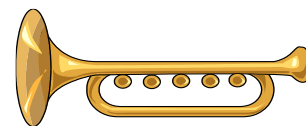




# TRINITY TRUMPET

October 2022



## Pastor's Letter

Dear Trinity,

We start every council meeting by asking the question, "Where have you seen God this week?" Each member of council goes around and shares a story of somewhere they saw God. Teresa's line this week cracked us all up. She remarked, "I've seen God all over the building this week. In the computer class, in the trainees, in the Monday social gatherings, I've seen God building people up, caring for people, smiting some people, just all over the building." I thought about Teresa's comment later on as I came back from dropping off coffee to a local elementary school (finishing the God's Work Our Hands project from a few weeks ago), and into the glorious chaos of a weekday at Trinity. At the far end of the hall, the sewing group was buzzing with creativity. The old Sunday school room is a classroom again, this time with people learning computer skills from KCC instructors. The Little Free clothing closet is full of coats for the winter. Will was in the sanctuary gathering music for Sunday. Janitors were everywhere, cleaning, straightening, sweeping, and doing other odd jobs. Everywhere I looked, I saw God at work in so many ways and through so many people.

October, as per our tradition, is the month we focus on stewardship. We're leading up to gathering intent cards on October 23rd. I want to talk a little bit about what this means, because we've changed up some of the language this year, I think for the better. If you've been around Trinity a few years, you are probably familiar with pledge cards, the cards where we write how much money we plan to contribute to the mission of the congregation over the course of the year. These cards are between you and God (and Doug Martens, but he tells no one. I've been here eight years and I'm the pastor, I've never seen anyone's pledge card). We have the practice of writing down this amount to help us recognize this act of giving as a spiritual discipline. All of that is the same this year. The reason we're calling them intent cards is because the word 'intent' better captures the purpose of this activity. This is what we intend to do. It doesn't mean it is what we will do. There may be a hardship that crops up in the year that causes the amount to lower, or maybe it's a banner year and you find yourself able to be more generous than you'd anticipated. Calling them Intent Cards helps capture the idea that this is a snapshot of a moment in time. It is also important for you to know/remember that even though stewardship season and budget season overlap, they happen independently of one another. By this point in time, the budget at Trinity is pretty well fixed, it is what things cost. We set the budget based on the cost of the ministries, and then figure out how to meet the budget. Our intent cards are part of that picture, as are grants, mission partners, and other gifts. I will be honest and tell you, this faith-based process of budgeting causes some gray hairs for your pastor and finance team. But creating a budget based on the work God has called us to, not the work we feel we can pay for, is what has allowed us for so many years to punch above our weight in terms of the incredible ministry that is able to come out of this tiny congregation. We are generous,

and creative, and God keeps doing amazing things with us. I'll know our ministry has come to an end when this system creating a budget based on need and trusting God will somehow meet it stops working. It hasn't yet.

Gloria, Diane, and I are taking this stewardship class called Building a Culture of Generosity. And first a disclaimer, it is a great class and I'm learning a lot. But there are some ways where I struggle with it because we already have a culture of generosity at Trinity. As I talked about last Sunday, you have taught me about how to be generous. So here's the challenge I want to offer to you this stewardship year. As you are considering how God is calling you to be generous with your finances this year, I want to challenge you to be generous with your inviting. What do I mean? We're coming out of a pandemic, and there are faces missing that used to be here, for a variety of reasons. I've been asked quite frequently of late, "where is so-and-so, how is so-and-so doing, I miss so-and-so." My challenge for you is, if there is someone you miss, someone you haven't seen in a while, someone you want to check in on, call them. Set up a time to visit with them. If they are able, invite them to worship with you. If they aren't able, help them set up Facebook Live if they don't already have it. This is harder than writing a check, I know, because it requires vulnerability and putting yourself out there. But trust me, if you are missing someone, they miss you too.

Peace,  
Pastor Kjersten



## **General Election November 5 Hospitality Table at Trinity**

First (and most important) don't forget to vote in the general election on Tuesday, November 5th. There are all sorts of important races on the ballot from governor to city commission to judges to millages. Make sure to make your voice heard.

