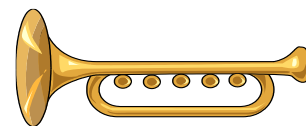




TRINITY TRUMPET

November 2022



Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, we will be holding a special congregational meeting following worship for the purpose of approving the budget for 2023. The budget will be available in advance of the meeting. This meeting will also be broadcast on Facebook Live. A budget is a missional document, it guides direction for the coming year. A draft of the bulletin will be available in the December Trumpet for you to look over in advance. Please plan on staying after worship for this important opportunity to discern how the Spirit is calling us in 2023.

Stewardship Update: Trinity, You are so Generous!

Trinity, you once again prove to be the little engine that could of generosity. We're still coming back from the pandemic, many of our faithful have moved closer to family or gone on to glory, and your belief that God still has plans for our congregation is evident as you are declaring your generosity! So far we have received 18 cards. Of these cards, almost half have shown an increase in generosity. Intent cards and budgets are different, but we talk all the time about how budgets are missional documents. How we spend our money is an easy insight into our values. Everyone's generous response to our stewardship campaign this year is a clear demonstration of your belief that God still has important work for us to be about here. Thank you!

If you haven't yet responded, please mail your card today, or complete our online form at <https://forms.gle/rZy8sa5WT4vMMJiQ6>. Your generosity will make a tremendous difference as we continue the great work we are about in our neighborhood.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Trinity,

With the election coming up next week, it seems like a good time to talk about what the ELCA thinks about how we as Lutheran Christians view government, civic engagement, and the role of church and state. As I mentioned in my sermon on Sunday, I cannot either legally or morally tell you who to vote for (churches can campaign for propositions without invalidating their tax-exempt status, just not candidates). But I can give you some things to think about as you are sitting with your ballot. In fact, the ELCA put out a social message on "Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy" in June of 2020. You can read the whole social message here: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Government>. I'm going to try and summarize the high points.

First off, what does the ELCA, and more importantly scripture, have to say about government. The social message starts out with this clear opening sentence, “Lutherans care about government because it is a gift from God intended for the safety and flourishing of human life.” The Augsburg Confession states that “all political authority... are created and instituted by God and that Christians may without sin exercise political authority” (Kolb and Wengert, p. 48). The purpose of government is to provide structure and order for the thriving of God’s people. Think of all the good the government provides, clean drinking water, a road system, public education for our children, Social Security and Medicare, a variety of first responders, including, police, fire, medical staff, etc., regulations on food safety, health care, environmental protection, I could go on. But the document is quick to point out, just because government is supposed to provide for public good, does not mean it always does. Government is, after all, a human institution, subject to the same failures as all of humanity. And when governments fail, the results can be horrific. I mentioned clean drinking water, think of the ongoing fallout of the Flint Water Crisis. Or those who are still homeless after natural disasters.

Governments, like people, are complex, and our understanding of them and interactions with them must also be complex. But there is a simple question we can ask as we are evaluating how well various aspects of government or people in power are doing at providing for the safety and well-being of those under their jurisdiction, and that question is this: “is the neighbor being served?”

If the neighbor is not being served, then Lutherans have long understood ourselves as having a responsibility as part of our baptismal vocation, to work for the service of our neighbor. This can take all kinds of forms, from voting to attending public meetings to serving in public office to being involved with political parties and campaigns to advocating for issues to volunteering to community organizing to protest. Any and all of these, and many others, are ways we can live out our calling to bring the kingdom of God for all God’s people.

As Lutherans, we understand the need to be grateful to the work of government when it works and to be critical of it when it fails. Both, and sometimes, often, at the same time. Because it will fail, it’s made of people, and we fail. Our neighbors need us to be engaged in our government so that it works for the good of all people.

So vote, dear people of God (I know many of you already have). But also call your neighbor just to say hi. Support the work of Co-op or the food pantry. Research a cause you care about. Write a letter to an elected official and tell them something that is important to you. Government is on its own neither good nor evil, it’s people. And people are both. But with our help, it can help more people.

