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The Messenger

Contemplative Evening Prayer: October 7



Do you find it easier to connect with God when things slow down and become quiet? Do you appreciate moments of silence in worship alongside music, scripture, and prayer? Join us Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. for a peaceful service of Contemplative Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. This midweek service will offer simple, repeated songs, time for quiet reflection, a slow and prayerful reading of scripture known as *lectio divina*, and prayer. Come as you are and make space in the middle of the week to be still, listen, and rest in God's presence.

It's College Care Package Time!



Trinity sends care packages yearly from our congregation to college and/or trade school students. It's time to gather the names of these students so they can receive a package. Please visit **https://tinyurl.com/z799mty8** to provide information on the student, making sure to include food allergies if applicable.

Can you donate care package items?

Please visit **https://tinyurl.com/yc7cveds** to sign up to donate items, which **can be dropped off from October 11-November 8 at the table labeled *College Care Packages* located near the church office/Pastor Dan's office.** If you'd prefer to donate toward items instead, place your donation in the envelope marked *College Care Packages*. We appreciate you supporting our college and/or trade school students!

Questions? Contact Jill or Peter McKinney at churchstuff@themckinneysonline.com or 616.878.3886.

Visit the Outreach Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 11!



Make some time before or after worship services on Sunday, October 11 to browse Trinity's Outreach Ministry Fair!

The Outreach Committee has invited many of the agencies that regularly receive our benevolent dollars and/or in-kind gifts to be present that Sunday morning at informational "booths" in the Courtyard. It's a great opportunity to learn about these organizations and how they support those in need in the Grand Rapids area and beyond!

We are anticipating 16-18 agencies to be onsite with materials profiling their good work. An expanded coffee hour/brunch will run concurrently with the Outreach Ministry Fair from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. See you there!

What's Happening at Trinity in October?

Weekly at a Glance

Sundays
Coats, Blankets, & Outerwear Collections
Christmas Wreath Sales
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Children's Ministry (Sunday School), 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Livestreaming of Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Oct 4. service is outdoors (no livestream)
MS Youth Group, 2 p.m.
No youth group Oct. 25
MS Confirmation, 3 p.m.
Oct 25: Service Project!
HS Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Mondays
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
Opening the Book of Faith Bible Study, 5 p.m.

Tuesdays
TLC Quilters*
LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.
Meets at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 27
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 1 p.m.
Scout Troop 290, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20: Court of Honor *at 7 p.m.*

Wednesdays
Core Fitness & Flexibility, 9:30 a.m.
A Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.

Thursdays
Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m.
Tai Chi, 1 p.m.
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

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

Daily Calendar

Thursday, October 1
Young Adult Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Friday, October 2
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 3
Workday in the Woods, 8 a.m.

Sunday, October 4
First Sunday HS Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Family Promise Presentation, 10:15 a.m.
Outdoor Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, October 5
In The Image Volunteering, 1 p.m.
Faith in Civic Life Discussion Circle, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6
Executive Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7
Family Promise Team Training, 8:30 a.m.
Outreach Comm Mtg, noon
Stephen Leaders Mtg, 1:30 p.m.
Contemplative Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8
Life Begins at 60 Dinner Out, 5 p.m.
Endowment Comm Mtg, 6 p.m.

Friday, October 9
Family Promise Team Training, 8:30 a.m.
Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.
Outreach Ministry Fair Setup, noon

Sunday, October 11
Quilt Blessing
Immunization Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Outreach Ministry Fair, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Cont Ed, 12:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Peer Supt, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 12
Faith in Civic Life Planning Grp, 4 p.m.
Safety & Security Comm Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13
Staff Mtg, 1 p.m.
Spiritual Growth Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14
Pre-Women's Retreat Mtg, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 15
Coping with Chronic Conditions, 10 a.m.
In The Image Volunteering, 10 a.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.

Friday, October 16
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 17
Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
COM Dress Rehearsal, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Game Night & Potluck, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 18
Celebration of Music Concert:
Calvin Alumni Choir, 3 p.m.

Monday, October 19
Faith in Civic Life Speaker Event, 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship & Hosp Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
Health Ministries Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20
Book Club, 7 p.m.
Care & Share, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 23
Women's Retreat
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 24
Women's Retreat
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal, 9 a.m.

Sunday, October 25
Reformation Sunday
CPR Training, 1 p.m.
MS Confirmation Service Project, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27
Council on Aging, 8 a.m.
Staff Mtg, 1 p.m.
Stephen Min Cont Ed, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Min Peer Supt, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28
Great Lakes Mushroom Wkshp, 4 p.m.

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

Camp Sunday at Trinity: October 11

To help our families get a feel for what camp is like, Stony Lake Camp staff will be leading our Sunday School classes, middle school youth group, Confirmation class, and high school youth group.

Those who have camp apparel are invited to wear it that Sunday.

Living Water Ministries
Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

A Message from Senior Pastor Jon Niketh



"People often say, 'Give until it hurts.' I say, 'Give until it feels good!'"

These words from Dr. Shonni Silverberg, who at the time was the President of Central Synagogue in New York City, have stuck with me since I heard her say them several years ago. There is much that Jews and Christians hold in common when it comes to the spiritual practice of generosity, but chief among them is the belief – and the experience – that **generosity brings joy**. I have never known anyone who regretted giving their time and resources to something that mattered to them. Instead, I often hear stories of people who volunteered at something for the first time or who contributed to a project that came to fruition speak about how meaningful it was to be *part of something good*.

This reframing of duty and obligation into joyful response was central to Luther's own theological breakthrough. It isn't that we need to do good works in order to please God; rather, we *get* to do them in response to what God has done for us.

I will never forget my first year serving as a pastor when I was invited to dinner by an ELCA gift planner. It was his practice to get to know new pastors and speak to them about generosity. I was not prepared for his first question right out of the gate, however: *"So Jon, do you tithe?"* I had just graduated from seminary with student loans and was struggling to make ends meet. But he encouraged me, saying that giving sacrificially would bring me joy.

I didn't start with a tithe, but I did choose a percentage of my income to contribute to the church I served. I'll confess that at first it felt more like an obligation. But as time went on and I became invested in that community and developed relationships with those people, I noticed a shift. Instead of feeling like an obligation, giving felt like a way of being part of something bigger than myself. In the same way that a family pulls together and shares responsibility for running a household, I felt more connected to my congregation by giving. I was "doing my part."

