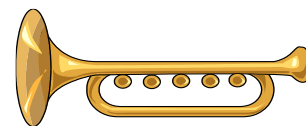




TRINITY TRUMPET

June 2022



Pastor's Letter

Last weekend (May 29), I was in Buffalo, NY to run the Buffalo Marathon. Like a lot of marathons I've done, this one started with someone singing the national anthem. Unlike a lot of marathons I've done, this time the poor singer lost his place halfway through the song. He skipped the second verse, realized his mistake a few words into the third, tried to find his way back, said a few sounds that were not words, and then stopped for a second and said, "can I start over?" To his incredible credit, he started not at the beginning, but at the skipped second verse. He did then proceed to skip the third verse, but he finished strong, the fireworks went off, and we were off. It was a memorable send-off to a race, to say the least.

Oddly, this bumbling start got me thinking about the book of Acts. Throughout the season of Easter, we've been reading snippets from how the early church started. We've seen its bumbling enthusiasm, Peter's epiphany that "God shows no partiality," followed by his struggles with showing partiality. Paul—first Saul the zealot, struck blind, then converted, then at times almost too aggressively dedicated to his mission. The Ethiopian eunuch teaching Philip about welcome. Dorcas and Tabitha expanding the church's understanding of who could be leaders. On Pentecost, we see the event that started this new period in God's mission, the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples, causing them to "speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

What I think we can take from the book of Acts, what I hope we take from the book of Acts, is that the coming of the Spirit didn't cause the disciples to get it right every time any more than literally having Jesus walking alongside them had. Faith was still a bumbling experience, understanding mixed with doubt, hope tangled up in fear, clarity and confusion meandering side by side.

At synod assembly last month, in conversations with colleagues, and in conversations with many of you, variations of the same question have been emerging over and over again, it seems the church is changing, but how is it changing and what will it look like when it does? I don't think we get answers to those questions any more than Peter, Paul, Philip, Dorcas, or Tabitha did. What I think we do get is the same promise Jesus gave the disciples in John's Gospel, that the Holy Spirit, will "abide with [us], and will be in [us]."

I admire the bravery of the Buffalo anthem singer. He screwed up the lyrics, started over, missed them again, and still finished strong. May we approach the work God calls us to with the same determination.

Peace,
Pastor Kjersten

CADENCE

A cadence in music is the ending of a musical phrase. It could be the end of the entire piece, but not necessarily. It unwinds. I often think of it as being put down gently, instead of an abrupt jolt as the phrase finishes. The next phrase lifts us up and moves again as we feel the ebb and flow, like life itself.

My time at Trinity has come to a cadence point. It's extremely sad for me to think of this, but it needn't be thought of in negative terms. Life goes on. As the cadence unwinds, it's picked up by another musician and that wonderful pulse of music in our veins continues. We remember with great tenderness the tremendous fun we had together, the meaningful music-making we did and how we created worship experiences felt by everyone present.

I must say that Trinity gave me an optimistic outlook on the role of the church. I had come from three full-time positions as Director of Music over a span of 31 years. By the nature of a church that can support a musician in a full-time job, it demands a fairly large church. With that size often comes administrative hoops to maneuver and sometimes the important goals of a church get lost in all the gymnastics that are being done. In the next 15 years at Trinity, my feelings were renewed that a church could make a difference in the people that enter its doors and in the community that it serves. I thank you for that. Very much.

You have so much to offer. Don't underestimate yourselves because you are a smaller congregation. Just keep looking at your main reason to be in existence and let your decisions hinge on that fact. God will continue to bless you and those you serve.

In Christ's Name, love and peace to you all,

David Lipps
Director of Music

BON VOYAGE DAVID LIPPS! Sunday, June 12th, 11:45 am

Join us after worship on Sunday, June 12th, for a Bon Voyage potluck celebration of David's fifteen years of ministry with us and to send him off on his next adventure. Here is a link to the online sign up to bring a dish to pass: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SDQl6vMz4HF0hl2LF06eSmokPgsmSBZ_B0tBuofbi6o/edit?usp=sharing. There is also a sign-up sheet in the entryway of the church. Help us say thank you for so much fun!





Freeze Pop Tuesdays

Starting June 7!!!

Every Tuesday, 2 pm to 4 pm

It's time once again for the return of everyone's favorite summer tradition, FREEZE POP TUESDAYS!!! Starting this Tuesday, June 7th, come by Trinity every Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm to enjoy a Freeze Pop, play some yard games, color with chalk, and enjoy the beautiful Michigan summer.



