrach was a beautiful role model of Jesus' love and compassion; he devoted his life to caring for others and striving to fulfill the Neerekshe Mission "to bring 'life to the full' to the people of Muranpur village and the surrounding villages through training and integrated programs which provide education and care, emphasizing in all aspects living the words of Christ to all who have 'ears to hear.'" Shadrach will be greatly missed.

Please know that Gladys requests and needs our continued prayers, encouragement, and support. Even as she grieves, she shares "My heart fills with joy as I think of God commissioning me to do His work. Please pray I will be faithful and God's word will go out in power to transform many lives in our villages. There is a famine of God's word in our villages. Nobody cares to teach God's word there. I want to stand in the gap and do His work. [Trinity's

partnership has provided] faithful friends and supporters thus far in building the kingdom of God. I pray and hope this partnership will continue with greater force and power to the glory of God." As partners in ministry, we can wrap our love and prayers around Gladys so she knows she is not alone.

Please contact [Dawn Brackmann](#) for more updates or information. Please know that our financial contributions are greatly appreciated and needed to provide basic food supplies, support for students, staff salaries, and more. As always, financial contributions may be made payable to Trinity with a note in the memo line indicating *Mission in India*.



Gladys and Shadrach



Dawn with Gladys and Shadrach, February 2018



Shadrach and Dawn, 2015



Pastor Jeff and Dawn with Shadrach, 2015

Opportunities to Support Church & Community

Donate Cleaning Supplies or Basic Home Items

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

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



In addition to cleaning supplies this year, we are taking donations of the following items for Family Promise/IHN: **New and gently used pots and pans, cooking utensils, and bath and kitchen towels/washcloths.** Family Promise provides these items to families when they secure housing of their own to help them get started with some of the basics.

Please drop off your donations **through February** in the labeled black barrels located outside the Narthex and in the Courtyard.

Fill the Grocery Carts at Trinity

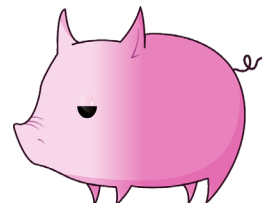


We collect non-perishable food items at Trinity year-round. As you are grocery shopping, please consider picking up a few extra items to donate. You may place groceries in the grocery carts located outside the Narthex and downstairs near the elevator, and **please don't forget to check those expiration dates.** Help us fill the grocery carts each week!

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 10, 17, and 24 (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 Helping Hands Coordinator [Jeanne Becker](#).



February Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

February 1

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

February 2

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

February 3

Kerry McKee
Lleyton Olson
Paul Reges

February 4

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

February 5

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

February 6

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

February 7

Kai Bredwell
Allison Landon
Olivia Ulrich

February 8

Song Anderson
Gavin Faas
Diane Gohlke
Michelle Tshilumba
Caleigh Wood

February 9

Peni Aldrich
Owen Battreall
Jamie Kuntzman
Laura Price
Ann Schomberg

February 10

Eric Gohlke
Ericka Peters
Carrie Woolworth
Mark Youngren

February 11

Doug Earhart
Chris Luders
Jurgen Luders
Karen Niemeyer
Sara Robach

February 12

Doree Burnside
Cheryl Bushman
Keith Flatt
David Flink
Marcia Schaner

February 13

Shelley Mishler
Nichole Robinson
Joyce Snyder
Steve Stephan

February 14

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

February 15

Garrett Bakkila
Jeanne Becker
Jack Bishop
Tom Cannon
Lloyd Landon
George Mencarelli
Andy & Ausma Pupil
Bruce & Joyce Schlanderer
Tom & Amy Williams

February 16

Brody Conway
Ryan Hall
Isaac Keller
Bergen Marquardt
Rebecca Ulrich

February 17

William Severns
Patricia Whittemore
Allie Zollman

February 18

Aaron Pearsall
Lindsey Peters
Shad Selleck

February 19

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

February 20

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

February 21

Heather Brigger

February 22

Cheryl Ahrens
John Bosserman
Brett Bradbury
Ryan Hatkowski
Calvin Ice
Krista Knight
Owen Loepp
Jenna Ludeman
Nicole Rodammer
Kevin & Kate Schaefer