Peace,
Pastor Kjersten



General Election November 8 Hospitality Table at Trinity

First (and most important) don't forget to vote in the general election on Tuesday, November 8th. There are all sorts of important races on the ballot from governor to city commission to judges to propositions. 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.



New Little Free Library

We have a brand new little free library! The story of how we got this is really cool. The library is a gift from Harper Creek Community Schools. HCCS received a grant to increase literacy, and were looking for places in their district to install little free libraries. Someone from the school district was driving past Trinity, saw all the neighborhood kids playing in the front circle lawn, and thought "clearly this is a place where kids gather." So they called us and asked if we would mind if they installed (and maintained) a little free library on our property. Of course, council jumped at the chance to bring books to our neighborhood kiddos. The library is now open on the east Cliff street side, and is looking for donations. If you have some kids books (or adult books) you can

share, please bring them in and add them to the collection. Or, take a look and see if there's something in there you want to read. Thanks Harper Creek Community Schools for this awesome partnership.





Worship and Music Planning Meeting Monday, November 7, 10:30 am

The calendar just flipped to November, but the worship and music team is already starting to look ahead to advent and Christmas. Want to be part of brainstorming how we will celebrate these seasons? The worship and music team will be meeting on Monday, November 7, at 10:30 am and you are invited! No experience necessary and everyone is welcome.

All Saints Sunday November 6

The first Sunday of November the church celebrates All Saints Day by remembering we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We especially remember those who have died in the previous year. Trinity has the tradition of writing names of loved ones in a book of remembrance, and then reading the newly written names aloud at the start of worship. The book of remembrance will be available before worship on Sunday, or let Pastor Kjersten know and she will write a name in the book for you.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm Trinity Lutheran Church

After three years of COVID keeping us apart, it's time again Trinity, St. Peter, and St. Thomas to come together for the annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Social. This year we are hosting the service. There will also be the opportunity to sing in a combined choir. Choir rehearsal will start at 6:00pm. After worship, stick around for a pie social. Please bring pie to share.

Christmas Eve Poinsettias and Candles

Poinsettias are once again available for purchase to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. The cost of a poinsettia is \$7 and they can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Following the Christmas Eve service, you can take your plant home to remind you of our worship. Sign up for a poinsettia by Sunday, November 27.

We also switch out the candles in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. You can contribute to the candle fund in honor or memory of a loved one. Simply place a contribution in the offering plate labeled "candle fund." Candles are \$12 each, any amount helps beautify the sanctuary.

Rejoicing in God's Saints: A Daily Prayer Calendar for November

All Saints' Day falls on November 1 of each year. On that date or on the first Sunday in November, many churches memorialize members and loved ones who have died the year prior. In keeping with the spirit of All Saints' Day and of Thanksgiving, below you will find daily prompts to express gratitude to God for a now-departed saint who has influenced your life.

- November 1: Mentored you in your profession
- November 2: Helped you grow in faith
- November 3: Gave tangible help during a difficult time
- November 4: Founded an institution or movement that is important to you
- November 5: Showed tough love
- November 6: Coached you as you grew in skills and confidence
- November 7: Led a group that was significant in your formation
- November 8: Treated you like a sibling
- November 9: Introduced you to grief by their loss
- November 10: Wrote something that deeply moved you
- November 11: Died before you could reconcile or reconnect with them
- November 12: Introduced you to a group/community
- November 13: Reminded you how to see the world like a child
- November 14: Advocated for you
- November 15: Showed you something key about yourself/your values by being your adversary
- November 16: Gave you a tangible object that continues to inspire you
- November 17: Parented or grandparented you
- November 18: Governed in a way that fostered trust and cooperation
- November 19: Took you somewhere life-changing
- November 20: Made you feel seen in a time/place that you felt invisible
- November 21: Trusted you with difficult but important knowledge
- November 22: Created art that speaks to your soul
- November 23: Let you ask your questions
- November 24: Pointed out your gifts
- November 25: Introduced you to a hobby
- November 26: Prayed for you
- November 27: Embodied the values you aspire to
- November 28: Disagreed with you but still loved you
- November 29: Supported you emotionally through a low point
- November 30: Did something for others in death that they couldn't have done in life

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St. Thomas Breakfast Program Saturday, November 12

There is one last opportunity in 2022 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 to volunteer.