But then another more profound shift happened. We began asking members of the congregation to share stories of how they had been impacted by our ministry. How were their lives different? How had they seen God at work? Where had they been blessed? The stories were powerful and moving. And when I connected those stories with my personal giving, realizing that I had played a small part in that, I realized that the gift planner was right: I *was* experiencing joy through my giving. In the words of our ELCA motto, I discovered that generosity is yet another way that we do God's work with our hands.

How about you? Where have you experienced God at work in your life through Trinity's ministry? How is your life different because of what you have experienced here? Over the next few weeks, we are going to be hearing from several Trinity members who will answer these questions in a variety of formats – email, social media, and in Sunday worship. What I hope you hear in these stories is how your generosity has a direct impact on people's lives through our congregation. I pray that you see your giving as an investment in the life of this community, which in turn blesses others. And most of all, I hope that you experience joy in your giving – that it does indeed "feel good!" Thank you for all the ways you support Trinity, financially and otherwise. You truly make a difference, and I appreciate you.

Don't miss Pastor Jon's Adult Forum, Wednesdays through October 14! See page 10.

Council Corner



A Forever Gift: Investing in Ministry for Generations

One of the most meaningful ministries at Trinity happens quietly, often behind the scenes, but its impact reaches far into the future. As a member of the Endowment Committee, I have the privilege of helping steward gifts that were given years ago yet continue to bless others today.

We often describe the endowment as a "Forever Gift." Unlike a traditional donation that is spent once, an endowment is invested so that only a portion of the earnings is distributed each year. The principal remains intact, allowing the gift to support ministry year after year and generation after generation. This approach reflects a long-term vision of Christian stewardship, creating a legacy that extends well beyond our own lifetime. Trinity's endowment policy helps ensure that today's needs can be met without sacrificing tomorrow's opportunities.

Trinity currently maintains two endowment funds. The Mission Endowment supports outreach and ministry efforts beyond our annual operating budget, while the Building Endowment helps fund major facility needs and improvements that keep Trinity a welcoming home for worship and ministry.

The results of this ministry are remarkable. Since the inception of the endowment program, Trinity's endowments have distributed more than $356,000 in support of mission work and building needs. In 2025 alone, the endowments provided $59,100 in distributions while the combined value of the funds has grown to more than $1.9 million.

What makes the endowment especially meaningful is the way today's impact is connected to yesterday's generosity. Every distribution made began with a gift someone chose to make years ago. Those donors may never have known exactly who would benefit from their generosity, but they trusted that God would continue working through Trinity. Today, because of those gifts, ministries are being strengthened, facilities are being maintained, and Trinity is better equipped to serve both current and future generations.

As we approach year-end, I encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting Trinity's Endowment Ministry through a special year-end contribution or by including Trinity's endowment funds in your estate plans. Planned gifts are one of the most powerful ways to leave a lasting legacy of faith and generosity. If you would like to learn more about current giving, planned giving, qualified charitable distributions, or estate planning opportunities, please reach out to me, another member of the Endowment Committee, or one of our pastors. Every endowment gift becomes part of a "Forever Gift," continuing God's work through Trinity for generations to come.

Mike Mason
Endowment Committee Chair

Trinity Congregational Council Members 2026

Standing committees of the Congregational 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 Council member, please refer to information in the Trinity directory or call the church office.

President: Bill Bush
Secretary: Chris Norton
Vice President: Kelly Wittry
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Chris Becker (Safety/Security), Steve Bennett (Fellowship & Hospitality), Dan Butler (Outreach), John Derbin (Stewardship), Michelle Feutz (Health), Sarah Huckstep (Children's), Erick Kind (Property), Mike Mason (Endowment Fund), Tyler Mason (Worship/Music), Lisa Mead (Communications), Julie McLeod (Spiritual Growth), Don Otten (Outreach), Amy Stephan (Youth/Family), and Julie Westra (Human Resources)

Financials

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of August 2026

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	87,834	88,687	853	1.0%
Total Expenses	107,071	95,014	12,057	11.3%
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(19,237)	(6,327)	12,910	-67.1%
Interest Income	2,650	3,369	719	
Net Income (Loss)	(16,587)	(2,958)	13,629	-82.2%

2027 Fiscal Year-to-Date (Through August 2026)

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	879,436	839,296	(40,140)	-4.6%
Total Expenses	820,617	790,104	30,513	3.7%
Net Operating Income (Loss)	58,819	49,192	(9,627)	
Interest Income	19,730	24,194	4,464	
Net Income (Loss)	78,549	73,386	(5,163)	-6.6%

Don't Forget Your Offering!

Options for giving at Trinity:

Direct bill pay from your bank
(*free to set up with your bank*)

Offering plate Sunday morning

Mail in your offering

Online giving via Tithe.ly
https://get.tithe.ly

(*member incurs fee*)

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

ATVs / 4-Wheelers / Lawn Tractors Needed!

October 25, 3-5 p.m.

Our Confirmation students, along with the Boy Scouts, will be spreading 18+ yards of mulch on our nature trail and grounds on Sunday, October 25. We have found that motorized vehicles are a great help in hauling the mulch to be spread and speeds up the project significantly.

If you (or someone you know) have a vehicle and/or trailer we could use, please contact Pastor Dan. We will gladly cover the cost of fuel for the day.

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:1 - 2**

Rick Wavneack had a huge impact on my faith. He was not one of my pastors, professors, coaches, or teachers. He isn't related to me. He is not an author, speaker, or musician that inspired me. Rick was the dad of one of the other boys in my home church's youth group. His son was a couple of years younger than me. Whenever our youth group went anywhere, on a short or long trip, Rick was always one of our drivers. He took us to concerts, on mission trips, and all over the Twin Cities. I can clearly see him in my mind lying on his cot after driving us to Missouri, his bare feet hanging off the end of it, his hat over his head as he took a nap after the long drive.

Rick did not impact my faith with his deep insights into the scriptures or with sage words of wisdom. What impacted me was that he was present. He was consistently there for us. Wherever we went, he was there supporting us and walking with us. He didn't always get what we were doing or what we were talking about, but he was there with us.

