



The Messenger

Following the Way of Jesus: Trinity's Spring Adult Forum

The Christian faith is not so much a system of beliefs as it is a way of life. Before they were called Christians, the early disciples were known as followers of "The Way" (Acts 9:2).

Following the Way of Jesus is a video series filmed in the Holy Land at key places in Jesus' life (Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Olives, and Jerusalem). At each location, Palestinian pastors and people share stories of Jesus' life and reflect on what they mean for Christians today – especially people who are living, as Jesus did, under occupation and oppression.

Life for us is much different than it is in Palestine, and yet there is so much that we can learn from our Palestinian brothers and sisters about faith and forgiveness, about love and life, about hope and hardship.

Palestinians use the Arabic word **sumud** to describe how they strive to live under occupation. **Sumud** means "steadfastness," or "persistence," and it refers to the way that Palestinians deal with decades of oppression in a nonviolent way – in the way of Jesus.

Following the Way of Jesus is the topic for our spring adult forums. Each session begins with a short video, provided through the ELCA, which lays the groundwork for discussion. The seven sessions will be led by members Pastor Frank Rothfuss and Albert Asfour, a Palestinian Christian who recently joined Trinity and has presented Palestinian issues throughout the ELCA.

Dates: April 3 through May 15

Times: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Place: Centennial Hall

On Wednesday April 3, following the first morning session of this forum series, you are invited to a traditional Palestinian lunch.

Forum co-presenter Albert Asfour is excited to prepare and share some of his culinary heritage with us. Our buffet will include: "Upside Down" (rice, veggies, spices/seasonings, and protein), hommos and bread, yogurt salad, and a variety of Arabic sweets.

Sign up is needed by April 1 to be included in this wonderful meal: <https://tinyurl.com/bdea63n3>

FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS A HOLY LAND JOURNEY



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The Trinity Rummage Sale is Coming May 2, 3, & 4! [SEE PAGE 19](#)

What's Happening at Trinity in April?

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

Mondays

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.
Pr. Smith's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)
Meets April 1, 8, 15, & 22
Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

TLC Quilters*
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Meets at 10:30 a.m. on April 23
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.
Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

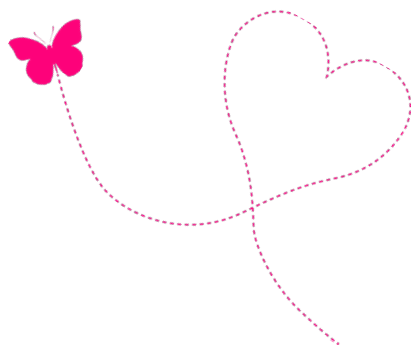
Wednesdays

Power Bend & Stretch Fitness Class, 9 a.m.
No class on April 27
Sumud Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Tai Chi Fitness Class, 10:15 a.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

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



Daily Calendar

Monday, April 1

In The Image Volunteering, 1 p.m.
Property Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Executive Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Palestinian Lunch, 11:45 a.m.
Endowment Fund Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Endowment Fund Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Monday, April 8

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Safety and Security Comm Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Bd Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
Congregation Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.
Sumud Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
JOYful Days Lunch & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.
Outreach Comm Mtg, noon
Life Begins at 60 Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

Celebration of Music Rehearsals, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Celebration of Music Rehearsals, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Celebration of Music Rehearsals, noon-3 p.m.
Taylor Swift Eras Tour Watch Party, 2-6 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

SM Continuing Ed, 12:30 p.m.
Celebration of Music Rehearsals, 1-5 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, April 15

The Messenger Deadline
Celebration of Music Rehearsals/Concert,
10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Finance Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.
Worship & Music Comm Mtg, 7 p.m.
Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.
Sumud Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
JOYful Days Lunch & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.
JOYful Days Cleanup, 1:30 p.m.
Oasis Training Class, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

In The Image Volunteering, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Celebration of Music Rehearsals, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
DeColores, 10:30 a.m.
Bassoon & Piano Recital, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Earth Day Sunday/Stephen Ministry Sunday
Stay & Play: Playtime Extravaganza, 10:40 a.m.-noon
Artist Open House: Kimberly Johnson, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.
Sumud Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.
JOYful Days Lunch & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.
Pack 3015 Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

Celebration of Music Rehearsals, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Trivia Night & Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28

Confirmation Family Celebration Lunch, noon
Rummage Sale Setup, 3 p.m.
Celebration of Music Rehearsals/Concert, 1-5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30

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.

A Message from Pastor Dennis Smith

Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed!

This acclamation of God's victory over death dates back to the earliest days of the Christian witness. It was and is an affirmation of faith in a God whose love and grace cannot be overcome by the dark powers of fear, hate, despair, and death. Keep that in mind as another rancorous political season heats up around us. It gave witness to a faith that sustained the earliest martyrs, Stephen and Junia, facing persecution, arrest, and execution. **"Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed,"** they would say. "And because Christ lives, intimidation, coercion, and death itself shall have no power over me!"

It gave witness to the faith of commissioned missionaries who proclaimed the Good News of Christ in far-off and often hostile lands. It gave witness to a faith that stood up to tyrants and faced down despots. It was the faith of Joan of Arc, Thomas More, Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Martin Luther King Jr. It gave witness to a faith that nourished the starving and comforted the dying. It was the faith of Mother Theresa. It gave witness to a faith that had the strength to reform its own institutions from within and survive the challenges of secularity from without. It gave witness to a faith in the power of divine love to redeem the fallen, restore the broken, heal the wounded, and resurrect hope. **Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed!**

This acclamation changes our lives here and now! As St. Paul wrote to Christians in Corinth, "But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead ... for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." Wow! This is bigger than the iPhone, more pervasive than paper towels, and more effective than chicken soup. This is our acclamation of faith, not only for the Easter season, but for all seasons. It gives witness to our faith in the power of the Gospel. **Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed!** How can anything ever be the same again?