Summer Neighborhood Walks with Pastor

Michigan summers are amazing, and Pastor Kjersten is always looking for excuses to get out of the office and enjoy the sunshine. Come take a walk with her. We will walk as long or as short as you want, dog / kids / etc. invited. We can pick up trash, meet neighbors, or just stretch and enjoy the sunshine. Catch her with her calendar (phone) to pick a time that works for you.



Roadrunners on the Road

11:30 am, Thursday, June 16

R&R Grill

1089 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014

After a couple months of enjoying food and fellowship in the Social Hall, the Roadrunners are back on the road again. In June we're headed less than a mile up Michigan Ave to the R&R Grill. This nondescript little blue building boasts classic diner favorites in a friendly and comfortable setting. Come check it out and enjoy lunch with some Trinity friends.

2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule

- June 16- R&R
- July 21- Bob Evans
- August 18- Lucky Rooster
- September 22- J B Whiskey
- October 20- Turkeyville
- November 17- TBA
- December 15- Clara's on the River (6:00pm)

Wayne Walentowski





Family Camp Returns!

Planning Meeting Wednesday, June 8, 1 pm



After two years, we're finally able to bring back another favorite summer tradition, Family Camp! Family Camp is an all-ages Vacation Bible School experience. Families travel together through stations to play games, make crafts, and learn about God's work through the ELCA around the world. This year's theme is Tree of Healing, and it looks at various forms of health, physical, mental, emotional, in all different forms.

Wednesday, June 8 will be a first organizational meeting to set dates, figure out the format and start the planning. Not available on June 8th but want to help? No problem! Tell Pastor Kjersten and she will make sure you are included in all future planning.

Woman's Co-op Graduation 5pm. Thursday, June 30, 2022 Trinity Lutheran Church

Dear Trinity Family,

Our 2022 Graduation theme is "a house with a crowded table." With room by the fire for everyone. The door is always open. Your picture is on my wall, everyone is a little broken but everyone still belongs. As we were planning the event, we couldn't help but reflect on how Trinity Lutheran Church and its congregation has been the house for our crowded table for nearly 20 years. An you have managed to do it with such beauty and grace, that we have become one family at a crowded table.

Thank you!
Love, Co-op



Come and see what you have made possible with your generosity and support.

Annual Graduation
Thursday, June 30th
5:00 p.m.

Woman's Co-op
Trinity Lutheran Church
2055 E. Columbia
Battle Creek, MI
269-966-8988



**Woman's Co-op Mommy and Me Playgroup Starting
Every other Tuesday, June 7 through August 11
11 am to 1 pm**

Woman's Co-op is start a playground on Tuesdays this summer for moms and their babies to social and support each other. Each session will have an activity for moms and kids to do together as well as a snack and plenty of time for fellowship. Trinity members are invited to come, lead an activity, or just hang out, snuggle babies, play with toddlers, and offer a listening ear to new mommies. Contact Woman's Co-op for more information: 269-966-8988.

**St. Thomas Breakfast Program
Saturday, July 9**

Next Dates: August 13, October 8, Nov. 12

Trinity and St. Peter are once again partnering up to serve our neighbors by helping out at the St. Thomas Breakfast Program. In the winter, breakfast is served on Saturday mornings. St. Thomas is transitioning back to an in-person meal inside the social hall. This means more volunteers will be needed for each shift. I believe it is still 3-4 starting at 7 am, but then closer to 6-8 starting at 8 am. Breakfast is served until 10 am, with some clean up after. Masks will be optional for both volunteers and guests. Linn Kracht from St. Peter is organizing the effort. Contact Linn at ldkracht@gmail.com to volunteer.



Trinity Community Garden



Once again Trinity's Outreach Team has planted a community garden. The garden will provide fresh vegetables for the St. Pete food pantry, our neighbors at GeorgeTown Estates, the Woman's COOP and to members of our congregation. New this year, we have also entered into a partnership with members of the Congolese refugee community who have recently settled in Battle Creek to share space with their community garden. You won't see much action out there yet. They want to plant food they are familiar with, and are waiting on shipping for seeds from Africa. But in the next couple of weeks, things should get buzzing. They have the two western-most plots, while Trinity's garden is the eastern one. There is also a Co-op member working a newly created small bed on the south end where the pavers used to be. Come around back and see what sorts of things are coming up. Want to work the garden? Doug Martens and John Kolodizieyck are out there Tuesdays and Thursdays. Talk to either of them to lend a hand.