Rick worked as a truck driver, doing long and short hauls. While he could not do a lot of things, he knew he could drive us where we needed to go. So, he did. His constant presence taught me so much about how God is with us wherever we are.

Rick is one of those who makes up my "cloud of witnesses," those people who have helped me learn and catch faith. He is one who helped me see what faithfully living looks like and how constantly present God is with us.

In your life, who makes up your "cloud of witnesses"? How did they help you grow in your faith?

One of my desires for Trinity is that each young person connected to our congregation can be surrounded by a web of caring adults. People who are there for them in diverse ways and simply want to share life and the journey of faith with them, like someone did for them. As we move into fall, I hope you consider how you can be a part of one of our young people's "cloud of witnesses." Rick had a huge impact on me, and you can similarly influence the lives of our young people.

Buy Christmas Wreaths & Ornaments to Support Youth!



Our youth will be taking orders for **Christmas wreaths** Sundays in October. This year we are also selling **Trinity Christmas ornaments for $10!** Find a student in a wreath sandwich board before or after services, or follow the link in the eBlast to order yours.

The money raised will help fund our youth trips. This summer, our high schoolers are going to Minneapolis for the ELCA Youth Gathering. If you run into problems getting yours ordered, please contact Pastor Dan.



A Message from Associate Pastor Kari Fast



Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

Recently I watched a short video on an app called Insight Timer about living our life purpose. The premise was that our life purpose is not found in our roles, the nouns of our life (spouse, teacher, truck driver), but rather it is found in the verbs of our life.

Here are some examples that he gave, with the verbs in bold. My purpose is to **activate** people to believe their dreams are possible. My purpose is to **help** people see more of the world. My purpose is to **bring people together** across divides. My purpose is to **bring intimacy and intentionality** to every room I enter.

Prior to my mom's death, my dad found purpose by caring physically for my mom (who used an electric wheelchair for the last 14 years of her life). She needed help with things like transferring in and out of her wheelchair, getting things from around the house, and he also became the one who did the laundry and prepared food. He would often remark on what a blessing it was that he was still physically able to care for her.

When my dad moved into an independent living facility the month after my mom died, he wondered if there was someone else who needed care and help in his new place. He missed caring for my mom.

When I visited him a few months later, when he realized physically caring for someone wasn't going to be a part of his life, he said, in essence, "I've decided what my new life purpose is. It's to make people's days a little bit better than before I talked with them." Now three years later, when I visit him, I see the relationships he's built with the staff and fellow residents. Not that he doesn't have his moments of grumpiness or stubbornness, but overall, he has created a new beautiful life of meaning and purpose, and he continues to have a positive influence on the people around him.

My dad had thought his purpose was a noun (husband/caregiver). He has now discovered some of his life purpose verbs, such as caring and encouraging others to make their days brighter.

How might God be calling each of us to think creatively about our life of serving others? What have people noticed about you that they appreciate? What are the verbs of your life that make your heart happy and soul sing?

God's Deepest Blessings now and always!

Pastor Kari, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Your purpose, on the other hand, is the verb that you bring to everything you touch and everything you do... Your verb is the thing people feel when you walk into the room.

Your verb is the thing that moves through everything you do.

Justin Michael Williams

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive... And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-13, 17

Worship Music & The Arts

Home

What does "home" mean to you? There are many ways to think about that word and that concept:

- A place of peace and emotional safety
- A place to be yourself
- A place of comfort
- A connection with those you love
- A space to connect with others and to share burdens and joys
- A person and/or a family

There are many gatherings at the spiritual home that we know as Trinity Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids. Weekly worship services are the foundation of all that we do as a community. Week by week, month by month, and year by year, this foundation can be strengthened and create a significant spiritual home for those that join us.

In the area of music ministries, I see and hear a group identity of "home" as the congregation sings, prays, and listens to the proclamation of God's word to us. I hear many voices lifted together in song. In fact, the people of Trinity sing with tremendous engagement and spirit!

I also see the evidence of "home" as groups of people gather to rehearse music that is shared in worship. These rehearsals offer people connections via music and through the shared times of conversation.

I see the evidence of "home" as we share Trinity's beautiful sanctuary with the community in our *Celebration of Music* events. It is a tremendous joy to welcome so many people to these concerts. Many who join us are from the community at large. They, too, have found a sense of welcome and "home."

These are just a few examples of the many ways Trinity creates a place of welcome and a place for spirits to be renewed and refreshed.

"O God, our help in ages past; our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast; and our eternal home."
–ELW Hymn #632 I Text: Isaac Watts (1719) I Tune: St. Anne (William Croft)

Dr. Darlene Kuperus, Director of Music Ministries

Celebration of Music Concert Series Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 18, 2026 I 3 p.m. I Trinity Lutheran Church
SONGS OF LIFE: THE CALVIN ALUMNI CHOIR CELEBRATES 50 YEARS
SEAN IVORY, CONDUCTOR I JULIA BROWN, ACCOMPANIST

Celebrating its 50th season, the Calvin Alumni Choir continues their mission of organizing and promoting choral singing of the highest caliber. Through rehearsal and performance, the choir cultivates an awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the Christian faith, choral music, and Calvin University. Unique in the choral world, the choir is made up of alumni from Calvin University spanning multiple generations. The Calvin Alumni Choir is excited to participate in their first ever Trinity Lutheran Church concert series.



Some of the music you'll enjoy hearing includes:
Sicut cervus (Giovanni Palestrina), Evocation (Hye-Young Cho), Set Me as a Seal (René Clausen), A New Song (James MacMillan), and Somewhere from West Side Story (Robert Edgerton).

Celebration of Music Concert Series Upcoming Events - *Continued*

Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 3 p.m. | Trinity Lutheran Church
EMBELLISH: I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY BRENDA AUSTIN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



The Embellish Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Brenda E. Austin, presents an inspiring afternoon of music celebrating light, joy, and the changing season. Featuring lyrical originals, festive favorites, and dynamic handbell artistry, the program also includes a special collaboration with Trinity's Resound Bell Choir, creating a joyful and memorable musical experience.

This is a perfect way to begin enjoying some of your Christmas favorites and to hear them played by extraordinary handbell ringers. Their techniques will amaze, and their musicianship will bring to life cherished favorites and new compositions alike.