Made alive, gifted with newness of life through baptism, and caught up with living in the Spirit, we can never regard our lives as worthless or our neighbor as hopeless. All lives really do matter and it our sacred task to proclaim that good news in all that we say, pray, and do.

As the body of Christ, gathered as Trinity Lutheran Church, we call upon that central acclamation of faith as we seek to envision our witness to the gospel. There will be challenges. There will be powerful forces that will lure people away from sacred time and the stories that have formed us. But, as the Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified the church in the past, that same Spirit will find a way for us in the future. In all times and in all places we proclaim one message:

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Say it! Pray it! Live it!



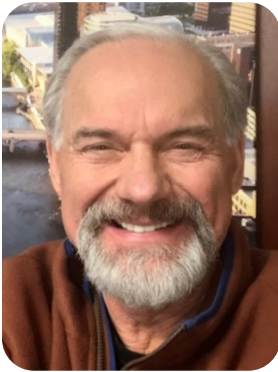
Join Pastor Smith for his next forum!

Adults Only: An Introduction to the Bible

Mondays, April 1 through April 22 • 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Email Pastor Smith at thedennisbsmith@yahoo.com to sign up or to indicate your preference for an additional evening session.

Council Corner



A Message from Council President Steve Heacock

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. –TLC Mission Statement

This morning (I am writing this during Lent) I was lucky to be part of a great discussion in our Grace Group. Led by a wonderful leader, we explored how and why the church, and especially Trinity Lutheran Church, is different from the many charitable groups that serve our community. "I can be vulnerable here," said one of our co-congregants. "At other places, I am just the cookie-mom, there to serve a particular function. Here, I genuinely engage with folks and share what is going on and what I am feeling." Another said, "There is a trust that exists between people, even when they do not know each other." A third said, "I laugh with these people, and cry with them, and when I am with them, and in this place, I am at peace."

*C4.01. of the ELCA constitution states, "The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world." Church is a special place because it was created by, and is empowered by, God. We are not alone here. We not only have each other, we have Jesus Christ. The website Prime Matters describes the church as "...a society in the midst of a darkened world – a kind of colony of heaven that (Christ) inhabits." Further, "The Church is absolutely unique among human institutions and organizations. It is not only a human thing, but, like Christ himself, it is both human and divine. The Church is unique because in a sense it is Christ himself." (Prime Matters is published by an editorial panel chaired at Mary College at ASU.)

I assume that, like in mine, some of the most important events in your life have occurred at Trinity Lutheran Church. Brenda and I have celebrated our grandchildren's new life in Christ at baptism, celebrated the maturation of our daughters and their Christian learning at Confirmation, celebrated the wonder of love at their marriages, and celebrated our daughter's life at her funeral. We watched as friends became new members and as we bid a dear friend farewell and Godspeed as he retired from the ministry. Kids growing up, people dying, new jobs, sickness, new challenges, and new opportunities. Epic, joyful, and poignant events together with what is steady, quiet, and deeply spiritual. We have experienced it all with our church family.

Trinity Welcomes New Council Members for 2024-2025!



John Derbin
Endowment Fund



Julie McLeod
Spiritual Growth



Kelly Wittry
Human Resources

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 church office.

Congregational Council Executive Committee

President: Steve Heacock Vice President: Bill Bush
Secretary: Jamie Kuntzman Treasurer: Brad Kessel

Congregational Council Members

Children's Ministry: Sarah Huckstep	Outreach: Dan Butler
Communications: David Marquardt	Property: Erick Kind
Endowment Fund: John Derbin	Spiritual Growth: Julie McLeod
Fellowship & Hospitality: Jamie Kuntzman	Stewardship: Jacquie Murray
Finance: Chris Norton	Worship & Music: Michelle Feutz
Health Ministry: Michelle Morin	Youth & Family Ministry: Chris Becker;
Helping Hands: Susan Knoll	Dakota Morin (Youth Representative)
Human Resources: Kelly Wittry	

Financials

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of February 2024

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	128,456	156,605	28,150	21.9%
Total Expenses	113,649	99,085	14,565	12.8%
Net Income (Loss)	14,806	57,521	42,714	

2023 Fiscal Year-to-Date (Through February 2024)

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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.

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

–*Beautiful Things* by Michael Gungor

We are taught to be hyper critical of ourselves, to obsess over every aspect of our lives and maintain a perfect image. We are taught to constantly measure ourselves against impossible standards. This teaching tears us apart. Through it, we focus on minute negative aspects of our lives and fixate on them, letting them define who we are. This also leads us to get stuck in a negative spiral of hypercritical critique, where we see nothing as being good or beautiful. All of this leads to the epidemic of negative self-esteem and self-image that is so widespread today.

Yet, our lives are filled with beauty if we are open to seeing it. Look at the sun rise or set, the flowers blooming. The beauty of the night sky or the reflection on a peaceful lake. Pause on the beach and listen to the waves and birds. Beauty surrounds us each and every day.

God does not see you as broken or ugly.

God sees you as beautiful and wonderful.

We hear again and again through the scriptures that what God makes is good, and God made you, so you are good. I invite you to try to replace those negative voices in your mind and life with the voice of God. Attempt to focus on the things God says about you. That you are good, loved, and beautiful. I encourage you to pause each day and take in the beauty that God surrounds you with and remember that it is present in you, too.

Every day, remember that God makes beautiful things out of the dust and out of you.

Shalom,

Pastor Dan Schewe



Trinity's Spring Rummage Sale: May 2-4

Volunteers needed in many areas!

See [page 19](#) for more details.

New Life: A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

There are many signs of new life in our congregation and in creation. We just celebrated the new life that comes in the celebration of Easter, as we remember our new life in Christ.