Wednesday Bible Chats

The weather is nice, the snowbirds are back, and our options for Bible chats are wide open. Do we want to continue on Zoom (because it's super easy), do we want to come back in person (because it's nice to see more faces), is Wednesday at 6 pm a good time, or is there a better time?

With so many questions, Pastor Kjersten has create a poll. You can access the poll one the Trinity Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/trinity.church.581>. Or send Pastor a note, call, however, with your vote. The choices are:

- 1) Stay on Zoom, it's so easy! 6 is good.
- 2) In person, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
- 3) In person, Wednesdays at 6 pm
- 4) Zoom—a different time/day (comment with preferred time/day)
- 5) In person—a different time/day (comment with preferred time/day)

While we wait for poll results, Bible chat continues for the next few weeks at the normal times. At 10:30 am, Pastor Kjersten goes on Facebook Live to share some of the things the texts have her pondering. Then at 6:00 pm, we gather on Zoom for conversation on the text. Both of these are great chances to bring your questions and hear what others are thinking. You might even hear your ideas in the next Sunday sermon.

Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther Indoor Walking and Prayer Group Tuesdays, June 14 & 28 at 1 pm

Are you someone for whom walking is the best form of exercise? Have you always wanted to study the bible while reflecting on the beautiful and unique qualities of our Lutheran faith? If you answered yes to either question, please join Tresa Tulley for a new walking group, Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther.

The purpose of the group is simply to maintain or increase or physical mobility by walking or rolling inside the church. We will meet together at 1 pm to walk inside the social hall at your own pace and distance. At the start of our time together, we will read a Psalm. The hope is that meditating on the Psalm will strengthen our hearts in the same way that walking/rolling through the church will strengthen our muscles. I hope you will join Jesus, Martin Luther, and me (Tresa) as we meditate on the Psalms and maneuver through the church.



News to Know

Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday, June 5

This Sunday, June 5, we celebrate the coming of the Spirit among us on Pentecost, and how that same Spirit is still moving through us, empowering us to continue the work that Jesus was doing before his ascension, the work of revealing God to the world. Red is the color of the Spirit, it reminds us of the tongues of fire that descended on the disciples, and the fire that burns within each of us. On Pentecost Sunday, we wear red as a visible representation of the Spirit among us.

Covid Worship Update

As we continue to journey through the pandemic, Trinity Council continues to keep a close eye on the spread of illness in our community. As of last Thursday (May 26), Calhoun County was at 212 cases per 100,000. Most crucial for the CDC's new community level guidelines, we had 12 new hospital admissions per 100,000 residents and 5% of hospital beds were in use by Covid-19 positive patients. This puts Calhoun County in the High Community Level. CDC recommendations for communities in the high level are to mask indoors, test if you show symptoms, and wear a well-fitting mask especially if you are immunocompromised. Given this, Trinity is continuing to strongly encourage mask wearing during worship. We will also start opening the doors to the outside during coffee hour—to allow for better air flow while people are eating and drinking, and move chairs outside for those who want to socialize in the beautiful Michigan sunshine.

As always, we remember that each of us have different levels of comfort and need when it comes to our health, so please respect wherever each other is at. If you would rather remain home during this time of heightened illness, Facebook Live continues to be available. If you want to be at worship, but wearing a mask for the length of the service is too difficult for you, you are more than welcome to take off your mask as you need to.

New Directories Coming

New directories will be coming out in July. If you know of an update from the current directory (fall of 2020 was the most recent one), please let Pastor Kjersten know.

Questions and Curiosities

By Tresa Tulley

Welcome to Questions and Curiosities. This article will appear in the newsletter every other month. The purpose of the article is to explore areas of interest to all of us from a biblical perspective. Wishing to be in unison with the church's calendar, Pastor Kjersten and I determined that Pentecost would be an appropriate topic for the introductory article.

What is Pentecost?

In John 14:15-17, Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them a helper so they could teach others about Christ. The day of Pentecost was the first time this helper, who we know as the Holy Spirit, began to work in the lives of the first believers.

A second miraculous event that happened at Pentecost was that people from different areas who did not speak the same language were able to understand what was being said. They could then share their feelings in constructive ways.

