



Trinity Trumpet

May 2024

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 5**, immediately following the service for the purpose of the **election of council members**. Jeff Andert and Teresa Momenee-Young are the incumbents running for their second terms.

The Pastor's Letter

Explanation of the Reredos Painting

Eileen, Mary, and Gloria have been hard at work sorting and organizing files in the church office. While organizing, they found this description of the mural that decorates our sanctuary.

The reredos painting is an expression of joy, and exultation of freedom, and a celebration of color. We hope you will find, first of all, that it excites your emotions and lifts your spirit. On closer inspection, you will see the Trinity symbols through the center, the circle representing the Father, the Chi Rho signifying the son, and the flame symbolizing the Holy Spirit. Then, on the left side, is a symbol of the Church – the ship – and on the right is a suggestion of the elements of the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion – water, bread, and wine from the field and lake. The painting was done by Dr. Richard Caemmerer of Valparaiso University.

Because I am who I am, finding the description, I did some additional research. Dr. Richard Caemmerer loved painting faith-themed art for his entire career. I found a story about how as an art student in the mid-60s, he annoyed one of his professors with his focus on religious art. “The professor threatened to fail Caemmerer in one art class unless he painted something non-Christian,” said Caemmerer's son, Michael. ‘Dad responded by painting a lunch-counter scene from the Civil Rights movement.’ Then

the professor took a second look, and ‘saw there was one guy serving 12 guys, and he had just painted the last supper,’ his son said. Still, it worked, and Richard Caemmerer passed the class, moving on to a lifetime of art- and faith-infused work.”

Earning a master’s degree in art, Caemmerer went on to serve as Professor of Art at Valparaiso University from 1958-1980. At some point in this period, he painted the mural that adorns our sanctuary. His work also appears in 600 other churches throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Central America, Germany, Africa, and Yugoslavia, representing all denominations. In addition to murals like ours, he also worked in stained glass, sculpture, fresco, sgraffito, and tapestry.

Following his retirement, he and his wife Elizabeth moved to a rural valley in the Cascade Mountains in Washington State, where they established the Grünewald Guild, an arts education nonprofit retreat center that is still in operation today. From the Guild’s website: “At its core, the Guild a place of learning. People come to study their chosen area of art in the context of a community of artists. When they leave, they are charged with the work of returning to their homes and sharing what they have learned with their communities. This is straight from the artisan guilds tradition, stretching back into the depths of human history.” The name comes from the 15th Century artist Matthias Grünewald, with specific reference to his Isenheim Altarpiece, a piece done for the Monastery of St. Anthony. The Antonine monks were known for their care for those suffering from the plague and other skin diseases. Reflecting their mission, Christ was depicted with plague-like sores, showing patients that Jesus understood and shared their suffering. Grünewald was a favorite of Caemmerer because he painted Jesus Christ as the god of all things. Said Caemmerer, Grünewald showed that, “all those things that caused him [God] pain, he withstood. And he can do it. And you can do it. Why? Because it’s already been done.”

You can learn more about Richard Caemmerer and see more of his work on a website devoted to his art at: <https://www.rrcstudios.com/>. You can learn more about the Grünewald Guild at: <https://grunewaldguild.com/>. Next time you sit in our sanctuary and look at the mural, I hope you will find deeper meaning in it, knowing the artist who created it and the message he hoped to convey.

Peace, Pastor Kjersten

Synod Assembly Watch Party

Saturday, May 11, 9am to 3 pm (registration/bagels starting at 8am)



The North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly is on Zoom, and we're having a watch party! The Synod Assembly is the annual business meeting of our synod. The theme for this year's assembly is "Salt, Light, and Leaven." Jesus names us "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world," and compares the kingdom of heaven or reign of God to "leaven" (Matthew 5:13–16; 13:33). At the assembly, we will celebrate ways our congregations are "salt of the earth," "light of the world," and "leaven" of the kingdom in ways large and small as we prayerfully participate in Jesus's own work of reconciling the world to God's very self.

Pastor Kjersten, Gloria Kolodziezyck, and Doug Martens are our voting members, but anyone is invited to watch the assembly. The synod assembly begins at 9am and runs until 3pm. Come to watch the whole thing, or just pop in for part. We will gather in the social hall to project the assembly on screen. There will be bagels and cream cheese in the morning, and we'll order pizza for lunch. People are invited to bring snacks and drinks to share. A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of bagels and pizza. Sign up on the sign-up sheet so Pastor knows how many bagels to get.

FED: Faith, Food, Fellowship

FED worship services will return in the fall.

Tech Team



A meeting/training for all members interested in joining the Tech Team will be held after church on **Sunday, May 12**. Any questions, contact Gloria Kolodziezyck.

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

On April 21st, Bishop Satterlee and his wife Cathy joined us for worship allowing us to personally thank the bishop for the generous gift from the Synod. Besides enjoying Bishop Satterlee's message, we were able to celebrate Cathy's birthday during coffee hour.



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

In March we celebrated the birthdays of the "Marvelous Mavens", April 14 we celebrated the birthdays of the "Mad Caps" Kathy, Bob & Gloria.



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

Pastor Kjersten was gone April 14 attending the ELCA in Chicago and Ronnie Cung was not able to be at the service. In their absence, Laurie Swanson, Linda Hermann, Jeff Andert and Teresa Garver filled in for them. It definitely takes a village and we are fortunate at Trinity to have such able and talented village members to step up when needed.