The Call Committee has uploaded our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the synod, which was our next step toward searching for a senior pastor that's a good fit. We have a new Council president and new officers of the Council. We have new staff positions in process and soon we will be celebrating the new life that begins with graduations and new jobs.



During the Lenten Wednesday evening homilies, we walked with our Ash Wednesday scripture, which was Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. We had as a walking partner through Lent the written words of the late Howard Thurman (1889–1981), pastor, professor, chaplain, and famed for his role as spiritual director to many of the earliest Civil Rights giants, including Martin Luther King, Jr. He has also become famous for the following quote about coming alive in our faith lives; how we can find deep connection with God and respond to God's calls for action:

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

In each of our lives we have little new beginnings, but not all new beginnings are easy and joyful. Sometimes new beginnings come to us through physical decline, loss of a job, death of a loved one, a new diagnosis, or a different stage in treatment. Nonetheless, this is part of the stages of our lives. God is present amid all our new beginnings, joyful or otherwise.

May the new life we find in Easter and the signs of spring all around us renew and refresh our faith life. God has created each of us to love, serve, and give generously, each one of us in our own unique way. With our own life stories, our personalities, our spiritual gifts and journeys, our training, our skills, and our passions.

God's Deepest Blessings now and always!

Pastor Kari
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care



**Save the
Date for
Fellowship!**

April 10-24
JOYful Days Wednesdays

April 13
Men's Breakfast

April 21
Earth Day Sunday & Stephen
Ministry Sunday

April 27
Trivia & Potluck Night

Music & The Arts at Trinity

Music in Worship

The Lord is My Shepherd: Familiar, comforting, and beloved words from Psalm 23. These words are a companion through every stage of life. The sheer amount of sacred music, art, and poetry based on this psalm is countless.

In worship on **Sunday, April 21** we honor three distinct yet related themes: Good Shepherd Sunday, Earth Day Sunday, and the work of Stephen Ministers.

Christ, as our Good Shepherd, reminds us of the knowledge that the Shepherd has of each of his sheep. It is a model for the caring relationship that Stephen Ministers develop as a part of their ministry. Additionally, we can all take part of being shepherds of God's creation. As we hear the words of Psalm 23, we can imagine landscapes, green pastures, and still waters that are part of God's earth. We are caregivers of this amazing creation. As we gather for worship on April 21, you can join as we honor the gifts we share in community and in creation.

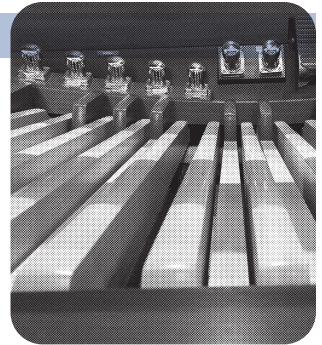


Music & The Arts at Trinity

Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition

Monday, April 15 • 7 p.m.

This local competition is sponsored by the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in collaboration with Trinity's concert series. The 2023 competition was held at the Basilica of St. Adalbert, and Trinity will host the 2024 competition which features the 3-manual Letourneau pipe organ in the Sanctuary. Enjoy the performance of young organists (ages 24 and under) as they compete for generous prizes given by Dr. Richard Rotman.



Art of the Keyboards: A Mosaic of Trinity's Keyboard Instruments

Dr. Darlene Kuperus, organ, piano and harpsichord
Joined by guest instrumentalists & VoxGR chamber singers
Sunday, April 28 • 3 p.m.

Violins, cello, djembe, French horn, and singers create a mosaic of musical sounds as they join the pipe organ, piano, and harpsichord. Music of Buxtehude, Bach, Ewazen, Basler, and Dvorak are just some of the pieces featured in this fast-moving program. Instrumental works include a chamber piece by Dvorak for 2 violins, cello, and organ; a trio in the style of Brahms for french horn, violin, and piano; Bach works for 2 violins, cello, and harpsichord; piano and organ duets based on spirituals; as well as a duet by a living French Canadian composer.



Choral anthems on this program include the gorgeous *I Thank You God for This Amazing Day* composed by Dan Forrest and based on a poem by E.E. Cummings. This work is accompanied by strings and grand piano. The VoxGR choral ensemble will also sing two works by Paul Basler with piano, french horn, and djembe (an African drum). A setting of Psalm 23 and a highly rhythmic *Alleluia* conclude the program.

Trinity's Overlook Gallery Featuring Artist Kimberly Johnson

Kimberly Johnson, a local West Michigan artist, has been drawing since she was a small child when her mother would bring scrap paper home from work. Johnson would write stories and illustrate them for her mom and her teachers. She has exhibited her work throughout ten years of ArtPrize, as well as in other galleries around the city, including a permanent exhibit at the Mercy Health Clinic in Southeast Grand Rapids. Johnson has also taught preschool in the Grand Rapids area, is a professional photographer/videographer, and an illustrator in both watercolor and digital formats.



Johnson's exhibit in Trinity's Overlook Gallery showcases sketches she made while her mother was in the hospital in June 2020, just as the coronavirus pandemic was ramping up across the country. As we enter the fourth year of our COVID-19 reality, these sketches – which have since been featured in Johnson's film *If My Painting Were on These Walls* – serve as Johnson's unique expression of gratitude to healthcare workers.



Be sure to visit Trinity's Overlook Gallery in March and April to check out Johnson's work!

Children's Ministry

Spring Sunday School Schedule

April 7 to May 19

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. (check-in 9:15 a.m.)
Family Promise Diaper Drive

May 12

IHN set-up and final day of diaper drive

May 19

Stay & Play Playtime Extravaganza after class
10:30 a.m. to noon

Diaper Drive for Family Promise

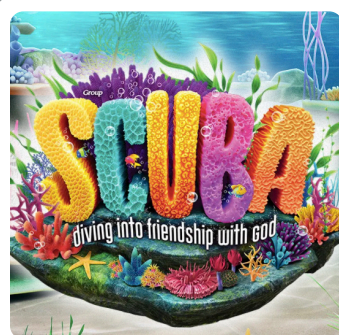
Sunday School is sponsoring a **diaper drive** for Family Promise. Full boxes, partial packs, and individual diapers accepted. Especially needed are sizes 3-7, but all sizes are appreciated.