Concert Series Donors

Our gift to the community is to offer concerts with no ticket cost. You can help us sustain that tremendous gift by becoming a Concert Series Donor. Each concert program includes an updated donor list with recent contributions. Thank you to all of our faithful donors! Your gift is deeply appreciated and valued.

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The Overlook Gallery Presents: Artist Kathleen Bechtel

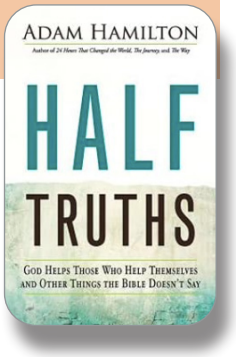


The Arts Committee is pleased to display the work of professional artist Kathleen Bechtel in the Trinity Overlook Gallery through October. Kathy is a local, well-known artist who has been a lifelong resident of the area. She grew up in Comstock Park and attended Kendall School of Design, majoring in illustration. Kathleen has studied with various workshop instructors that she admires and is part of a *plein air painting* group in the area. She feels that art is a form of communication and that it reflects the things that move the artist: "People will know me through my paintings. My paintings will speak to people I will never see or know. I am profoundly affected by this." She continues to create landscape, still-life, and figurative works from her home in Jenison, Michigan. Kathy's works are for sale, with 10% of sales going toward continuing the Trinity Arts initiative and permanent art collection.

Spiritual Growth

Pastor Jon's Adult Forum: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Through October 14

Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say

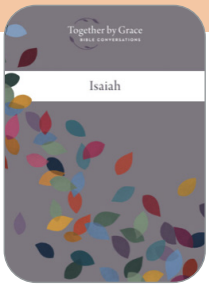


They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. In this study, we use Adam Hamilton's book to search for the whole truth by comparing these clichés with Scriptural wisdom:

God won't give you more than you can handle. (Sept. 30)
God said it, I believe it, that settles it. (Oct. 7)
Love the sinner, hate the sin. (Oct. 14)

Reading the book is not essential but will greatly contribute to your understanding. Please join us!

Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11 a.m.

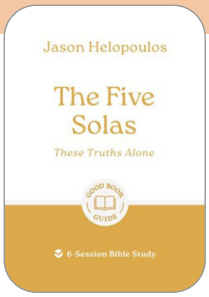


Join anytime! Contact Karen Unruh at karen@unruhfamily.net for more details.

Written over hundreds of years as God's people navigated war, exile, and homecoming, the **book of Isaiah** intertwines grief and hope, inviting readers and hearers across the centuries to join in God's lament over a broken world, to receive God's abundant love and overflowing grace, and to respond with joy to God's call to the work of justice and peace.

Together by Grace: Bible Conversations invites participants to gather together and engage with the text and one another. With guided conversations and open-ended questions, everyone is invited to share thoughts and experiences in these round table discussions that approach biblical stories honestly and build community.

Friday Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11 a.m.



Register by contacting Kris Fox at jklsafox@comcast.net

The Five Solas of the Reformation

As we approach another Reformation Day, we will learn how, 500 years ago, Europe was transformed by five key Biblical truths as the Reformers brought Christians back to the gospel. **Are these five solas (By Scripture Alone, In Christ Alone, By Grace Alone, Through Faith Alone, and Glory to God Alone) still relevant today?**

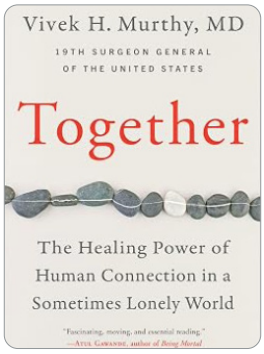
Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 7-8 a.m.

New participants welcome! Contact John Bradley at johnstuartbradley@gmail.com for details.

We are journeying together through an eight-week study of Matthew from the *Books of Faith Series*. Matthew's gospel speaks well to church communities today, identifying the church as founded by Jesus (16:18) and issuing practical instructions for practicing community (18:1-35).

Book Clubs & Faith in Civic Life

Tuesday Evening Book Club | Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 7 p.m.



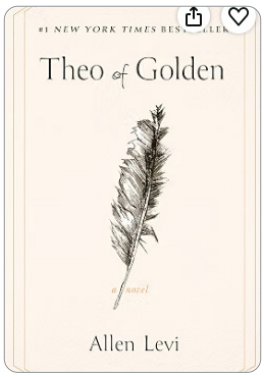
All ages/genders welcome! New members always welcome; come alone or bring a friend! Contact Corina Dulecki at cdulecki@gmail.com.

October: *Together* by Vivek H. Murthy

November: *The Bluest Eyes* by Toni Morrision

December: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

Friday Morning Women's Book Club | Meets the 2nd Friday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.



Join anytime! Contact Carol Hendricks at cahendricks14@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

October: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi — **Host:** Pam Gunderson and Kris Racek

November: *Whistler* by Ann Patchett — **Host:** Sue Coates and Kathy Sommers

December: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn — **Host:** Pam Sellers and Carol Hendricks



Faith in Civic Life

With increasing interest in how we as Christians can and should respond to issues in our society, we have structured our Faith in Civic Life offerings around speaker events and follow-up discussion circles to take place at **6:30 p.m. on the dates listed below.** The speaker events will be educational and will focus on one topic at a time. The discussion circles will explore Christ-centered responses and ELCA teachings related to the issue addressed. There will also be actionable items related to each topic so we can live out our mission of "God's Work. Our Hands".

October 5 - Discussion Circle: Voting and Elections
October 19 - Speaker Event: Christian Nationalism
November 2 - Discussion Circle - Christian Nationalism
November 16 - Speaker Event: Refugee Updates from Samaritas
December 7 - Discussion Circle: Refugee Care

Please join us! Reach out to Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley, Pastor Frank Rothfuss, Skip Franklin, or Carrie Wygmans with questions or suggestions.

Mark Your Calendar!

Workday in the Woods: October 3



For the last several years, Trinity members have been **restoring the forests and wetlands** surrounding our church. **From 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, October 3**, we will have our biannual Workday in the Wood to remove invasive species and chip many of these invasive trees and deadfall.

Please join us for an hour or more and see the results of these efforts, including the wetlands restoration, the new scattering garden, and the soon to be restored fire bowl and benches. No tools required, but gloves and sturdy shoes are recommended. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided.