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.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sharing Love and Coffee

As part of our God's Work Our Hands Day of Service this year, we delivered coffee to two local elementary schools. Here is a thank you card from Post - Franklin Elementary School.

When the coffee was dropped off, the staff mentioned 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.

*Dear Trinity Church members,
Thank you so much
for the special Biggby
Coffee treat! It was
greatly appreciated!
It was so nice
of you to think
of us!
Sincerely,
The Post-Franklin Staff*



Growing in Faith and Fellowship

Roadrunners Running to Trinity 11:30 am, Thursday, November 17 Soup and Sandwich Potluck Extravaganza

For November, the Road Runners will be meeting at Trinity for a Soup-and-Sandwich Luncheon. All are invited, bring your favorite soup and/or sandwich to share.



2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule

November 17-Soup and Sandwiches Potluck at Trinity

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

Wayne Walentowski

Under One Roof Thanksgiving Meal Saturday, November 19th, 4pm

Under One Roof is Back! After a three year pandemic hiatus, we will once again join with the Woman's Co-op to celebrate all the ministry that happens Under One Roof at 2055 E Columbia. We have done this for many years and it has always been a great activity.

Come and support both the Woman's Coop and Trinity with this dinner. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex to sign up how many you are bringing and a covered dish to share.



Wednesday Bible Chats 10:30 am and 5:30 pm in the Lounge at Trinity On Facebook Live 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. 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. There is also an overview of the texts on Facebook Live on Tuesdays at 1 pm.



**Advent Annual Christmas Tea
Sunday, December 3**

Celebrate Advent with our annual Christmas Tea. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite cookie, candy, or seasonal treat (healthy treats like tangerines welcome) to share. We will eat cookies, drink tea, coffee, and hot chocolate, and enjoy fellowship. At the end, everyone is invited to pack up a variety of cookies to take home. Mark your calendars and warm up your ovens (or your Meijer / Family Fare members cards) for this fun celebration of the holiday season.

**SAVE THE DATE: Annual Trinity Christmas Gathering
Friday, December 16**

Save Friday, December 16, for the Annual Trinity Christmas Gathering at the Eversons!! More details to follow!

Free Learning Opportunity through the Synod

Beginning in winter 2023, our Synod (the North/West Lower Michigan Synod) of the ELCA will offer a series of six-week Zoom courses lead by seminary professors. These courses are open to everyone and are free of charge. The first class has, in Pastor Kjersten's opinion, a very seminary professor title, "Corinthian Correspondence: Conflict, Case Studies, Contemporary Congregations, and Christ," taught by the Rev. Dr. Walther F. Taylor, Jr., the Ernest W. and Edith S. Ogram Professor Emeritus of New Testament Studies, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. Don't let the title scare you, the class looks excellent! The goal of the study is to learn from Paul and his house churches in the ancient Greek city of Corinth—both how they fell into conflict and how Paul sought to move them to reconciliation and ministry. The class sessions will also focus on problems facing believers today, such as how to deal with divisions, how to live together positive ways, how to live as physical bodies, how to live in intimate relationships, who should lead congregations, including the roles of women and men, how believers can look beyond themselves, and what really is the resurrection and how does it affect life today?

Each session will be self-contained so even if you have to miss a week, you can still take part in later sessions. The class will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings: January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 2023 from 7:00 – 8:15pm ET.

