



Trinity Trumpet

June 2024

The Pastor's Letter

The council has gotten into the tradition of examining one of our core values at the start of each council meeting as our devotion time. We read the core value together, and then reflect on ways we are currently living out that value at Trinity. This week the core value we reflected on was Love. As a reminder, the way we explain that in our values statement is like this: "We believe that God is love. We believe that God loves everyone in the world. We share God's love for us by loving others. "In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us" (1 John 4:10)."

So, we read that, and then shared how we'd seen love lived out in our congregation. People shared examples of having their name lifted up during prayer time, and then receiving phone calls checking in on them. Or Levi's love of hugs. Or the love Woman's Co-op members show each other and us. There were so many warm images of how we try to live out love as a congregation. And then we jumped immediately from there into the adoption of the agenda, and it felt like an awkward transition.

It felt like an awkward transition, but, as I shared with the council, it's not. We do a lot of business at Trinity, and sometimes I wonder, worry even, if we lose track of the spiritual in the business. But the business is spiritual, if we know where to look. Our vision at Trinity is that we are "a gathering of God's people, anchored in the Post neighborhood, reflecting God's freeing power to our congregation, our neighborhood, and the wider community." This is vision, the purpose, that we sense God calling us into. So, when we are about the business of the church, as long as that business is helping us live more fully into that vision, into God's vision, it is God's work.

The work of the council is God's work. Council does a lot of business stuff. We go over finance reports, check in on property reports, try to create policies to keep us running smoothly, discuss upcoming events. An

outsider may hear a council meeting and think, how is this different from any other non-profit board of directors. But this business is about keeping Trinity on track so we can live into where we think God is leading us. Property team does property stuff. They fix lights, leaks, cut grass, manage disasters, and try to figure out what to do with the parking lot. All of this is essential to our vision, because we cannot be a gathering of God's people in the Post Addition without a place to gather. Mary sets up and cleans up after coffee hour every Sunday, the work of dishes is the work of hospitality. Wayne comes in on Saturdays to staple bulletins, imagine trying to worship if we just handed you a loose stack of paper and hoped you could keep them in the right order, or even had all the pages. Kathy organizes us in the CROP walk every year. Bob and Doug make sure our bills are paid, because it's important that we are good stewards of the gifts God has given us, which means not paying late or overdraft fees. As I write this, I'm emailing back and forth with the consultant JoAnn is working with to make sure our website doesn't crash. I could go on and name the work that each one of you is doing, but Connie (Minutes! Connie keeps the best minutes!) already mentioned the Trumpet is going to be long this month, so I'll cut it short. The point is the business of the church can be nothing other than business if we lose sight of its purpose. But if we let our purpose shape our work, then this business becomes God's business.

So, as you're on the lookout for God sightings this week, I invite you to look in the unexpected busy work of your day. In the church yes, but also in your life. Have a doctor's appointment? You may see God. God wants for you to be a good steward of your health, so good job keeping up on taking care of yourself. Paying household bills, how is God glorified in that work? Cleaning your house, can you find prayer in the repetition.

God is in our work, dear people of God. If we only know how to see.

Peace,
Pastor Kjersten

Council Officers

At the May 28 council meeting, the following were unanimously elected for 2024-2025:

President: Jeff Andert
Vice President: JoAnn Rusan
Secretary: Connie Everson

Tech Team



The Tech Team met after church on **Sunday, May 12**. There are 6-7 members that will be scheduled to operate the sound board on Sundays. More volunteers for the board and the live streaming are still needed. If you're interested in joining this important team for our ministry, please contact Gloria Kolodzieizyck.

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

Not only is Ronnie a terrific pianist and organist, he's also a great guitarist!!



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



Our being treated to cake during coffee hour continued in May with a Mother's Day cake!!

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

On May 19 we celebrated Pastor Kjersten, Travis and baby Sullivan. We cannot wait to meet him!!



Thank you for the Baby Shower!

Thank you so much for throwing a party to help us celebrate Peanut. Your generosity and kindness towards our new arrival was nothing short of overwhelming. We are looking forward to introducing you to Peanut when we return in mid-August.

Peace,
Pastor Kjersten and Travis

Freeze Pop Tuesdays

We will be doing Freeze Pop Tuesdays starting June 4 through August 13 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Come out and have a Freeze Pop or 2 and hand out freeze pops to the kids (2-99). We will have games and sidewalk chalk for all to enjoy. If you are interested in helping hand out the Freeze Pops, you don't have to stay the whole 2 hours. In case of rain, we will be handing them out from under the front overhang.



Wayne & Tresa

ROAD RUNNERS



On June 20 the Road Runners will be meeting at Miller's on Helmer Rd @ 11:30 am. Come join us, bring a friend(s) and enjoy both a good meal and good conversation.

Also, a couple of changes: on July 18 we will meet at Suipi's at 915 W Territorial and on October 17 we will meet at The Sand Hill at 11401 17 Mile in Marshall. These are 2 new ones on our schedule so come out and enjoy a new meeting place. Hope to see you there.

Wayne



Take Me Out to The Ball Game ...

It's Baseball Time!

The Battle Jacks are holding 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. Trinity has 17 fans signed up to go. **See JoAnn Rusan for the coupon** with all the information about purchasing your ticket in our Trinity Lutheran section by June 27 (the day before). There are extra seats available.