Second, Trinity is once again a polling location. This means we will have many of our neighbors coming through the building all day to participate in our democracy, and we want to take the opportunity to welcome them. We are hoping to host a hospitality table in the entryway with coffee and goodies. To do this we need donations of time and snacks. There is a sign up sheet for people to bring treats of any kind (cookies, candy, tangerines, apples, etc. Anything someone can grab and go). We also need volunteers to sit at the table offering treats and giving directions to the social hall, restrooms, etc. There is a sign-up sheet to host for a period of time.

A photograph of organ pipes, showing a close-up of the metal pipes and their wooden casework. The image is partially obscured by the text 'Notes from the Organ Loft'.

# Notes from the Organ Loft

To the Trinity Congregation and Members:

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given to me since I started as your organist and Choir Director on July 1 of this year. I am extremely happy to be part of this wonderful congregation.

Now that I am beginning my fourth month here at Trinity, I look forward to the up-and-coming Advent and Christmas season with the choir and instrumentalists. I am in the planning stages for selecting the hymns, responses, and special music for the next three months. I know that my choices will be uplifting and will enhance the worship services.

With having David Lipps as your Director of Music for 15 years, everyone has become accustomed to his musical style and music leadership. My style and leadership are not so different, but I do have new ideas and plans to move us forward into the new year and I will be introducing those over the next few months.

Now that I have had the opportunity to work with the Choir for a few rehearsals, I would like to thank all those members who have faithfully attended and to say thank you!

I would like to extend an invitation to all that are willing to join the choir, whether you are able to read music or not, or if you can carry a tune vocally or not. It is a great way to be with God's wonderful people doing his work. I know that there are members of Trinity that have sung in the past but are not active at this time. Please join us again on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. or Sunday morning rehearsals are at 10 a.m. We would love to have you return.

Please feel free to talk with me about your feelings as to our music program, your likes, or dislikes. I welcome your thoughts and ideas as well. If we all work together, I am confident that our music program here at Trinity will be great.

I have an exciting season of music planned for the rest of 2022 and into the new year.

Again, it has been a pleasure to have been chosen to lead your music here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

In Christ,  
Will Canfield



## **Worship and Music Planning Meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2 pm**

November brings a lot of great worship services. Sunday, October 30th is Reformation Sunday, when we remember how God blew through the church through Martin Luther over 500 years ago and God is still blowing through the church through us, transforming us through God's grace to love the world. Sunday, November 6th is All Saints Sunday, where we remember the great company of saints who have gone on to glory, especially everyone who has died in the last year. Sunday, November 20th is Christ the King Sunday, the day dedicated to remembering that God is our sovereign.

Want to be part of brainstorming how we will celebrate these Sundays? The worship and music team will be meeting on Tuesday, October 18th and you are invited! We will be planning these services and starting to think about Advent and Christmas.

## **Service of Ordination for Ed Ruble, Pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church Friday, October 14, 6:30 pm Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo, 504 S Westnedge Ave**

Congratulations to our sisters and brothers at St. Peter who have voted to call Ed Ruble to be their next pastor. Pastor Ruble is beginning his ministry with St. Peter this week. He will be ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo on Friday, October 14th. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Ruble to Battle Creek and celebrate our joint ministry with St. Peter.

## **Wear **Red** for Reformation Sunday, October 30**

Red is the color of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us of the fire of the Spirit and how that Spirit burns within each of us and through the church. On Sunday, October 30th we celebrate that the Reformation which God started through Martin Luther over 500 years ago is still at work through us. The church is always reforming, the Holy Spirit is always at work through us to share the love of God with the world. We wear red on Reformation as a visible sign of the Spirit.



## God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 11

Thanks to everyone who helped out with God's Work Our Hands. This year we kept our projects hyper-local, and had a great time.

### Local—Thank you to our teachers

Kids in our neighborhoods go to one of two elementary schools, Post-Franklin Elementary and Waddles Park Elementary. We decorated cards, which were delivered along with Biggby coffee to thank the staff and faculty of these schools for loving our neighborhood kiddos.

### *Next project: Collecting Kleenex and Clorax Wipes.*

Post/Franklin shared that their biggest need is for Kleenex and clorax wipes. Anyone who wants to contribute either of these items is invited to bring them to Trinity. Pastor Kjersten will make a delivery once there is a good collection.

