



# Trinity Trumpet

November 2023

## Pastor's Letter

I'm taking part in the six-week Zoom class on the Small Catechism offered by the synod. The class, by the way, is excellent. It's too late for you to sign up for this one, but the synod offers one of these six-week Zoom classes a few times a year over a variety of subjects—for free—and they're excellent. I'll let you know when the next one is announced, and I'd certainly encourage you to take advantage of this great resource.

But anyway, on this one. We were talking about Luther's understanding of the Creeds, but the professor got off topic, as professors are wont to do, and she started talking about communion. Specifically, the words of communion. Throughout Luther's Small Catechism, Luther uses a lot of first-person personal pronouns. In the section on the First Article of the Creed: "I believe that God has created **me** together with all that exists. God has given **me** and still preserves **my** body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses reason and mental faculties." Or the Second Article, "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, because of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is **my** Lord. He has redeemed **me**... He has purchased and freed **me** from all sin... He has done all this in order that **I** may belong to him..."

The professor pointed this out to us, how Luther teaches the creed in a way to make it clear that the creed is not some vague overarching thing we say, but a declaration about what God has done in our lives. And then she got distracted and went on this tangent about the words we say as we distribute communion. "I supplied at an Episcopal church for a while," she said. "And when Episcopalians distribute communion, they say, 'the body of Christ, the bread of heaven' and 'the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.' Which is both theologically true and beautifully poetic language. In Lutheran churches though, we say, 'The body of Christ, give for you, the blood of Christ, shed for you.' The emphasis is on that this is for you."

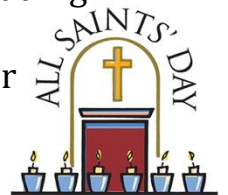
Then she said something that struck me. The point of this for you is to remind us that Christ died for us not as a collective but as who we are individually. "If you were the only person on earth, Christ would have still died for you."

Christ died for us. For all of us, yes, but also for each of us individually. We matter that much in the kingdom of God.

Peace,  
Pastor Kjersten

## **All Saints Sunday November 5**

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.



## **New Alternative Worship Service Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**



Since the church's earliest days, it, we, have been a fellowship of people gathered around a table sharing a meal together. Pastor Kjersten and a few Co-op members are partnering to bring a new alternative worship service on Thursdays to follow this ancient model. This service is open to anyone, and is specifically geared to reach out to all the people who are in and out of the building all week, to give an opportunity for spiritual connection and fulfillment for our weekday Trinity family. See Pastor Kjersten or Teresa Momenee-Young for more information.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service  
Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church**



Our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship is once again taking place at Trinity. In addition to us, St. Peter, St. Thomas, and Resurrection Episcopal, this year we have also invited a few other congregations to join us. New people mean new varieties of pie! Come for a combined choir rehearsal at 6 pm and stick around after for pie and socializing. Please bring a pie to share. There is a pie sign-up sheet in the entryway.

**Road Runners**

On Thursday, November 16, the Road Runners will meet for their monthly luncheon at Territorial Brewing, on Avenue A @11:30 am. They feature German cuisine, so come celebrate our German Lutheran roots and enjoy lunch with our Trinity Family.

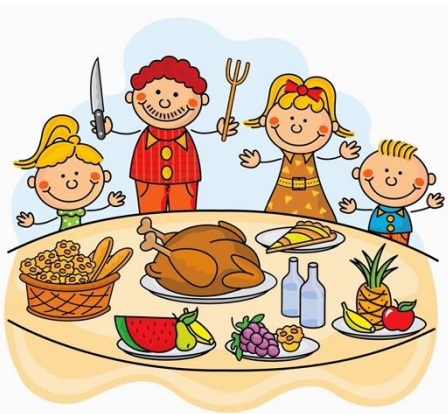


**Under One Roof**

November 11, 2023, from 4:00-6:00pm, Trinity and Woman's Co-op will be joining together again this year for fellowship and food in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey and Ham will be provided. People will be asked to bring a dish to pass. There is a sign-up sheet and Wayne will be passing that around. Looking forward to seeing as many Trinity members as possible at this great annual event.