Family Promise Presentation: October 4

Save the date! Join us on **Sunday, October 4,** between the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services in Centennial Hall for an **inspiring update from Kelsy Vining,** Director of Advancement at Family Promise of West Michigan. Kelsy will share how Family Promise is continuing to help kids and families navigate housing crises, from emergency shelter to long-term housing stability, and what they're seeing on the front lines of our community's growing housing needs. Most importantly, Kelsy will share how Trinity can be part of this work and make a meaningful difference for local families.

We hope you'll join us to learn, be inspired, and discover how we can make an impact together!

Dinner at Cascade Roadhouse: October 8



Please join us as we gather on **Thursday, October 8, at 5 p.m. at Cascade Roadhouse, 6817 Cascade Rd SE**. If you are 60 years or older, come and enjoy the evening with us.

Reservations are limited to the first 35 people. Contact Carol Butler at 616.540.1660 or caroljb43@me.com to make your reservation.

Men's Breakfast: October 17



The Men's Breakfast group is planning to gather again in the Courtyard fellowship area on Saturday, October 17 with breakfast beginning at 8 a.m.

Embracing the pattern of gathering once every quarter for food, study, and fellowship, the upcoming Men's Breakfast will include a full hot breakfast, a brief Bible study led by Pastor Jon, and **guest speaker David LaGrand, mayor of Grand Rapids.** Men of Trinity, watch your email and the eBlast for your invitation to sign up for our breakfast!

Mark Your Calendar!

Reformation Sunday: October 25



Lutheran Christians sometimes think of "the Reformation" as a singular historical event, beginning with Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg in 1517. While this was undoubtedly a pivotal moment (and the origins of the festival of Reformation Day) the reformers were conscious that their work would need to endure in every generation, empowered by the Holy Spirit. An enduring motto of Reformation is *"ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei*," "the church reformed, yet always reforming according to the Word of God."

Reformation Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate our heritage and commit ourselves to the ongoing reformation of the church: a church that is open to the needs of the world God loves, and seeks to remove every barrier for people to experience the love of Jesus Christ. Join us in festival worship on October 25!

All Saints Sunday: November 1



All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ.

As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ. At the Lord's Table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Each year on All Saints Sunday the people of Trinity gather to remember both those who have died and those newly baptized in our life together in the past year. Both emphases will be observed at the three services of Holy Communion on November 1. Be with us in worship!

Trinity Veterans Honored: November 8



Calling all Trinity members who have served in any of our military branches! Trinity honors our veterans each year by displaying our veterans' photo and a summary of their service.

If you have not yet submitted your photo and bio, please email or drop off to Tess Lundgren by **Sunday, November 1**.

Bio info should include: name, photo in uniform, current photo, military branch, rank, honors/ medals, campaigns/where you served, and length of service. Also, if it has been awhile since you submitted this information and you would like to update your current photo, you can submit a new photo to Tess. Submit photos in digital format if possible, or we can scan it into a digital format for you in the main office.

Children's Ministry



Register your PreK-5th grade child for Children's Ministry!

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Children's Ministry

Sunday School takes place within the framework of the 9:15 a.m. service. Using curriculum from Amazing+, children preschool through fifth grade hear stories from the Bible that connect them to God's Big Story of redemption through Jesus. Time together is focused on connecting with each other, learning about our place in God's Story, and having fun while doing it all! Use the QR code to get kids registered and to update your information.

The Trinity Nursery is open from 9 a.m.-noon. Nursery care during the 8 a.m. hour can be considered at request with advance inquiry via email to Nursery Coordinator, Carmen Wiseman.

Neighborhood Nights

During the month of October, in an effort to connect families who live in the same geographical area, Children's Ministry is working to coordinate "Neighborhood Nights." Trinity families from various parts of the greater Grand Rapids area will host outdoor gatherings for the sake of connecting and building community with other families in the "neighborhood." These gatherings might include things like yard games, board/card games, sidewalk chalk drawing competitions, dance parties, family trivia, and snacks or treats! It's up to the host to set the tone! Dates and times will be determined by family hosts and those details along with locations will be shared via email to those who have registered for the 2026-27 Children's Ministry program year. *(That's your cue to make sure to get registered!)*

Camp Sunday at Trinity is October 11!

Don't miss Camp Sunday, when staff from Living Waters Ministries/Stony Lake Camp will be helping to lead our children's programming that morning! Many Trinity kids have attended Stony Lake during the summer for overnight youth camp and have come back with amazing stories about how God met and grew them during that time. Camp can be an incredibly transformational place, but it can also feel like a big step to send our elementary kids off to overnight camp.

Living Water Ministries
Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

Through this "camp staff-led" Sunday, we hope to help families build connection to Stony Lake. If you are curious, this is a great time to find out more and get a glimpse of what camp might be like. Camp staff will lead us through our time together in ways that only camp staff can — with loads of energy and fun!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Stony Lake and the opportunities available to your child for Summer 2027. See you there!

Here's What Kids are Learning in October...

3-5 Year Olds: Game Time–God's Got It!



This month, our preschoolers will be hearing stories from the Bible about people who put their trust in God in situations that may have felt tricky, hard, or downright impossible! Through each story, kids will be asked the question, "Who's got it?" To which they will learn the answer is, "God's got it!"

The memory verse is: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).

October 4: I can trust God. (Moses and the Burning Bush, Exodus 3:1-4:17, 6:11)
October 11: I can trust God will show me the way. (Moses and the Sea, Exodus 13:17-18; 14)
October 18: I can trust God no matter what. (Elijah and the Widow, 1 Kings 17:1-16)
October 25: I can talk to God about anything. (King Hezekiah Prays to God, verses from Isaiah and 2 Kings)

Kindergarten-5th Grade: The Safe Place–God is My Strength



This month, our elementary-aged kids will hear stories from the Bible that put the power of God on display. God is for us and will be our strength when things feel bigger than us.

The memory verse speaks perfectly to that: "God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

October 4: God is strong, so I can be brave. (Israel Captures Jericho, Joshua 6:1-16, 20)
Question for preteens: What is a battle that God can help you with?

October 11: God is with me, so I can stand for what's true. (A Gold Statue and a Blazing Furnace, Daniel 3)
Question for preteens: What things have you seen that seem wrong or broken?