Were you aware that June 1, 2022, was the official start of hurricane season? I say this to point out that things happen in the world that can be both beautiful and/or devastating. In an article titled "Finding a New Normal: Helping Adolescents Cope After Natural Disasters" written by Sabrina Riera and Vive Siegel [published in the National Environmental Health Association Journal], the reader is asked to recall that three large hurricanes named Maria, Harvey, and Irma, impacted the United States and its territories in 2017. These hurricanes caused not only flooding and loss of power, but also impacted the mental health of the children who lived through them. "A 2018 survey of public-school students in Puerto Rico administered 5-9 months after Hurricane Maria made landfall showed that 7.2% of children and adolescents in grades 3-12 reported symptoms of clinically significant Post Traumatic Stress Disorder."

I know we don't have hurricanes in Michigan. But there are children in our community who have gone through some form of trauma. One thing we as a congregation could do to provide support to these children is to choose a neighborhood school and provide trauma journals. The school could give them to students who have gone through any situation that has impacted their mental health, such as, moving/being homeless, illness, divorce, fire, death of a friend/family member. Students can write their honest thoughts in the journal.

In what ways can the Pentecost story help us look for God at work even in the destructive aspects of the world around us?

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Church World Service at other organizations to provide food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits to those in Ukraine, Hungary, and Poland. People are also receiving pastoral care and counseling.

In conclusion, in this article the reader touched briefly on the meaning of Pentecost. Next, we looked at the impact Hurricane Maria had on the mental health of students in Puerto Rico. Next, it was suggested that Trinity might provide trauma journals for one neighborhood school. Lastly, we looked at what Lutheran Disaster Response is doing to strengthen the physical and emotional well-being of those living in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and the surrounding area.

I hope you enjoyed this article. Please provide me with your questions so we can learn about these topics and each other.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

June 5— Doug Martens

June 12—Ellis Cutler

June 19—Gloria Kolodzieizyck

June 26—Kendra Witkowski-Lehman

Sound Volunteers

June 5—Ellis Cutler

June 12—Don Boulton

June 19—Ellis Cutler

June 26—Don Boulton

Streaming Volunteers

June 5—Travis Sullivan

June 12—Chase Lehman

June 19—Travis Sullivan

June 25—Chase Lehman

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild volunteers set up for communion and clean up after. Benefits include a fun-filled lesson from Pastor Kjersten on what all the things are called and getting to take part in the sacramental ministry of the congregation. See Wayne Walentowski or Diane Andert to be added to the schedule.

Readings for June

Sunday, June 5—

Wear Red for Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

Sunday, June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 19

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

Psalms 42-43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

June Birthdays

6/5 – Steven Millard

6/11 – Laurie Swanson

6/15 – Dorene Boulton

6/26 – Barry Chapman



June Anniversaries

6/8 - Kim & Kwame Robinson

6/12 - David & Christine Herdman

6/25 - Don & Dorene Boulton

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH TRINITY

FACEBOOK

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 the church office at office@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.

CHURCH STAFF

Kjersten Sullivan, Pastor
pastor@tlcbattlecreek.org
(805) 458-6074

David Lipps, Director of Music
lippsdr@gmail.com

CHURCH COUNCIL

Teresa Momenee-Young, Vice President 753-2411
Laurie Swanson, Secretary 729-5464
Jeff Andert

Kathy Chapman 660-8548
Connie Everson 963-6608
Tish Gancer 832-4719
Wayne Walentowski 830-5094

COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler
Pam Ellison-Krings
Maxine Hammond
Linda Hermann
Rose Walentowski

IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Lanny Johnston, Jr. (Sharon's son)
Jim Himes (Maxine's nephew)
Mary (Tish's friend)
Karen Rambadt (Ellis's niece-in-law)



JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	2	3	4
5 10:30 am Worship Wear Red for Pentecost	6	7 2-4pm Freeze Pop Tuesday	8 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 1pm Family Camp Mtg. 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	9	10	11 12pm-4pm Open House for Damien's Graduation
12 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Bon Voyage Potluck for David Lipps	13	14 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther 2-4pm Freeze Pop Tuesday	15 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	16 11:30 am Roadrunners @ R&R Grill	17	18
19 10:30 am Worship	20	21 2-4pm Freeze Pop Tuesday	22 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	23	24	25
26 10:30 am Worship	27 Trumpet articles due	28 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther 2-4pm Freeze Pop Tuesday 7 pm Council Meeting	29 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	30 5pm Woman's Co-op Graduation		