The children's monetary offering will go towards purchasing diapers as well.



Introducing New "Stay & Play" Events for Kids and Families!

The Children's Ministry Committee is excited to launch a new series of fellowship events for kids and families! These "Stay & Play" events are conveniently located at Trinity, often following the 9:15 a.m. worship service. Our first event was *Super Snow Games* in February. It was so successful that we quickly started planning more. Each event will be unique, with varied themes and celebrations. One thing is for certain...each event will be filled with fun, faith, and friends!



Get Ready for SCUBA VBS!
June 24 to 27
9 a.m. to noon

Youth and adult volunteers are needed. Contact Director of Family

Ministry [Rachele Battreal](#). Registration opens May 1 for kids aged 3 years through grade 5.

Playtime Extravaganza: April 21, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Join us for a delightful morning filled with laughter, joy, and the sweet taste of heavenly donuts! This "Stay & Play" event is specially designed for families with children in 3rd grade and younger. Older siblings are welcome too! This event promises heartwarming fellowship and fun after our 9:15 a.m. worship service. We will meet on Trinity's playground. In case of bad weather, the event will take place in the Commons (the large space adjacent to the classrooms). Activities include:

- **Playground Paradise:** Let the little ones explore the joy of our outdoor playground!
- **Donut Delights:** Indulge in a scrumptious selection of divine donuts. Every bite is a sweet reminder of the love we share in our church family.
- **Craft Corner:** Unleash creativity with our fun craft activities. Watch kids' imaginations soar as they create masterpieces to cherish.
- **Story-time Under the Sun:** Gather 'round for a captivating story that weaves lessons of faith and love. We encourage families to bring a picnic blanket for a cozy seating arrangement during story-time.

Kindly confirm your attendance by Friday, April 19 by signing up at <https://tinyurl.com/ywnsajhv> or through Cyndi Harrison at cyndi.a.harrison@gmail.com. We want to ensure we have enough donuts and activities for everyone. Let's come together for a morning of play, laughter, and delicious moments as we celebrate the joy of our church family. We can't wait to share this time with you and your little ones!



Middle School

April & May Confirmation Schedule

April 7 – No Class – Spring Break

April 14 & 21 – Youth Group, 2 to 3 p.m.; Confirmation Class, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

April 28 – Confirmation Class Family Celebration, noon to 3 p.m.

May 5 – Confirmation Sunday! Celebrate with 10 of our young people and their families at the 10:45 a.m. service. This joyous occasion will be followed by a cake reception in the Courtyard.

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 on Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come for some fun and conversation around how God is leading us in our lives. There will be no youth group on April 7 due to spring break, and no youth group on April 28 due to the Rummage Sale setup we will be doing.

High School Bible Study with Pastor Dan

We are taking April off due to Spring Break. See you soon!

Summer Trips Meeting – April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting for our summer trips will be Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. There is still space to join us for our Mission Trip to Lincoln, IL for an amazing week of community and service. Please reach out to [Pastor Dan](#) with questions.

Important Dates for This Summer Mission Trip to Lincoln, IL: June 15 to 22; ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans: July 15 to 20; Stony Lake Camp: July 22 to 27

Stay connected with our high school ministries via Remind! See [Pastor Dan](#) for details.

Camp at Stony Lake: July 22 to 27

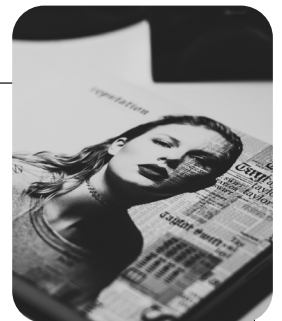
Young people going into first grade through current seniors in high school and their friends are invited to join us for an amazing week of community and faith formation! Trinity makes camp very affordable for families. Each camper is asked to pay a \$100 deposit and Trinity will cover the rest. If you have questions, reach out to [Pastor Dan](#).

Registration is open now, so head to elcalivingwater.com. For more information consult your email from Pastor Dan, or if you did not receive an email, please send him a message.



Taylor Swift Eras Tour Watch Party! Saturday, April 13 2 to 6 p.m.

Come watch Taylor's version of her Eras Tour film at Trinity in Centennial Hall on the big screens! We will have snacks galore, supplies for making friendship bracelets, and more! This event is open to anyone and all ages! Bring your friends and join us for an awesome time!



Health Ministries

Fitness at Trinity

In April and May we have two fitness class options for you to enjoy!

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. **Power Bend & Stretch**

Trinity member Debra Freeberg leads this class geared toward anyone who wants to strengthen their core and increase flexibility. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours. *No class April 27.*

Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. **Tai Chi • Following the 24 Form Style**

Tai chi addresses the key components of fitness — strength, flexibility, and balance. In addition, Tai chi can reduce stress and anxiety while improving concentration and coordination. Gerald Browning is our instructor. All ability levels are welcome.

Classes meet in the Commons. Recommended donation is \$3/class.



Care & Share

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. We gather together to **Care** for each other and **Share** in our journeys. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m.** at Trinity. 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 those we are caring for), and ground ourselves in God's promises. Connect with [Kristin Bradley](#) with any questions or concerns.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

On Wednesday April 10, senior Davenport University Nursing students will be onsite offering a blood pressure screening from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stop by and get checked!



Highlight on Hospice

When I worked as a medical social worker in a local hospital, there were times when I initiated hospice referrals for patients. I had many conversations with families who struggled with the decision about whether they wanted to start hospice care for their loved ones. I think one reason was due to myths that they had heard about hospice. Let's take a look at some of these myths.



