



Trinity Trumpet

August 2024

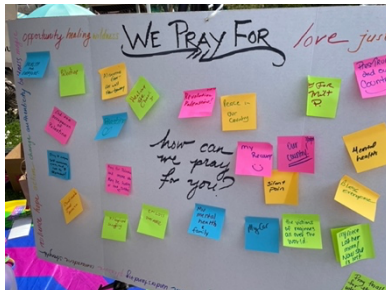
Inclusion



We believe God created all of humanity in God’s image. Since every person is made in the image of God, every person is part of God’s family. Whatever your gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, income, mental or physical ability, age, religious background, nationality, or political ideology, you are welcome here. Diversity of skills, gifts, talents, opinions, and experiences are what strengthen the body of Christ. “For all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28b).

As has been our practice, in July the Council began our meeting with a discussion of our core value Inclusion. A thoughtful discussion included the ways we welcome everyone through our doors.

- Our first thoughts went to our participation in Pride Fest on July 20. We shared our table with St. Peter and First Congregational. It was great to be a part of this growing celebration here in Battle Creek. We had Booth #1 so everyone entering saw us first! Lots of folks stopped and read the items on our table and we had a chance to share our love of everyone in God’s family. On Sunday morning during our service, Jeff Andert shared some of the “prayer stickies” that were left at the table.



- We also discussed ways to make the Battle Creek community aware that we are open and affirming. Contact BC Pride about rotating services? If you have any ideas, please share with any Council member.

Summer Worship Leadership for August

August 4: Pastor Cheri Johnson preaching (Communion)

August 11: Tresa Garver preaching

August 18: Pastor Kjersten returns

Bible Chat Returns

Bible Chat will return via Facebook Live at 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 20, and in person at 10:30am and 5:30pm on Wednesday, August 21. All are welcome to attend any session and to join in a lively discussion of the Bible readings for the following Sunday.



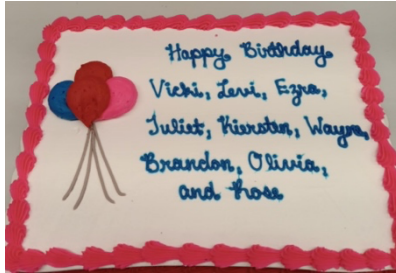
Baby Sullivan



Nik Sullivan is looking forward to meeting all his new Trinity friends soon, but in the interim, here's an update. Closing in on six weeks old, he is growing like a weed. His favorite activities include eating, making faces at Travis, and looking at black and white pictures. Baths are also growing in popularity. He's working hard at smiling and learning to control his arms. The cats are both big fans of their new baby friend.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 1

Birthday celebrations and cake continued!!! Happy Birthday Art, Vicki, Levi, Ezra, Juliet, Kjersten, Wayne, Brandon, Olivia and Rose.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 2

We traveled to St. Peter for a joint service on Sunday, July 28. In addition to our two joint services during Pastor Kjersten's leave, Pastor Ed has provided pastoral care during her absence. Being Trinity Lutheran Church, we took a cake to say THANK YOU!! After a wonderful sermon celebrating disruptive disciples, we all enjoyed sharing conversation and piece of cake with our friends at our sister congregation.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 3



The harvest of the Trinity Garden has begun!! Look for the fresh vegetables in the narthex to take home as a yummy addition to your summertime meals.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 4

Our front lawn was busy in July! In addition to our weekly Freeze Pop Tuesdays (still time to join the fun from 2 – 4 through August 13), Saturday, July 27, was the Co-Op/Trinity Picnic followed by a Substance Abuse Council “Be Drug Free” activity for our neighborhood on Monday, July 29.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 5



This summer we've been beginning our service by sharing God Moments. At Road Runners in July, we visited Suipi's, a delightful Burmese restaurant. Besides a yummy lunch, we were all entertained by the owner Suipi and her cheerfulness. Just as we were preparing to leave, she asked if we were all Lutherans. She shared with us that when she first immigrated to the US there was a Lutheran organization that helped her. In addition to a wonderful lunch, we were reminded about the many ways God works through us.

ROAD RUNNERS



On **August 15** the Road Runners will be meeting at **Cracker Barrel**, on Beckley Rd @ **11:30 am**. Come and join in on lively conversation and have a great meal. Bring a friend or two!!

Wayne

FED Returns

FED (Fed by the Word of God then Fed by Food) returns on **Thursday, August 15, at 5:30**. Gloria Kolodzieizyck will be leading the event with a theme of Harvest. Come and enjoy faith, fellowship and food!

God's Work Our Hands Sunday



Sunday, September 8: An opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Mark your calendars - plans are being finalized!

St. Peter Pantry

Friends,

Many of you know the large number of families St. Peter Lutheran is serving every Tuesday, 130 per week. It has grown. With its growth comes the need for additional volunteers to help serve the families.



This is a great community ministry so I am bold to ask each of you to prayerfully consider giving of your time for this ministry. We are looking for people who might help on Tuesdays from 2-4:30 p.m. It can be only one Tuesday per month or more. We really would welcome any help at this time. Men and women are needed.

If you have questions please contact me. If you want to volunteer, email me. Thanks for considering this request.

Blessings and peace.