October 18: God is in control, so I can trust Him. (Jesus Calms the Storm, Mark 4: 36-41)
Question for preteens: What is something you can trust God with right now?

October 25: Jesus wins. (Jesus Has Won the Battle, John 16:33; Revelation 19:11-16)
Question for preteens: How does believing that Jesus has already won change how you see things?

Coming in November!



Sunday, November 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Stay and Play: Get Ready for Advent!

Three-year-old through fifth grade kids and their grown-ups are invited to stick around after Sunday School to have some fun while we prepare ourselves for the season of Advent. Write down the date and keep an eye out for more details!

Trinity Nursery Refresh — Want to Help?



Trinity's Nursery is being refreshed with much needed repairs and a new coat of paint, and we are hoping to refresh some of the furniture and toys as well! If you are interested in helping our Nursery Ministry, we have created an **Amazon wishlist** with items we would love to have in our space. If you'd prefer to give a monetary gift, please note in the memo line of your check that it is for the *Nursery Refresh Project*.

Check out the Amazon Wishlist here: https://a.co/07NPTcV0. Thank you for your support!

Middle School Youth News

October & November Confirmation Schedule:



October 4, 11, & 18 – Youth Group, 2-3 p.m.; Confirmation Class, 3-4:30 p.m.

October 25 – Service Project: Mulch Day, 3-5 p.m.

November 1 – Halloween Party, 5-8 p.m.

November 8 – No Class – Charge Weekend!

November 15 & 22 – Youth Group, 2-3 p.m.; Confirmation Class, 3-4:30 p.m.

November 29-January 3 – No Class – Thanksgiving & Christmas Break

Get text messages about our **middle school ministries!** Scan the QR code or text *ms2627* to 1.833.284.2204.

High School Youth News

HS Youth Group: Sunday Nights, 6:30-8 p.m.

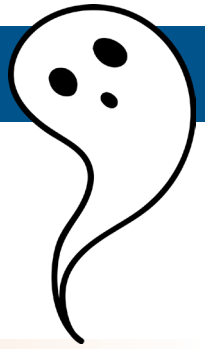
All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join us for youth group! Come have fun and conversation about how God is leading us in our lives. On **Sunday October 18**, we are going to The Great Escape Room (233 Fulton St. E, Suite 211). Bring your friends! We will be meeting there and getting picked up from there. RSVP to Pastor Dan so we book enough space.

Get text messages about our **high school ministries!** Scan the QR code or text *hs2627* to 1.833.284.2204.

Bible Study with Pastor Dan: October 4, 9:15 a.m.

See you on October 4 for our First Sunday of the Month Bible Study in the Youth Room during 9:15 a.m. worship. There will also be donuts and juice!

Middle & High School Activities



Halloween Party: Sunday, November 1, 5-8 p.m.

Join us for games, contests, food, a bonfire, and more! If you would like to help plan this event, please see Pastor Dan. Look for more details in the weekly emails/texts. All middle and high schoolers are welcome! If you would like to donate candy or other items, please connect with Pastor Dan or Kristen Lamprich.

Charge: November 6-8 at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City

High schoolers, middle schoolers, and friends are invited to join us for Charge: an impactful weekend put on by Living Water Ministries that focuses on helping youth in their journeys of faith and in building friendships. It's a lot like camp, but at a resort with a water park! We hope you can join us for this awesome experience. The cost is $210 (or 7 fundraising credits). There is a small additional cost to help cover food. Pastor Dan needs a $50 deposit ASAP to get you registered!

ELCA Youth Gathering: June 27-July 2 in Minneapolis, MN

The ELCA Youth Gathering is an amazing event that happens every three years and is the best way to experience the depth and breadth of the ELCA. Filled with powerful experiences and opportunities to learn, grow, connect, and have fun, you'll encounter God in powerful ways! Current 8-12th graders are invited to join us. **A $150 deposit is due by Sunday October 18 to reserve your spot.** The total cost is $1,200 or 40 fundraising credits, or a combination of these. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dan.

Holiday Bake Sale!



Are holidays a bit hectic? Wish you had more time? We can help!

Order your holiday pies and treats from Trinity Fellowship & Hospitality's Bake Sale this year. **We will have two Taste & Order sessions: Sunday, October 25 & Sunday, November 1.** The Taste & Order sessions will be located in the Narthex after each traditional service, and near the Trinity Library after the Rejoice service. Come have a nibble, place an order, and treat yourself to a little extra breathing room for the holidays – you deserve it! Pickups will be scheduled just before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Order for one holiday...or both!

All proceeds go to improving the Trinity kitchen. We appreciate your support!
You can still throw some flour on your clothes when serving your treats and no one will ever know!

Trinity Game Nights

Come join us for fun and games at Trinity Game Nights! We begin with our potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtyard, and then play games from 6-8:30 p.m. (ish). We have prizes -- plus, it's a known fact that candy bar prizes at church game nights have no calories!



Games vary from Bunco and Outburst, to trivia, Cover Your Assets, and more!

Ages 11 and up are welcome to come play. If you need sitters for younger kids, let Tess know a week or two in advance so care can be arranged. Use the QR Code to sign up or register through the weekly eBlast.

Upcoming Fun Dates: Saturday, October 17 & Saturday, November 14



Sneak Peek

Here are a few things your Fellowship & Hospitality Committee is planning for you:

November & December: Holiday Bake Sale
November 8: Veteran's Appreciation Reception
December 2, 9, 16: Advent Suppers
December 5: All-Congregation Events - Cookie Decorating & Christmas Traditions
(two separate events – come to one or both!)
December 12: Scandinavian Smörgåsbord

Health Ministries

Join Us Weekdays in the Commons For Connection & Movement!



Tai Chi – Tuesday & Thursday at 1 p.m.
Core Fitness & Flexibility – Monday & Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Suggested donation: $3/class or $20/month.

Contact Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley with questions or suggestions.

A Matter of Balance: Starts September 30

Trinity is hosting *A Matter of Balance*. This eight-week program is designed to help adults reduce the fear of falling, manage fall risks, and increase physical activity and confidence. It will be taught by professionals from Senior Neighbors. Class meets on **Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. beginning September 30.** There is no cost for the program. Reach out to Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley if you want to be included!