Myth: Hospice is only for cancer patients.

Fact: When hospice began in the U.S. in the mid-1970s, most people cared for by hospice had cancer. Today the majority have other life-limiting illnesses.

Myth: Hospice is for people whose death is hours or a few days away.

Fact: Most families say that they wished their loved one had received hospice care much earlier in their illness. Hospice care can be accessed up to six months before an expected death.

Myth: Hospice is giving up and losing hope.

Fact: Unlike other medical care, hospice focuses exclusively on a person's comfort and dignity near life's end.

Myth: Hospice professionals hasten death.

Fact: The focus of hospice care is solely to relieve symptoms (such as pain, anxiety, and breathlessness) at the end of life, allowing natural death to occur in peace and with dignity.

In addition to my experience with hospice on a professional level, this past year I gained personal experience as well. My father was diagnosed with dementia several years ago. He lived at home with my mom who helped him with all of his daily needs. As the disease progressed, his PCP suggested that it might be time for hospice.

We met with hospice for an informational meeting and immediately knew that they would be able to provide an additional level of care. Our care team included a nurse, a social worker, a chaplain and a care aid. By seeking care early in the progression of my dad's illness, we were able to benefit from the full scope of services available.

This support allowed my mom to care for my dad in their home until the end of his life. His quality of life benefited from hospice care. Our family was comforted in knowing that the hospice team was available day and night for any concern or emergencies. When the end of my dad's life drew near, our hospice team was at my dad's side ensuring his comfort and providing him a very peaceful death.

I share my experience with you not only to dispel common hospice myths, but also to encourage you to have conversations about end-of-life care with your family and health care providers. What matters most to you at the end of your life? It's never too early to start the conversation!

In God's care,
Corina Dulecki

Trinity Health Ministries Committee Member, Social Worker, Daughter, Mom, Wife, and Friend

To find information about local hospice programs, reach out to Faith Community Nurse [Kristin Bradley](#).

Stephen Ministry

Training Class Forming for This Fall – Apply Now!

Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a difference in other people's lives when they need it most – including your own? Consider becoming a **Stephen Minister!** Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, different ages and stages, and have many different skills and gifts. You provide a willing spirit and our leadership team provides all the training and support.

Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caring ministry. A Stephen Minister walks alongside someone who is dealing with a difficult time in life, perhaps adjusting to a new baby, job loss, dealing with illness, grieving the loss of a loved one through death or divorce, or navigating a transition in life.

Stephen Minister training:

- teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others.
- gives you new insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting.
- equips you with relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life.
- helps deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver.
- builds a special bond of Christian community and camaraderie among fellow Stephen Ministers.
- is highly interactive, engaging, and a lot of fun!

The 2024-25 training class will tentatively meet bi-monthly on Sunday afternoons from September 2024 to February 2025. Commissioning will occur when the course is completed, which will open the door for more caring relationships to begin.

Please stop by the Stephen Ministry information table following services on Sunday, April 21 to meet members of our current team and learn more about the ministry, the training program, and the application process. You can also reach out to our Stephen Ministry team coordinator Beth Vanderwall at jvander005@gmail.com or our Faith Community Nurse [Kristin Bradley](#) for more information.



Book Clubs & Bible Studies

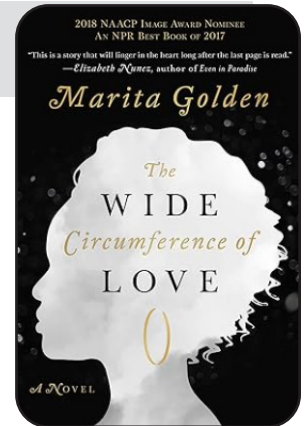
Tuesday Evening Book Club

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.

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.

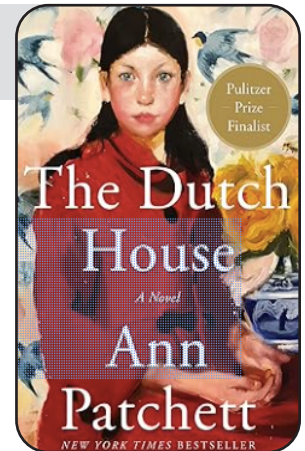
This book club typically meets through May in a member's home. Contact Carol Hendricks at cahendricks14@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

April 12: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

Host: Jamie Kuntzman

May 10: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

Host: Sue Coates



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Want to join an intergenerational group of women on Tuesday mornings to grow together in faith and friendship? Please join us in the Trinity Library. Contact Karen Unruh with questions at kbunruh@gmail.com.



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

We would love for you to join Friday Morning Women's Bible Study! Join us as we delve into intriguing material and make connections with one another. For more details, contact Kris Fox at jksafox@comcast.net.

Opportunities to Support Church & Community

Donate Personal Care Items

The members of Trinity's Outreach Committee would like to encourage everyone to continue donating personal care items during the month of 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 NEW items are most appreciated: bar soap, body wash, deodorant, Q-tips, nail files/clippers, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, mouth wash, comb, brush, shampoo, conditioner, Pink Oil, hair grease, neutralize products for coarse hair, hand or body lotion, and lip balm.**



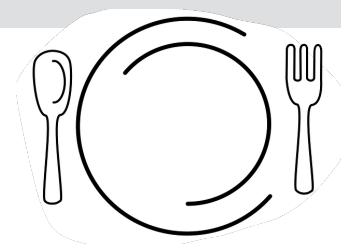
While sample sizes are useful, it would be wonderful if we could provide items in **standard sizes** that will last longer. Please drop off your donations in the labeled black bin located in the entryway of the main entrance on the west side of the building or in the Narthex by **Sunday, April 28.**

Volunteer for IHN

Trinity's next IHN host week is May 12 to 19! Please mark your calendar and plan to volunteer. We will need a lot of help, both onsite as we host and behind the scenes before, during, and after. Please watch the weekly eBlast for your opportunity to sign up and make a big difference in the lives of others. Thanks!