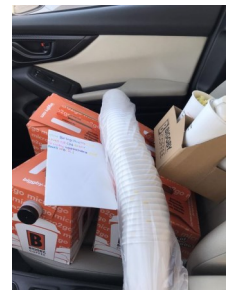
### Hyper-Local—Stock and organize the Co-op Store

The Co-op Store is a free store where Co-op members can get household and personal care products, all the things that families need which cannot be paid for with Bridge cards. Trinity members brought in supplies for the store and then stocked and organized it.

### *On-Going Project: Keeping the store stocked.*

Co-op is always looking for donations of the following items. Any time you want to bring them in, they will be welcome.

**Store Needs:** Laundry Soap, Dryer Sheets, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Trash Bags, Household Cleaner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Baby Shampoo, Baby Lotion, Lotion, Powder, Relaxers, Ethnic Hair Care Products, Gel, Hair Spray, Hair Color, Toothbrushes, Mouth Wash, Hair Ties, Hairbrushes





### **CROP Walk**

**Sunday, September 25, 3 pm**

A little rain couldn't scare off the Trinity CROP Walk faithful! This year we gathered at Leila Arboretum to walk to end hunger in our community and the world. Pastor Kjersten didn't remember to get pictures, but this one of Lola captures the soggy fun. It's not too late to participate in the walk. You can walk wherever you want to, around your block, your house, anywhere. Or you can give money to a walker. Money is due to Kathy Chapman by the end of October. There is a special coffee hour to celebrate CROP Walk planned for Sunday, October 16th.



### **St. Thomas Breakfast Program**

**Saturday, October 8**

October 8 is the next opportunity to join with St. Peter to serve breakfast to our neighbors through the St. Thomas Breakfast Program. Between the two churches we need 3-4 volunteers starting at 7 am, and then 6-8 starting at 8 am. Breakfast is served until 10am with some clean-up after. Contact St. Peter volunteer coordinator Linn Kracht at [ldkracht@gmail.com](mailto:ldkracht@gmail.com) to volunteer. Our final date for 2022 is November 12.



### **Calhoun County Homeless Health Fair and Veterans Stand Down Calling All Bakers—Cakes Needed**

The Calhoun County Health Department Homeless Health Fair and VA Stand Down is once again taking place at Full Blast on Friday, October 21st. This day-long event assists the homeless, including many veterans, in getting necessary services/items such as health screenings, flu shots, information, and referrals to a variety of programs, along with a hot meal, a bag of groceries, and cold weather items. Trinity has been asked to provide 5 sheet cakes for the meal. Cakes are to be baked and frosted in a 9"X13" disposable pan with a lid and brought to Trinity by noon on Thursday, October 20. Contact Pastor Kjersten if you can provide a cake.

### **Collecting Stamps for St. Peter**

Our friends at St. Peter Lutheran Church are collecting cancelled postage stamps to support the creation of Spanish language Sunday school material and they are looking for our help. Cut cancelled stamps from envelopes, leaving 1/4 to 1/3 inch margins, and place the stamps in the box in the table in the entryway. For more information on the program, check out the flyer in the box.



# Growing in Faith and Fellowship

**Roadrunners on the Road**  
**11:30 am, Thursday, October 20**  
**Cornwell's Turkeyville**  
**18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, MI 49068**

In time for fall (but before the Thanksgiving rush) the Roadrunners are headed to Cornwell's Turkeyville. Join us for fun, fellowship, and poultry!

## **2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule**

October 20- Turkeyville

November 17- Soup and Sandwiches Potluck at  
Trinity

December 15- Clara's on the River (6:00pm)

Wayne Walentowski



**Wednesday Bible Chats**  
**10:30 am and 5:30 pm in the Lounge at Trinity**  
**On Facebook Live Tuesdays at 1 pm.**

The feedback has been received and Bible chats are going to try going in-person. There are two opportunities to join the conversation, a morning conversation at 10:30 am on Wednesdays and an evening one at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays. I will continue to post an overview of the texts on Facebook Live on Tuesdays at 1 pm.

What is Bible chat? Exactly what it sounds like, it's a chat about the Bible text for the coming Sunday. When I moved to Michigan from California, I left behind a text study group that I loved, so I turned you into my new text study group. The format of these chats is simple, we start by reading the text aloud together, and then we talk about what we heard, insights we noticed, questions the text raised. I bring some introductory background information and research, but the conversation really goes wherever the group takes it. Come join the conversation.



woman's co-op

### **What's happening at the Co-op**

You may have seen a lot of busy folks around the Woman's Co-op and in the halls of Trinity lately. It is our new crew of training candidates, 17 of them to be exact. They are cleaning the church, removing bats, and answering phones. Stop in and say hello to any of them.