Immunization Sunday: October 11



Trinity is hosting an Immunization Clinic on **Sunday, October 11 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Library.** Corewell Health will have **flu** and **COVID** vaccines for our members/guests ages five and above. Appointments are needed to ensure enough vaccines are set aside for us. **Visit https://tinyurl.com/37ewjs2f** for details and registration. Let's stay well together! Connect with Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley with questions.

Care & Share: October 20



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, October 20 at 10:30 a.m.** at Trinity. Connect with Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley with questions or concerns.

Fall CPR Training: October 25



Ushers, nursery workers, staff, Council members, and Trinity volunteers are invited to CPR/AED & First Aid Training. Our fall class will take place Sunday, October 25 from 1-3 p.m. There is no cost to you; all fees are covered by Health Ministries.

Our Family Activities Coordinator, James Morin (also our Red Cross Certified CPR Instructor), will facilitate this training. Class size is limited so register early. Secure your spot at **https://tinyurl.com/3y66tskv**.

James will email you information that includes about two hours of reading and online testing to be done **prior to** the hands-on training session. Please direct questions to Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley.

Food For Thought: November 4
Loneliness, Faith, & Connection



You're invited to our next **Food for Thought** event on **Wednesday, November 4 from 6-7:30 p.m.** We'll enjoy a meal and then explore the loneliness epidemic and how we can improve health outcomes by creating meaningful connections, especially within our faith community.

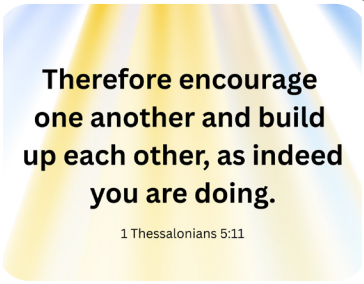
- 6-6:45 p.m. - Taco/Nacho Bar
- 6:45-7:30 p.m. - Presentation and conversation facilitated by Kristin Bradley

Dinner will be provided for those who **sign up at https://tinyurl.com/2rmf93nn**.

This event is sponsored by our Health Ministries committee and if offered for no cost thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant! Connect with Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley with questions.

Coping With Chronic Conditions

There is a new group forming at Trinity to provide people living with unseen chronic illnesses a safe, faith-centered space to share, pray, and encourage one another. For more information, connect with Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley.



A-B-Cs of Stephen Ministry



Adjust: *To adapt or conform to new conditions.* Have you, or has someone you know, recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, a new baby, a new boss, a new house, a separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, a death, a best friend who has moved?

Balance: *Stability produced by even distribution of weight or forces.* Our lives are delicately balanced. A small shift in one area of life can set us off balance. A major change can send us spinning out of control.

Change: *To give a radically different position, course, or direction.* Changes can be difficult, especially when they are unexpected.

Remember, our Stephen ministers are trained and available to serve people as they face changes in their lives just as Galatians 5:13 calls on us to serve and be served:

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another.

Stephen Ministers listen and care and, most importantly, bring the stability of Jesus' love and grace into people's lives. If your life or that of someone you know has shifted out of balance, consider Stephen Ministry. Our Faith Community Nurse Kristin Bradley, or Stephen Leader Beth Vanderwall (jvander005@gmail.com) are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Opportunities to Support Church & Community

Volunteer at In The Image

In The Image provides gently used clothing, housewares, furniture, and appliances to families in need. Come volunteer with other members of Trinity on **Monday, October 5 from 1-3 p.m. and Thursday, October 15 from 10 a.m.-noon.** Meet at In The Image (4255 Kalamazoo Ave SE). Contact Cindy Zientarski with inquiries.

Donate Coats, Outerwear & Blankets



Is it already time think about going through last year's winter clothing?! Share the warmth! We are collecting clean, gently used, or new coats, outerwear (mittens, gloves, scarves, boots, snow pants), and blankets during the months of September and October to help people served by local agencies stay warm this winter. Samaritas, Exodus, Dégagé Ministries, AYA, YouthBuild, Family Promise, and In The Image receive our Trinity donations. You can place your items in the labeled bins in the Narthex or by the office/west entrance. If you have questions, please contact Discipleship and Outreach Coordinator Cindy Zientarski. Monetary donations are welcome! Please note *Coat and Blanket Drive* in the memo. Thank you!

"God's Work. Our Hands." Recap



What a nice turnout of adults and children who not only assembled the items in the **gift bags** that were donated to the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids, but also decorated the bags, gift tags, and cards with love and appreciation for our veterans who have served our country. Eighty bags were delivered and were filled with items such as body wash, puzzle books, t-shirts, shaving cream, hats, socks, Crystal Light packets, candy bars and other snack items, as well as craft kits for coasters and suncatchers. Gretchen Muir, who is the volunteer coordinator at the home in Grand Rapids, was so excited and appreciative of these gifts and wanted to thank us so much for thinking of them.

All September Long! We have 500 lunch bags to decorate for Kids Food Basket. Look for the Table in the corner of the Courtyard. Supplies and ideas for decorating are offered on the table. ALL ARE WELCOME TO DRAW, COLOR OR SIMPLY WRITE AN ENCOURAGING NOTE. Some of the children use these bags to decorate their room!





Opportunities to Support Church & Community

Canned Fruit and Veggie Drive

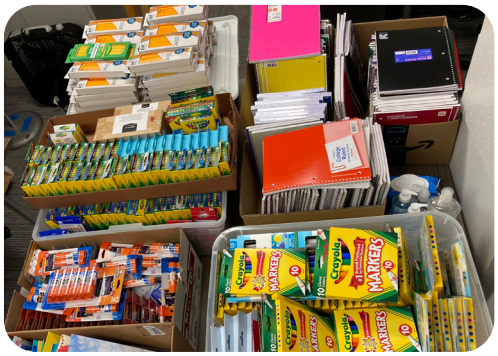
A **big** thanks to all who donated canned fruit and veggies and monetary donations for Baxter Community Center in August!

A grand total of 924 CANS were delivered!



Thank You!