Provide Meals for Trinity Members & Friends

The Helping Hands Ministry is looking for more volunteers to make and deliver meals to fellow Trinity members in times of illness, grief, or the addition of a baby. During these times providing meals can be one of the most helpful things we can do. If you'd like to volunteer and receive notifications when someone is in need, please reach out to Helping Hands Coordinator [Jeanne Becker](#).



Volunteer at In The Image

In The Image provides gently used clothing, housewares, furniture, and appliances to families in need. Please come volunteer on the first Monday/third Thursday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. to help sort, organize, and help in the community. Meet at In The Image, 4255 Kalamazoo Ave SE, GR, MI 49508, at 1 p.m. Contact [Jeanne Becker](#) with inquiries.



Thank You for the Cleaning Supplies!

Thank you to all who donated cleaning supplies! Once again, your generosity was above and beyond. We collected 225 cleaning products and 40 buckets/laundry baskets. In addition to cleaning products, 76 linens and 15+ pots/pans/utensils were donated to Family Promise. Also, a big thank you to Outreach Committee members who made deliveries to Family Promise, Exodus, Salvation Army, Safe Haven, and Samaritas. It is such a blessing to have such a generous and loving congregation!



Mark Your Calendar!



Dinner at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

If you're over 60, join us for dinner at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 3445 28th St. SE (28th Street near Beltline; former site of Toys R Us) on Wednesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. To make your reservation, contact hosts Joyce and Dick McKenzie (Joycem6@comcast.net). *Space is limited to the first 30 people. See you there!*



JOYful Days 2024 Spring Series: April 10, 17, & 24

The Spring JOYful Days series is just around the corner. Registration will be linked in the weekly eBlast starting in March. **It is very important for us to have registrations as soon as possible so that we have enough food to serve everyone.** Food is purchased on Monday, so registrations must be received by Sunday night for the following Wednesday. Checks or cash should be submitted to Tess Lundgren either via her mailbox, the church office, or by dropping an envelope with the money and a note in the offering plate at church.



The cost is \$30 for the entire 3-Wednesday series, which includes a catered lunch provided by Steve Stephan and the speaker presentation. If you cannot attend the entire series, the cost is \$10 per session. Please contact [Tess Lundgren](mailto:Tess.Lundgren@trinitylutheran.org) with questions or for more information.

Speaker Presentations:

April 10: Christophe Muganza – Sharing of his life story

April 17: Kelly Basher – How to decorate cookies with royal icing

April 24: John Fox & Rebecca Marquardt – Update on Trinity's property/Earth Day discussion



Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast: April 13

The Men's Breakfast group is planning a gathering on Saturday, April 13. This group meets once every quarter for food, study, and fellowship from 8 to 9:30 a.m. We will have a fresh, full breakfast, a brief Bible study led by Pastor Dan, and end with our guest speaker, Kelsy Vining from Family Promise. Men of Trinity, watch your email and the eBlast for your invitation to sign up for our breakfast on April 13. See you there!

Mark Your Calendar! (cont.)

Confirmation Sunday: May 5

Come celebrate 10 young people in our congregation who are confirming their faith on Sunday, May 5 during 10:45 a.m. worship. Our confirmands will have completed three years of catechetical instruction with Pastor Dan Schewe, who will offer the individual blessing prayers for each of them. This joyous occasion will be followed by a cake reception in the Courtyard. We look forward to continuing our journey of faith together with these individuals.



Trivia & Potluck Night: April 27

Mark your calendar, bring a dish to share, and join us on Saturday, April 27 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 **sign-up 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 as needed. 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 questions.

Save the Date for the Women's Retreat!

Trinity women: Remember how much fun we had at the last women's retreat at Maranatha with the women from St. Luke's? If you didn't attend, you probably heard about it. Well, get ready for more fun, inspiring messages, activities, pampering, fellowship, and singing because we are going to do it again!

November 8 & 9, 2024

**Friday Evening through Saturday Afternoon
Maranatha Conference Center in Norton Shores**

Theme and details will follow. If you would like to be involved in planning or helping, contact Carrie Wygmans (cwygs@comcast.net) or Cindy Zientarski (czient53@gmail.com).

Hope to enjoy it with YOU!



Mark Your Calendar!

Trinity's Annual Rummage Sale

We are excited about our annual Rummage Sale! All proceeds will help offset the cost for the participants of our summer trips to New Orleans, LA and Lincoln, IL this June and July. Thank you for your donated items and how they help support our youth and those in the greater Grand Rapids community.

In addition to your donated items, we would love your help in making this year's sale a resounding success. We can use help sorting, prepping, and pricing items. If you are interested in helping, reach out to [Pastor Dan](#).

We are arranging pickups of large items on April 13, 14, 20, and 21. To arrange a time, please contact [Pastor Dan](#).

Items can be dropped in the Trinity Courtyard on Sunday, April 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Monday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you have something large that needs to be moved, contact [Pastor Dan](#) to arrange.

Rummage Sale Dates & Times

Thursday, May 2: 5 to 8 p.m.

\$5 admission

Friday, May 3: 10 to noon; 3 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 4: 9 a.m. to noon

Everything must go! \$5 bag deals!



Got Stuff?