Pastor Kjersten on Leave for the Summer

Pastor's leave will be starting June 13. She will return to the pulpit on August 18 followed by two weeks of partial leave. A schedule has been set up whereby we will be able to have communion five times during her leave. The schedule includes Pastor David Sprang, Pastor Cheri Johnson and Pastor Ed Ruble (joint services with St. Peter) along with our wonderful lay preachers.

Summer Worship Leadership for June

June 16, Pastor David Sprang preaching (Communion)

June 23, joint Trinity/St. Peter worship at **Trinity** with Pastor Ed Ruble preaching. (Communion)

June 30: Gloria Kolodzieizyck preaching

Bible Chat on Summer Vacation

With Pastor Kjersten on maternity leave this summer, there will be no Bible chat Wednesday, June 19th. Bible chat will return when Pastor Kjersten does, with the first Bible chat of the fall starting Wednesday, August 21st.



Happy Anniversary

Happy 10th Anniversary to Jan Mead and Linda Hermann
on Friday, June 7!

ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith

We live in an increasingly polarized society, with a lot of noise all around us about what it means to be people of faith in our nation. Jesus spoke of being “in the world but not of the world,” so as Christians should we be above politics? Or should we be deeply involved in politics? Are Christians supposed to be from a particular political party and/or is your faith less than if you are part of whatever the opposing party is? The ELCA is working on a draft social statement called Civic Life and Faith to help us ask those questions. Social Statements, as a piece of information, are writings from the church that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. The Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith is still in draft form, it will not be approved until the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. If you would like to read the draft and share input on how you feel about the proposed statement, you can do that by visiting the ELCA website at: <https://elca.org/civicsandfaith>.



RECIPE CORNER

InstaPot Chicken and Dumplings

If you have an InstaPot/Pressure Cooker, this is super yummy and became a favorite the first time we had it. I increase it by half (amounts in parenthesis) to have enough to feed a larger group or have leftovers.

Ingredients:

2 (3)T Butter

2 (3) C. Chopped Onions (I actually use less, it depends on how much you like onions)

1 (1 ½) C Chopped Celery

1 (1 ½) C. Chopped Carrots

1 (1 ½) tsp Poultry Seasoning

½ (¾) tsp Salt

Pepper to taste

2 (3) C. Chicken Broth

½ (¾) C. Cream

1 - 5 (8) Count Package of Pillsbury Buttermilk Grands Biscuits (Southern Homestyle)

1 (1 ½) Lb Chicken (breast, tenders or thighs) cut into 1" Chunks

- Sauté on normal onions, seasoning, salt & butter for 6-8 minutes stirring often.
- Cancel
- Add celery, carrots, chicken & broth, stir.
- Manual pressure for 2 minutes, quick release.
- Cancel
- Return to sauté on normal. Add cream, stir. Add biscuits each cut into 1/8s being sure to add them individually. Stir
- Cook 4-6 minutes or longer until biscuits cook and the sauce thickens, stir often.

June Prayer Partners

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



June 2 – Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Portage, Rev. Martha Porter-Reid

June 9 – Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portage, Rev. Rachel Laughlin

June 16 – Leer Lutheran Church, Posen, Rev. Supply Pastors

June 23 – Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rose City, Rev. David Sprang, Administrator Pastor

June 30 – Ascension Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Rev. Julie Bailey

Worship Volunteers & Readings for June

Lay Assistants, Sound Board

June 2 – LA: Scott Schindehette
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck

June 9 – LA: Linda Hermann
Sound: Ellis Cutler

June 16 – LA: Gloria Kolodzieizyck
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck

June 23 – LA: Laurie Swanson
Sound: Ellis Cutler

June 30 – LA: Tresa Garver/
Teresa Momenee-Young
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck

Readings

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10 [11 – 20]

Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18

2 Corinthians 4: 5 – 12

Mark 2: 23 – 3:6

1 Samuel 8: 4 – 11 [12 –15] 16– 20
11:14 – 15]

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Mark 3: 20 – 35

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10 [11 – 13] 14 – 17

Mark 4: 26 – 34

1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4 – 11, 19 – 23] 32-49

Psalm 9: 9 – 20

2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13

Mark 4: 35 – 41

2 Samuel 1: 17 – 27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7 – 15

Mark 5: 21 – 43

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

6/5 – Steven Millard
6/11 – Laurie Swanson
6/15 – Dorene Boulton
6/26 – Barry Chapman



Anniversaries

6/7 – Jan Mead & Linda Hermann
6/8 – Kim & Kwame Robinson
6/12 – David & Christine Herdman
6/25 – Don & Dorene Boulton

Prayer Requests

COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler
Pam Ellison-Kring
Linda Hermann
Tish Gancer
Family of Mary VanderWall

IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Jim Hines (Maxine's Nephew)



We were saddened to hear about the death of Mary VanderWall on Monday, May 27. Her obituary described her as "...classy with a little bit of firecracker mixed in. She was a lovely lady inside and out." Her Trinity friends agree.

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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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live 12:30 Food Pantry	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat			
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
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	Pastor Kjersten's Maternity Leave Begins		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour Father's Day	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer			Road Runners @ Millers Time Out 11:30		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer	Council, 7 via ZOOM			Faith & Family Night, Battle Cats, 6:35	
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10:30 Worship Coffee Hour						