Thank you for your amazing generosity in donating 85 pairs of pants and lots of school supplies for Congress Elementary students! During July and August, we collected 5,500+ crayons, 300 glue sticks, 134 boxes of Crayola markers, 3,000+ pencils, 130 spiral notebooks, 166 two-pocket folders, 450+ colored pencils, 55 boxes of tissue, and 350+ ounces of hand sanitizer. Because of the many other organizations in Grand Rapids who have stepped up to aid schools like Congress, we were able to donate some of our items to Godfrey Lee Elementary in Wyoming, Family Promise, SECOM, and Samaritas. Monetary donations were used to purchase and fill 10 backpacks with extra items for older children, which were given to Samaritas for New American students.









Opportunities to Support Church & Community

Outreach Spotlight: Exalta Health

Exalta Health (formerly Health Intervention Services until their name change in 2017) is a Christian nonprofit healthcare center that began 30 years ago when a small group of physicians, nurses, and social workers were motivated to open the doors of a health care facility with a simple, but powerful belief: "Everyone is a child of God and deserves access to compassionate, high-quality care." They also had a mission to serve those who were falling through the cracks in the healthcare system – the uninsured, underinsured, and the refugee community in West Michigan. Their healthcare model includes physical, vision, dental, behavioral, and spiritual care services and promotes wellness for all. Over 70% of the patients they now serve are uninsured and with Medicaid changes coming, they expect that number will grow. They are committed to ensuring that "everyone in our community, regardless of legal status, income, or insurance coverage, has access to high-quality medical and dental care."

Trinity continues to support this much needed service in our community through quarterly benevolence funding. Exalta continues to look forward with new initiatives in their community-based care and focus on how to partner with schools, churches, and other community organizations to improve outcomes for the families they serve.

You may learn more about Exalta's mission and work in the community, tour the clinic, meet members of the team, and hear inspiring stories by attending a gathering (includes coffee and donuts) on **November 12 at 10 a.m.** at the clinic located at 2060 South Division Ave. **Register at exaltahealth.org/events.**

Exalta Health is also celebrating 30 years with a dinner and reception on **Thursday, October 29** at The Goei Center, where they will honor those lives that have been transformed over the years and recognize partners who have made their work possible. You may register for this event at **exaltahealth.org.**

Quilt Blessing

Please join us in worship on Sunday, October 11 for a special Blessing of Quilts! Quilts made by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilters and TLC Quilters will be shipped to areas of need worldwide.

This year, a total of 126 quilts will be shipped!



October Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

October 1
Stephanie Bonjour
Lee Schomberg
Ella Severns
Schuyler Severns
Julie Williams
Nick Zientarski
Charles & Kimberly Burke
Jim & Cheryl Reeve

October 2
Kevin Gingras
Andrew Maternowski
Sandra Reichert
Kara Seyffert
Jamie Stevenson
Emma Walsh
Chris & Jeanne Becker
Jim & Wendy Mielock
Steve & Beth Olson

October 3
Awilda Diaz
Phil Lamb
Lynda Schuen
Joel Westra
Cathy & Bruce Olson
Fred & Shawn Ulreich

October 5
Judy Cisler
Sue Coates — ***Happy 90th!***
Liliana Feutz
Morrie Fongers
Brett Kulas
Rod Stanard

October 6
Mollie Brandstadt
Leo Ditchcreek
Arlette Johnson
Joan Walls
Ryan & Lolly Hatkowski
Jack & Sandra Reichert

October 7
Evelyn Gingras
Curtis Hahn
Bill Stouten
Annie & Trent Slabaugh

October 8
David Mester
Benita Muganza
Linda Ritch
Michael & Amy Bishop
David & Kari Fast
Wes & Amy Hill
John & Mary Leese
Bill & Sylvia Stouten

October 9
David Beckett
Kristy Bennett
Jim Boles
Joanne Brouse
Pam Burkle
Sharon Hoebeke
Bob Leeser
Jude Westra
Chad & Rachel Zollman

October 10
Ally Becker
Dave & Julie Murray

October 11
Dennis Diener
Jordan Knoll
Liam Selleck
Sandra Sudak
Calvin & Lauren Ice
Shad & Kristen Selleck

October 12
Makenna Beckett
Nora Robach

October 13
Tom Mannisto
Ann Morin
Eloise Oster
Karen Palaszek
Joyce Schlanderer
Doug & Dawn Brackmann
Richard & Mary Beth Mencarelli

October 14
Lisa Wiseman
Nicco Yoder
Patrick & Jacquie Murray

October 15
Sydney Fisher
Marcy Larson
Norm Palm

October 16
Laura Cairns
Megan Gohlke
Cassie Hartline
Isaac Stephan
Craig & Stacey Curtiss
Doug & Amy Vander Woude

October 17
Marcia McClimans
Curtis & Jill Hahn

October 18
Aaron Breaugh
Charles Burke
Brendan Cargill
Grace Greiner
Andy Heaford
Rebecca Marquardt
Dan & Karen Legault

October 19
Angela Davis
Gretchen Pleyte

October 20
Crew Kleiman
Daphne Murray
Jean Waide

October 21
David & Judy DeStefano
Mike & Biruta Fessenden

October 22
Acadia Platt
Ginger Young
Rachel Dahlgren & Matt Lemaitre
Steve & Joni Korb

October 23
Katelyn Breaugh
Brandon Schultz
Jack Sommers
Tom & Judy Cisler
Dick & Joyce McKenzie

October 24
Don Bushman
Bill Mattson
Linda Taffs
Joanna Waite

October 25
Alexis Schewe

October 26
Isaac McKinney
William McLeod
Cyrus Pugh
Phil & Kelly Wittry

October 27
Jenn Becker
Nick Brandstadt
Audrey Coles

October 28
Carol Eriksen

October 29
Bob Heine
Bill Stroh
Dale & Lisa Barkema

October 30
Amy Bishop
Dan Butler
Carl Mielock

October 31
Lainey Atkinson
Robert Ferguson
Chad Zollman



If you have a special milestone birthday or anniversary, please contact the main office at Trinity to let us know!

Outdoor Worship & Annual Blessing of the Animals: October 4

On Sunday, October 4, we will have outdoor worship at 10:45 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

This outdoor worship will also include the annual Blessing of the Animals. This blessing is a way to thank God for the companionship and joy we receive from our furry friends and to recognize them as a beloved part of God's creation, in whom we see God's goodness and handiwork. Bring your pet along if they would be comfortable outside for an hour, or bring a photo to represent them instead.

If you would prefer to worship inside that day, the 8 and 9:15 a.m. services will be offered as usual.



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