ROAD RUNNERS



The Road Runners will be on the road again **May16**. We will be meeting at the **Base Bar and Grill** (formerly JB WHISKEY'S), 3905 W. Dickman, at **11:30am**. Bring a friend(s) along, all are welcome. Join us for good food and great conversation.

Wayne



Take Me Out to The Ball Game ...

It Is Baseball Time!

The Battle Jacks are having a **Family and Faith Night** on **June 28, 2024**. The tickets are \$18.00 per person which includes a meal voucher for a hot dog, brat, or burger along with chips and a drink. We can purchase tickets in a block or individually.

If you are interested, please let me know by **May 15, 2024**.

Thanks,

JoAnn Rusan

To my Church Family, I would like to say "Thank You" for the gift you gave me Sunday April 21st. It helped me very much to get through the day. It was VERY MUCH appreciated. It would have been 45 years on Sunday and the poem on it really hit home.



Thank You again,
Wayne

Celebrating Baby Boy Sullivan!!!

What: A Shower for Baby Sullivan
Where: Trinity Fellowship Hall
When: **Sunday, May 19, 11:45**
Who: Trinity Family & Friends



Pastor Kjersten on Leave for the Summer

Pastor Kjersten and the council have been working together to plan for the summer while she will be out on maternity leave. Council has granted Pastor nine weeks of leave, which she plans to take as 8 full weeks and two part time weeks. The start of this time is flexible, but it will begin no later than Sunday, June 30th, with an expected return of September 1st. While Pastor is gone, council is putting together a summer worship schedule which will include a mix of guest pastors, Trinity members preaching, and a few joint services with St. Peter. Pastor Ed Ruble will be available to cover pastoral care. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to a member of the council. Pastor Kjersten and Travis are grateful for the congregation's generosity in giving them this time to settle in with their new family.

Fellowship Hall Tables



Have you noticed some new tables in the Fellowship Hall? John Sullivan has been replacing the old (and VERY heavy) tables with new ones. If you would like to assist in the funding of the replacement of the tables, please give your donation to John. Also, the old tables are looking for new homes should you have a use for them!!



RECIPE CORNER

Penne Mac and Cheese (German Style) – Laurie Swanson

Note: This recipe was created for a special Crock Pot that is shaped more like a 13 X 9 casserole dish. In other words, the food is fairly flat in the dish so it may cook more slowly in a regular Crockpot where food is in a thicker layer. The first time you use this recipe, you will need to add time and maybe stir the noodles a bit. Just watch time and sample noodles to be sure they're cooked. Make note of any change you make in cooking time for the next pot luck!

Penne Mac and Cheese

serves 8 - 10 (More as side dish)

NOTE: The optional garlic and onion are what makes this recipe create a German traditional dish **if you want.**

Ingredients:

- 2 jars (15 - 16 ounces each) Alfredo pasta sauce (could be low fat)
- 2 cups milk
- 1 package (16 ounces) uncooked penne pasta (I use mini penne)
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese divided
- Cooking spray or butter
- 1 white onion (optional)

Garlic Crumb Topping (recipe below) optional

- 2 cloves garlic- chopped small
- cooking spray
- butter

Directions:

1. Mix Alfredo sauce and milk in the biggest bowl you own.
Stir in uncooked pasta and 2 cups cheese, & onions if using
2. Generously spray the slow cooker stoneware with cooking spray or butter and place ingredients in the pot.
3. Cover: cook on **low for 3 - 4 hours or on high for 2 1/2 to 3 hours**
4. Sprinkle top with remaining cheese. Let stand covered 5 minutes before serving.
Add garlic crumb topping if using.

Garlic Crumb Topping

Toss 1 cup panko crumbs with 2 tablespoons melted butter and 1 clove minced garlic in a bowl.

May Prayer Partners

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



- May 5** – Faith Lutheran, Okemos, Rev. Bruce Thorsen
Synod Assembly 2024, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Ms. Sandra Schlesinger, Vice President
- May 12** – Hope St. John’s Parish, Oscoda, Supply Pastors
- May 19** – Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Petoskey, Rev. Sherry McGuffin
- May 26** – Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plainwell, Rev. Nicole Smith

Worship Volunteers & Readings for May

Lay Assistants, Sound Board

- May 5** – LA: Doug Martens
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck
- May 12** – LA: Gloria Kolodzieicyck
Sound: Ellis Cutler
- May 19** – LA: Mary Conl;in
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck
- May 26** – LA: Linda Hermann
Sound: Ellis Cutler

Readings

- Acts 10: 44 – 48
Psalm 98
1 John 5: 1 – 6
John 15: 9 – 17
- Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – 26
Psalm 1
1 John 5: 9 – 13
John 17: 6 – 19
- Acts 2: 1 – 21
Ezekiel: 37: 1 - 14
Psalm 104: 24 – 34, 35b
Romans 8: 22 – 27
John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 4b – 15
- Isaiah 6: 1 – 8
Psalm 29
Romans 8: 12 – 17
John 3: 1 – 17

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

5/10 Kwame Robinson
5/18 Linda Grubaugh-Buckner
5/21 Jeff Andert
5/25 Teresa Momenee-Young



5/29 – Jeff & Diane
Andert

Prayer Requests

COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler
Pam Ellison-Kring
Linda Hermann
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 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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