Thank you.

*Diane Andert*



# Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for immediately after the service on Sunday, December 10, for the purpose of adopting the 2024 Budget. A copy of the budget is provided for you to study and prepare any possible questions before the meeting.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
2024 Proposed Budget

10-24-2023

	2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 Budget
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>		
111 N/W LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD, ELCA other	6000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCE</b>	<b>6000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>WORSHIP</b>		
1212 Director of Music Salary	12600.00	\$12,600.00
1212 B Director of music Salary Will Canfield		\$250.00
1213 Substitute Organist		
1215 FICA Taxes		
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1220 Choir Music & Instruments		
Pipe Organ Maintenance	500.00	\$1,200.00
Piano Maintenance	300.00	
Copyright Licenses	185.00	\$200.00
1230 Worship Supplies	600.00	\$600.00
1232 Communion Supplies	100.00	\$100.00
1233 Candles	350.00	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP</b>	<b>15599.00</b>	<b>\$16,264.00</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
1316 Family Camp	150.00	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>WELCOMING &amp; INVITING</b>		
1410 Evangelism		
1412 Advertising	200.00	\$260.00
1415 Fellowship		
1450 Stewardship Speaker/meal		
1460 Offering Envelopes		
<b>TOTAL WELCOMING &amp; INVITING</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>260.00</b>

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	2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 Budget
<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE/YOUTH</b>	0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL JUSTICE/YOUTH</b>		
<b>PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>		4%
1610 Salary	42032.00	\$43,713.00
1611 Housing Allowance	12000.00	\$12,000.00
1612 FICA Allowance	4133.00	\$4,262.00
1613 Pension & Insurance	15316.00	15593.76
1614 HSA		
1615 Transportation Reimbursement Pastor	500.00	\$500.00
1616 Cont. Education 403 B Contribution	700.00	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	<b>74681</b>	<b>\$76,768.76</b>
<b>CHURCH ADMINISTRATION</b>		
1720 Office Supplies/Ink/ computer Paper	600.00	\$700.00
Filing fees/safe deposit box/checks	150.00	\$500.00
1730 Postage	200.00	\$250.00
1733 Web service Domain	200.00	\$250.00
1740 Telephone/ I Internet service	1600.00	\$1,476.00
1750 Convention Expense		
<b>TOTAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>2750</b>	<b>\$3,176.00</b>
<b>CHURCH PROPERTY</b>		
1811 Church Gas	4500.00	\$4,300.00
1812 Church Electric	4000.00	\$3,100.00
1813 Church Water	900.00	\$900.00
1820 Cleaning Services (Carpet)	500.00	
1830 Insurance	4800.00	\$4,800.00
Ins. Workers Comp	400.00	\$400.00
1840 Maintenance & Supplies/garbage Church Repairs	1000.00	\$1,000.00
1842 Parking Lot		
1850 Snow Removal	500.00	\$500.00
1862 Roof MIF Payments	5952.00	\$5,952.00
<b>TOTAL CHURCH PROPERTY</b>	<b>22552</b>	<b>\$20,952.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$121,932.00</b>	<b>\$123,570.76</b>



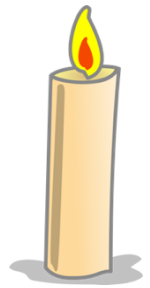
## “SAVE THE DATES” for December

- **December 3** – Tree Decorating, Cookie Exchange
- **December 10** – Congregational Meeting to adopt the 2024 Budget
- **December 14** – Tree of Wishes deadline for drop off.
- **December 15** – Caroling & Gathering at the Eversons
- **December 17** – Tree of Wishes pick up
- **December 24** – Christmas Eve Service



## 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 26.** 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.





## October Coffee Hours

October had 5 Sundays and what a wonderful month of coffee hours we enjoyed after service!! On October 15, Stefanie Wheeler hosted a Clergy Appreciation Coffee Hour that included a cake and a gift of a poster of God's Fingerprint for Pastor Kjersten.