We CAN accept in good and clean condition:

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Jewelry
- Clothing accessories
- Housewares
- Linens
- Art
- Rugs
- Furniture (schedule a time with Pastor Dan if you need help moving items)
- Books
- Antiques
- Collectibles
- Sporting Goods
- Tools
- Toys
- Games
- Exercise equipment



We CANNOT accept:

- Anything that has been recalled
- Car seats
- Cassette tapes, videos, and DVDs
- Mattresses
- Electronic or kerosene heaters
- Paint
- Anything flammable, poisonous, or hazardous
- Used tires
- Large appliances
- Building materials
- Non-digital TVs or TVs that require converter boxes
- CRT monitors (large non-flat screens)



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News Briefs

I Have Called You by Name

Name tags are working out well for both new and seasoned members and we'd love to provide a reusable, waterproof, magnetic-backed or clip-on name tag for YOU!

Starting in April, there will be a sign up in the Narthex and Courtyard for you to indicate your preferred name. New tags will be waiting for you the following Sunday. Thank you for connecting with each other in this small and meaningful way!



Earth Day Sunday on April 21 at Trinity

Earth Day is an annual event on April 21 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, Earth Day now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG (formerly Earth Day Network), including as many as one billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for Earth Day 2024 is Planet vs Plastics.

At Trinity, we will reflect on our place in the care of creation on Earth Day Sunday, April 21. Our building project a few years ago included making many decisions that increased the energy efficiency of our facility. A team of volunteers has been involved in the development of a Land Management Plan for the "Trinity Triangle" (the church property bordered by Fulton Street, Robinson Road, and Cascade Road) and in the elimination of invasive species on our property. We have a growing Green Team at Trinity that is helping us strategize and be more environmentally friendly. All of us, as stewards of creation, are called to care for the Earth and its resources. Earth Day Sunday at Trinity will provide a prayerful context for reflecting on our call to creation care. If you are interested in learning more about or joining our Green Team, contact [Pastor Dan](#).



New Members Celebration Being Planned for the Spring of 2024

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're not sure about becoming a member?

Individual meetings and pastor's classes for prospective members are happening 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 19.** Please know that you are welcome to explore what it would mean to

affiliate membership with the people of Trinity in mission and ministry. Contact Office Coordinator [Kris Baker](#) or one of the pastors for more information.



Trinity Forestry Update

Over several decades, the habitat on the Trinity property has changed significantly, first with the death of large stands of ash from the emerald ash borer and then intrusion of invasive species, including honeysuckle, phragmites, and buckthorn. In 2022, Trinity authorized a forest management plan for the roughly 17 acres on our property.



The forest management plan has given us a road-map to restore the woodlands on both sides of the property. For example, it has guided concerted restoration work that can be seen beyond the parking lot to the west. In order to enhance our summer worship services, we have focused over the last two years on removing buckthorn but have also removed **downed logs** and **tree snags** for safety concerns. These **same natural features** do provide important habitat (food and shelter) for birds (songbirds, woodpeckers, owls, wood ducks, etc.). As possible, logs and snags are left in place and are considered valuable ecological assets.

As part of succession planning, several larger maple and white oak trees have been planted in the west lawn as well as a couple dozen sapling oaks, buckeyes, hickory, and walnut trees. This spring we'll plant native ground cover and native shrubs. A brush pile measuring approximately 15 x 20' has been installed for wildlife habitat with another planned on the northern edge.

The highly invasive common buckthorn has heavily invaded the eastern woodlands which has likely affected amphibian populations in the creek that meanders here and then feeds into the Coldbrook Creek and Grand River. Toxins in buckthorn contribute to declines in frog and salamander populations. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/cpc4uwwu> for more information.

We contracted with Kent County Conservation District to do cutting this past winter in the eastern woodlands. Spring will focus on removing and mulching those cuttings, which will include building brush piles between the fire pit and Robinson Road. 2024 will also be focused on continued removal of buckthorn primarily in the areas adjacent to the parking lot and just across the stream down to the eastern marshland area.

This effort is funded in part by the generous bequest of Eileen Dechow in 2020. Eileen was a long-time Trinity member and master gardener.

If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to John Fox at drscout1961@gmail.com. More chances to participate in workdays this spring, summer, and fall will be announced in upcoming bulletins.

Did You Know? Paper Gator is Available to You!

Trinity has a Paper Gator bin by the garage in the east parking lot! Its proceeds go toward the cost of purchasing our coffee cups and lids. Accepted materials are as follows:



- school/office paper
- newspaper
- junk mail
- hard & soft cover books
- magazines
- shredded paper (bagged in clear plastic)
- paperboard (cereal type boxes)
- cardboard (12"x12" or smaller)**
- wrapping paper (no foil or sparkles)

****MUST be cut down to 12x12" or smaller!**

April Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

April 1

Eleanor Cunningham
Chase Laakko
Logan Landon
Joel & Julie Westra

April 2

Ashton Humphreys
Jacqueline Kessel
Kathryn Lee
Tina Porcelli
Hannah Warren

April 3

Remy Bowman
Cooper Cox
Cindy Fongers
Madelyn Hungerford
Christy Kendall
Dave Murray
Nora Wilson

April 4

Caroline Murray
Michaela Soczek
Chris Van Meter
Lauren Wright
Bill & Sue Bailey
Tom & Kris Shannon
Gary & Patricia Stevens

April 5

Kristen Lorenz
Abigail Severns
Josh & Anna Peterman
Denny & Cheryl Rosen

April 6

Greg Law
Pat Radloff

April 7

Zara Abbate
Abbie Glass
Abraham Glenn
Amanda Hungerford
Dale Johnson
Matt LaFleur
Lynda McCreedy
Susan Stanard
Leah Williams

April 8

Trevor Bidle
Jon Ferguson
Alison Horn
Isabel Maternowski
Mary Schira

April 9

Ellie Buggeln
Carol Butler
Jeff Haywood
Rebecca Mattison
Chelsea Zabel
James & Michelle Morin

April 10

Barb Crossman
Alaina Dulecki
Samantha Garvey
April Lothschutz
Steven Unruh
Ryan VanZalen