February 23

Joyce Kuecherer
Rhonda VanDeusen
Zewditu Zeratsion

February 24

Claire Robach

February 25

Dawn Brackmann
Emmet Schmehling
Sheila Talsma
Linda Zabel

February 26

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

February 27

David Benkert
Andrew Ryan

February 28

Jimmy Bennett
Emma Conrad
Ella Estep
Karin Neal
Shannon Specter
Mike Unruh

February 29

Nathan Feutz

Trinity's Inclement Weather Policy

When the Forest Hills Public Schools close during the day, all Trinity daytime activities are canceled and the church office is closed. When Forest Hills Schools announce a two-hour morning delay, morning programming at Trinity will be canceled. After 3 p.m. and on weekends, check WOOD TV8, WZZM TV13, or FOX17 about the status of our evening or weekend activities. Please be as certain as possible that it will be 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!

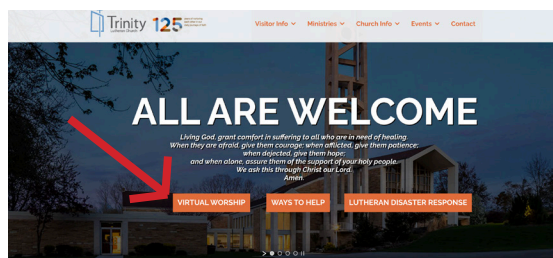


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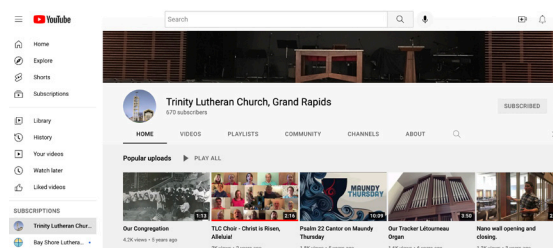
Trinity is Livestreaming Services!

We are streaming our **9:15 and 10:45 a.m.** Sunday 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.tlcgr.org) and click on **Virtual Worship**.

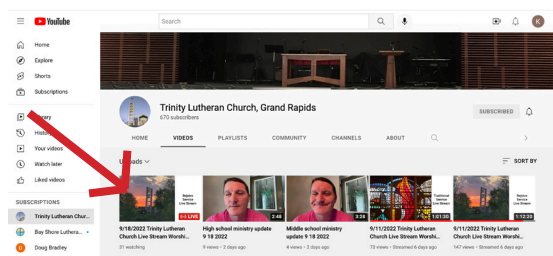


(2) Clicking the Virtual Worship button will take you to our YouTube page:



(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.



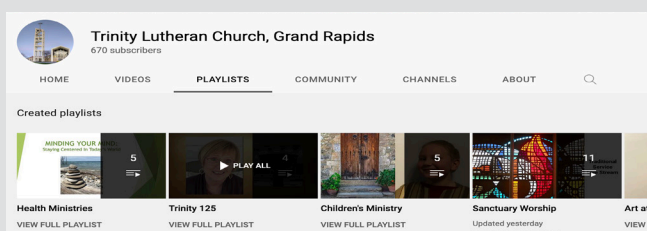
You can also go directly to www.youtube.com and search **Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids** to find our YouTube page.

***If you click the **subscribe** button on Trinity's YouTube page, videos should automatically show up on your feed.



Miss a Livestreamed Service?

We record our services, so you can always watch a past service. These are referred to as "**Rejoice Worship**", and "**Sanctuary Worship**." (On Sundays, it may be a few hours before videos are available.) These are available under the **PLAYLISTS** tab on our YouTube page.



We are on GRTV!

Our Sunday services are being broadcast on GRTV channel 25!

Our services air on Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon. *Please note that the broadcast is more than a week behind.*

Find us wherever you find GRTV!

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.

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 17, 2024.** 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 6" hydrangea plants (\$25 each)

____ Number of 6.5" azalea plants (\$25 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 the 10:45 Easter service or by Sunday, April 7. *

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

Name Tags are Back!

All in a Name

The moment you know a person's name you feel closer and more connected to them. In the simplest way, a name tag reduces the distance between people. Wearing name tags reminds us all to be more open to each other. So...

NAME TAGS ARE BACK!

Everyone is invited to write and wear a name tag for worship and other group events at Trinity. There will be areas at all entrances to fill out a tag and join in connecting with each other in this small and meaningful way!



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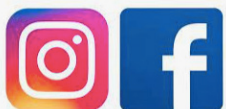
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