Kellogg Community College's Microsoft Applications class is in full swing, and we have a great group of students and instructors leading these folks to success. This class will be completed sometime in December.

We have decided to revamp our Mandatory Monday and now have Monday Mixers. We invite you to attend those as well. Members of Co-op and Staff socialize with each other and talk about things going on in the community as well as things coming up for Co-op.

We are working with the Industrial sewing team to create one and done classes that will allow community members to learn how to create fun items for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Woman's Co-op will be presenting our specialty court Street Court Battle Creek to the local Prosecuting Attorney's office to give them information so that referrals can be given to the courts.

With all the folks that are currently in the building we can watch things happen naturally. Just like a few pop-up potlucks that have simple started with someone stating they wanted to have fish tacos.

Our fall fundraiser... Haunted Scare Affair... is coming up, won't you join us on October 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 p.m.-midnight to walk the scary trail of Leila Arboretum. Ghosts and goblins still needed if you are the type who likes to scare folks. Tickets are on sale for the event please see the office.

Woman's Co-op has partnered with SafeLink to provide free cell phones for low-income families in the area. If you know someone who needs a cell phone, please have them stop by on Tuesday from 10-2 to get more information.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and as always we thank you for your prayers and well wishes for The Woman's Co-op.



### **New Altar Linens made by Woman's Co-op Sewing Hub**

If you haven't had a chance to see them yet, here are the beautiful new altar linens made by the Woman's Co-op Sewing Hub. They are already at use, beautifying our worship each Sunday as we share communion. Come up on a Sunday morning and take a closer look at their gorgeous craftsmanship.





WHAT COMES OUT AT LEILA  
WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN...?

WOMAN'S CO-OP PRESENTS

# THE HAUNTED SCARE AFFAIR

LEILA ARBORETUM  
OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND  
8PM TO MIDNIGHT

**TICKETS: \$9 ONLINE  
\$10 AT THE EVENT**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
[HAUNTEDSCAREAFFAIR.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://HAUNTEDSCAREAFFAIR.EVENTBRITE.COM)  
QUESTIONS? CALL 269-966-8988

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A WALK  
WITH ME?

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### Worship Assistants

October 2— Chase Lehman  
October 9—Jeff Andert  
October 16—Ellis Cutler  
October 23—Gloria Kolodzieizyck  
October 30—Kendra Witkowski-Lehman

### Sound Volunteers

October 2—Don Boulton  
October 9—Ellis Cutler  
October 16—Don Boulton  
October 23—Ellis Cutler  
October 30—Don Boulton

### Streaming Volunteers

October 2—Travis Sullivan  
October 9—Chase Lehman  
October 16—Chase Lehman  
October 23—Travis Sullivan  
October 30—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 learn more.

### Readings for October

#### Sunday, October 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

#### Sunday, October 9

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7:15c  
Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

#### Sunday, October 16

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

#### Sunday, October 23

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

#### Sunday, October 30— Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

### October Birthdays

10/1 – Connie Everson  
10/10 – Pam Geleff  
10/14 – Dan Boyd  
10/18 – Tish Gancer  
10/20 – Chase Lehman  
10/22 – Don James  
10/23 – Ellis Cutler



### October Anniversaries

10/16 – Steven & JoAnn Rusan  
10/26 – Chase Lehman & Kendra Witkowski-Lehman

## 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 Pastor Kjersten at [pastor@tlcbattlecreek.org](mailto: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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### COMMUNITY

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Pam Ellison-Krings  
Maxine Hammond  
Linda Hermann  
Rose Walentowski  
Tish Gancer

### 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)  
Margo (Tish's sister)  
Family and friends of Gary Hubbard  
(Maxine's grandson)



# OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-op Monday Mixer	4	5 10:30 am Bible Chat NO 5:30 Bible Chat 7pm Choir Practice	6 12:30 pm Stewardship Team Mtg.	7	8
9 10:30 am Worship Laurie Swanson Preaching	10 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-op Monday Mixer	11 NO Facebook Live Bible Chat	12 NO Bible Chat 7pm Choir Practice	13	14 6:30pm Ordination of Ed Ruble at Trinity, Kalamazoo	15
Pastor Kjersten on Vacation						
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