April 11

Laney Brang
Gregg Cothorn
David Fast
Renee Fisk
Kathryn Kubicek
Douglas & Joan Start

April 12

Alan Helzer
Hayley Howard
Hagos Kafil
Laura Norton
Mike & Molly King

April 13

Tessa Grooters
Harrison Hale
Adam Hall
Julie Pardy
Jane Renwick
Liam Watson

April 14

Dave Boer
Malorie Packard
William Schaefer
Andy & Lorissa Engle

April 15

Brenda Fritts
Lisa Greiner
Ed Lohr
Kristen Sytsma
Krista & Dave Larkin

April 16

Lydia Ice
Judi Rupp
Charles Krug & Maria DeVita-Krug

April 17

Elizabeth Hall
Nate Keller
Grace Lanning
Rick Radke
Evelyn Severns
Emily Williams
David & Beth Humphreys

April 18

Kelly Blair
Raija Boles
Tony Eimers
Dale Elliott
Andrew Fox
Pete Kuipers
Tony Maurer
Jim Mielock
Julia Pfeiffle

April 19

Lauren Ice
Ning Liu

April 20

Maggie Barker
Declan Dwyer
Greta Huber
Tyler Mason

April 21

Eli Hrusa
Bruce Langenburg
Lanee Lewkowski

April 22

Zachary Abbate
Bryan Bredwell
Kristen Lamprich
Dan Legault
Robert Mallen
Mike Palaszek
Bob Scott
Chris Waite
Jordan Wiseman
David & Mary Smoes

April 23

Blake Brackmann
Tom Cisler
Colin Finch
Ryan Gallagher
Madeline Hale
Abby Haywood
James Ludeman
Chuck Hickerty & Glenn Swanson

April 24

Florence Bouwman
Kimberly Burke
Rachel Horn
Brian & Jessica Scalabrino

April 25

PJ Brondyke
Lisa Cargill
Nicholas Derbin
Jacob Schneider
Charlotte Stephan
JD Thamban
Owen Thamban

April 26

Jaci Cole
Pam Vammer
Doug & Jules Brubaker

April 27

Patrick Lown
Helena Phillips
Valerie & Kevin Clinton
Mike & Karen Palaszek

April 28

Molly Havard
Charlie Radke

April 29

Steve Johnson
Jason Vanderband
Lloyd & Allison Landon

April 30

Olivia Bradley
Rachel Dahlgren
David Humphreys
Dave Krupp
Becky Luders
Annie Slabaugh
Jen Thamban
Erik & Jodi Wood

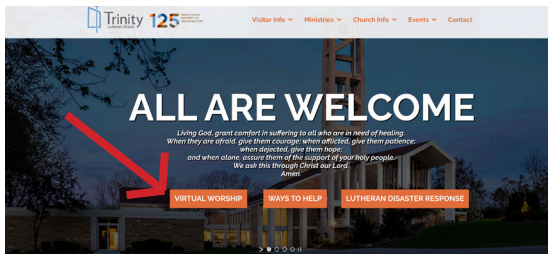


If you have a special milestone birthday or anniversary, please contact the [church office](#) at Trinity to let us know!

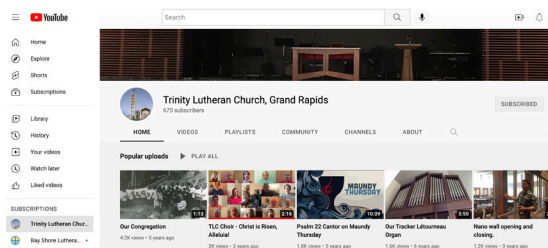
Trinity is Livestreaming Services!

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.tlcr.org) and click on **Virtual Worship**.

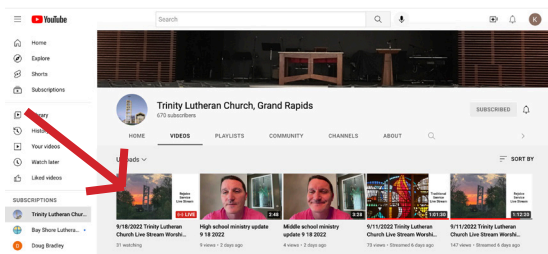


(2) Clicking the Virtual Worship button will take you to our YouTube page:



(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.



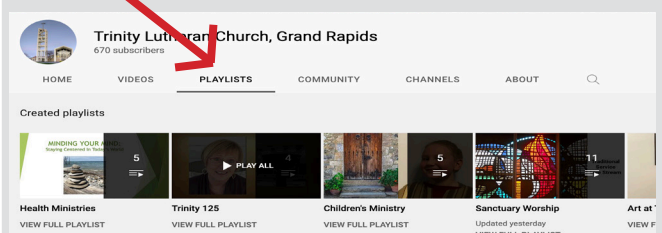
You can also go directly to www.youtube.com and search **Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids** to find our YouTube page.

***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!

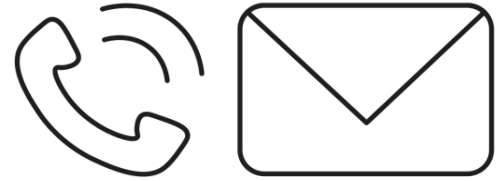
Please Note:

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.

Keep in Touch With Us!

Are You Expecting or Adopting?

The Trinity staff would like to celebrate and share in your happy news of being pregnant or welcoming a new child through adoption. Our ministry to your baby/child begins even before they arrive! Contact [Kris Baker](#) in the church office with details.



Baptism at Trinity

Baptism is a significant part of our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God. Are you interested in having your child(ren) or yourself baptized? Contact Office Coordinator [Kris Baker](#) with the potential date(s) and service that will work for you and your family.



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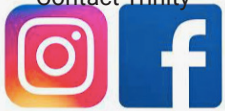
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