For more information and to register, go to: <https://www.mittensynod.org/events/adult-theological-education/>

2023 Lay Assistant Schedule

January

1 – Jeff Andert
8 – Scott Schindehette
15 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
22 – Doug Martens
29 – Laurie Swanson

February

5 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
12 – Kendra Witkowski-Lehman
19 – Mary Conklin
26 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young

March

5 – Jeff Andert
12 – Scott Schindehette
19 – Laurie Swanson
26 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young

April

2 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
9 – Doug Martens
16 – Kendra Witkowski-Lehman
23 – Chase Lehman
30 – Mary Conklin

May

7 – Gloria Kolodzieizyck
14 – Doug Martens
21 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
28 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young

June

4 – Jeff Andert
11 – Scott Schindehette
18 – Gloria Kolodzieizyck
25 – Kendra Witkowski-Lehman

July

2 – Mary Conklin
9 – Gloria Kolodzieizyck
16 – Chase Lehman
23 – Gloria Kolodzieizyck
30 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young

August

6 – Gloria Kolodzieizyck
13 – Doug Martens
20 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
27 – Laurie Swanson

September

3 – Scott Schindehette
10 – Jeff Andert
17 – Mary Conklin
24 – Gloria Kolodzieizyck

October

1 – Chase Lehman
8 – Doug Martens
15 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
22 – Gloria Kolodzieizyck
29 – Kendra Witkowski-Lehman

November

5 – Scott Schindehette
12 – Laurie Swanson
19 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
26 – Jeff Andert

December

3 – Mary Conklin
10 – Chase Lehman
17 – Tresa Garver / Teresa Momenee-Young
24 – Doug Martens
31 – Kendra Witkowski-Lehman

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

November 6— Scott Schindehette

November 13—Laurie Swanson

November 20—Tresa Tulley / Teresa Momenee-Young

November 27—Jeff Andert

Sound Volunteers

November 6—Ellis Cutler

November 13—Don Boulton

November 20—Ellis Cutler

November 27—Don Boulton

Streaming Volunteers

November 6—Travis Sullivan

November 13—Chase Lehman

November 20—Travis Sullivan

November 27—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.

Bulletin Paper Always a Need

Looking for a creative way to support Trinity's worship life but not keen on standing in front of people and trying to say Melchizedek? Buy us a ream or a case of copy paper for bulletins and Trumpets. With the holidays, it's prime bulletin season, and paper is a great way to actively support the worship life of the congregation.

Readings for November

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Day

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 13

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

November Birthdays

11/1 – Anitra Bettac

11/19 – Jan Mead



November Anniversaries

11/19 – Travis & Kjersten Sullivan

11/26 – Bob & Laurie Swanson

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 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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Pam Ellison-Krings
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Rose Walentowski
Tish Gancer

IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Family and Friends of Mary
(Tish's friend)
Lanny Johnston, Jr. (Sharon's son)
Jim Himes (Maxine's nephew)
Karen Rambadt (Ellis's niece-in-law)
Margo (Tish's sister)
Family and friends of Gary Hubbard
(Maxine's grandson)



NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1 pm Facebook Live Bible Chat	2 10:30 am and 5:30 pm Bible Chat in the lounge 7pm Choir Practice	3 12:30 pm Stewardship Team Mtg.	4	5
6 10:30 am All Saints Day Worship	7 10:30 am Worship and Music Mtg. 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-op Monday Mixer	8 ELECTION DAY 1 pm Facebook Live Bible Chat	9 10:30 am and 5:30 pm Bible Chat in the lounge 7pm Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 10:30 am Worship Jeff Andert preaching	14 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-op Monday Mixer	15 NO Facebook Live Bible Chat	16 NO Bible Chat 7pm Choir Practice	17 11:30 am Roadrunners @ Trinity for Soup and Sandwiches	18-19 Pastor Kjersten at ELCA Church Council	
20 10:30 am Worship	21 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-op Monday Mixer	22 1pm Facebook Live Bible Chat 7 pm Council Meeting	23 10:30 am Bible Chat in the lounge 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Choir @ 6)	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25	26
27 10:30 am Worship	28 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-op Monday Mixer Trumpet articles due	29	30 No Bible Chat			