On October 22, following the presentation of our intents for 2024, a Piece of the Pie/Ice Cream Social Coffee Hour (ice cream donated by Kathy Chapman, Crop Walk Coordinator) featured a multitude of pies & ice cream to be enjoyed by all! This editor was too busy enjoying two pieces (French Silk & Pecan) to take a picture of the table.

On October 29, more ice cream and entertainment by our own Linda Herman who had written a special song for our "Snow Birds" who were starting their "migration" in early November. Beautiful, as always.

The best part of the coffee hours was listening to the conversation and laughter of the folks in the fellowship hall as they were enjoying a delicious snack with other members of the Trinity Family.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Frito Salad (From the potluck at St. Peter.)



- 1 bag (regular size) Chili Cheese Fritos
- 1 can of corn (drained)
- 1 C. REAL Mayonnaise
- 1 red pepper (diced)
- 2-3 green onions (diced fine)
- 2 C. shredded cheese (a Mexican blend)

Mix mayo, red pepper, green onions, corn and cheese together.  
Refrigerate. Shortly before serving, add Fritos (either crushed or whole).

*Thank you!*

A big thank you goes out to Don Boulton, Laurie and Bob Swanson, Gloria and John Kolo, Eileen Martens, Mary Mahurin, Dick and Connie Everson, Kathy

Chapman, Jan Mead, Linda Hermann, John Sullivan, and Wayne Walentowski for all their help at Linda Elliott's funeral on October 31, 2023. Over 80 people attended the memorial service and luncheon on that day. The family reported that they were so appreciative of Trinity's hospitality for Maxine's funeral luncheon. So, when Linda passed away so suddenly, the family felt Trinity's hospitality is what their family needed once again. Thanks to all the Trinity members who contribute to the hospitality of this congregation.

*Diane Andert*



## Trinity News

Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for all the Trinity News. Copies of the Council Minutes and Trumpet will be there along with fliers and other notices about what's happening here!



## 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 envelope, 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.



## November Prayer Partners

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



**November 5** – St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Galen Knutson, Intentional Interim

**November 12** – Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan

**November 19** – Bread of Life Lutheran Church, Hudsonville

**November 27** – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Jackson, Rev. Kate Schroeder

## Worship Volunteers & Readings for November

### Lay Assistants, Sound Board

**November 5** – LA: Scott Schindehette  
Sound: Don Boulton

**November 12** – LA: Laurie Swanson  
Sound: Ellis Cutler

**November 19** – LA: Teresa Momenee-Young  
Sound: Don Boulton

**November 26** – LA: Jeff Andert  
Sound: Ellis Cutler

### Readings

Joshua 3: 7 – 17  
Psalm 107: 1 – 7, 33 – 37  
1 Thessalonians 2: 9 – 13  
Matthew 23: 1 – 12

Joshua 24: 1 – 3a 14 – 25  
Psalm 78: 1 – 7  
1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18  
Matthew 25: 1 – 13

Judges 4: 1 – 7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11  
Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 – 24  
Psalm 95: 1 – 7a  
Ephesians 1: 15 – 23  
Matthew 25: 31 – 46

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

**11/19** – Jan Mead



### Anniversaries

**11/19** – Travis & Kjersten Sullivan

**11/26** – Bob & Laurie Swanson

## *Prayer Requests*

### **COMMUNITY**

Sharon Cutler  
Pam Ellison-Kring  
Linda Hermann  
Rose Walentowski  
Tish Gancer

### **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](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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>
			10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat			
<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour <b>All Saints Sunday</b>	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer  <b>Pastor K.</b>	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live  <b>Gone</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>House Meeting</b>  <b>6 – 12</b>	<b>ELCA</b>	<b>4-6 Under One Roof</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat	<b>11:30 Road Runners @ Territorial Brewing 5 Alternative Service</b>		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour <b>Property Meeting</b>	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live	<b>7 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service (Choir @ 6pm</b>			
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live <b>7 Council</b>	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat			