Lynn Kracht

Coffee Hour Reminder



Sign up to host Coffee Hour to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, an important event happening, or to just to do it. You can also bring snacks to put on the table. Check with Mary to see if we are needing cups, paper plates, napkins or plastic ware.



RECIPE CORNER

Broccoli Salad From the Kitchen of Jeanne Masten*

Ingredients:

Broccoli Flowerets
4 Eggs, Chopped
Crumbled Bacon

Dressing:

1 C. Oil
5 T Vinegar
½ Tsp Dry Mustard
2 T Sugar
1 Tsp Parsley
Garlic Powder to taste

Make the dressing ahead of time and allow to sit at least 6 hours.

Combine the flowerets, chopped eggs and crumbled bacon in a bowl. Pour the dressing over just as you're getting ready to serve.

*Dick and Jeanne Masten along with their 3 daughters and 2 sons were long term members of Trinity. Many of us have memories of social gatherings at their home which included lots of fellowship and laughs.

Synod Learning Opportunity

Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod announces the next session of our Adult Theological Education program: Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year. Join the Rev. Amy E. Reumann, ELCA Witness in Society Senior Director, for a six-week study starting September 3, 2024!

The Rev. Amy E. Reumann serves as ELCA Senior Director for Witness in Society in Washington, D.C. Her leadership directs staff and church advocacy in federal public policy, through the ELCA-affiliated state public policy office (sppo) network, at the United Nations through Lutheran Office for World Community representation, and with the ELCA Corporate Social Responsibility program. She has served as a parish pastor, Assistant to the Bishop in Milwaukee, Wis., director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania and is a former intern at the Lutheran Office for World Community. Reumann is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and the General Theological Seminary, New York City. She was awarded a GreenFaith Fellowship in religious-environmental leadership and a Louisville Institute Pastoral Studies Grant on “Public Testimony as a Faith Practice.” Reumann is a Master Gardener, manager at an urban farm and loves to garden, quilt, hike and read mysteries.

“Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year” is an opportunity to hear from the Rev. Amy E. Reumann on civic engagement intersections and opportunities in our faith journey. Core affirmation of our baptism is to “serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus” and “to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” Informed by our discipleship, “We have a responsibility not only to fulfill our private roles and functions in life, and to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2), but also to be civically engaged,” relays the ELCA social message on government and civic engagement.

The class will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings: September 3, 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:15pm ET via Zoom. This course is open to all adults, both laypeople and rostered ministers, and is free of charge. Sessions will be recorded. Registration is required and will close on August 24, 2024. For more information and to register, visit the Mitten Synod website at <https://www.mittensynod.org/events/adult-theological-education/>.

August Prayer Partners

We are praying weekly for Lutheran Congregations in our Synod. Our prayer partners for May are:



August 4 – Peace Lutheran Church, South Haven, Rev. Travis Wilson

August 11 – Peace Lutheran Church, Sparta, Rev. Julie Winklepleck,
Supply Pastor

August 18 – New Life Lutheran Church, Spruce, Supply Pastors

August 25 – Spruce Lutheran Church, Spruce, Rev. Leslie Nye,
Contracted Supply

Worship Volunteers & Readings for August

Lay Assistants, Sound Board

August 4 – LA: Tresa Garver/Teresa
Momenee-Young

Sound: Ellis Cutler

Streaming: John Kolodizieyck

August 11 – LA: Gloria Kolodizieyck

Sound: John Kolodizieyck

Streaming: Doug Martens

August 18 – LA: Mary Conklin

Sound: Ellis Cutler

Streaming: John Kolodizieyck

August 25 – LA: Linda Hermann

Sound: John Kolodizieyck

Streaming: Travis Sullivan

Readings

2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12:13a

Psalm 51: 1 – 12

Ephesians 4: 1 – 16

John 6: 24 – 35

2 Samuel 18: 5 – 9, 15, 31 – 33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2

John 6:35, 41 – 51

1 Kings 2: 10 – 12, 3: 3 – 14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5: 15 – 20

John 6: 51 – 58

1 Kings 8: [1,6,10 – 11] 22 – 30, 41 – 43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

John 6: 56 – 69

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

8/17 – Mary Conklin



Anniversaries

8/1 Dick & Connie Everson

8/6 – Louis & Teresa Young

8/12 – Steven & Kathy Millard

8/24 – Ellis & Sharon Cutler

8/24 – John & Gloria Kolodzieizyck

8/28 – Art Yates & Tresa Garver

Prayer Requests

COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler

Pam Ellison-Kring

Linda Hermann

Tish Gancer

Kathy Chapman

IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Jim Hines (Maxine's Nephew)



OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH TRINITY

Trinity's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/trinity.church.581>

"Like" the Trinity Facebook page to follow events and activities.

WEBSITE

Trinity website: <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org>

Check out the **What's New** tab to see the latest events going on at Trinity. You can also find transcripts of Pastor Kjersten's sermons under the **Worship** tab.

TRUMPET

To update your newsletter email/mail preferences, contact Pastor Kjersten at pastor@tlcbattlecreek.org or 963-5356. Let us know if you would like to be added our quarterly mailing list to receive a color brochure of what's new at Trinity.

ONLINE GIVING

Trinity now has online giving. Simply go to Trinity's website, <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org> and click on the yellow button that says "Donate" on the bottom left corner of the page. Or go to Trinity's Facebook page and click on the blue button that says "Donate" on the right side of the page.

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