



# Trinity Trumpet

October 2024

## The Pastor's Letter

Every Sunday before the offering plates are passed around, I remind the assembly that offering is about declaring God's abundance in a world that claims there is not enough. I also remind everyone that there are so many different ways we give offering to God. We give of our finances, yes. We also give of our time, our skills, our prayers, our presence. We give of all these things, because all of them are gifts of God to us. And we share of these gifts of God not to earn God's love, we already have God's love, there is nothing we can earn, no more we could do to get God to love us anymore. We share of these gifts because once we know how deeply we are loved by God, there is nothing we can do but love others in return. I then invite you to place in the offering plate whatever it is you are offering to God this week. I make the joke about how some things should be "placed in the plate" metaphorically, usually with a reference to a lawnmower or the organ. I can be a bit of a broken record on Sundays, many of you could probably recite this speech yourselves.

I am a bit of a broken record, but that's because it's true. Finances are a hugely important part of what we give to God. Not because the church needs money, because I think our budget is proof of how God finds a way around a lack of finances. If Trinity still has work to do, God will make the money work. Considering our financial stewardship is important for our spiritual lives. Money is a good tool to practice generosity because it's measurable and tangible. I say every year at budget time that budgets are missional documents, they tell us where our priorities lie as a congregation. Our personal budgets are the same. Making a regular commitment of giving of our money forces us to remember where our priorities are. I've been using the royal "we" a lot here, let me speak for myself. When my anxiety spikes, my response can be to control for as many things as I can, especially my finances. Making a regular habit of giving to various causes on a reoccurring basis forces me to remember my values.

Finances are hugely important, and our time is also important. Our time is important, because it's a finite resource, but also because giving of our time is how relationships are made. When we give of our time, we embody the work of the organization we are working on behalf of.

I share all this because, as you may have guessed by now, we are getting ready for Commitment Sunday. This is the Sunday every year where we invite you to consider both your financial and time commitments to the congregation, and to write them down. Writing them down is again for our brains, not God. God doesn't need writing, writing something down forces us to take the time to think about it. So this year, like every year, when the intent cards come around, I invite you to use this card as a time to prayerfully consider not just your gifts to the church, but all of your finances, time, sharing of skills. Where might God be calling you to, not just in the church but also in the world, this year.

Peace,  
Pastor Kjersten

## ROAD RUNNERS

On **October 19** the Road Runners will be meeting at **Sandhill**, 11401 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, @ **11:30 am**. This will be a new spot for us. Come, enjoy trying a new experience and join in on lively conversation. Bring a friend or two!!



There has been a change for December. We will be meeting at Clara's on the River on December 9 at 6:00 pm as FED will be meeting on December 16. There will be a Sign-Up sheet on November 24 and December 1 so I can make the reservation on December 2. All are welcome so sign up a friend(s) if you would like.

A reminder that everyone at Trinity is a member of Road Runners. If you not a member but attend Trinity you are still welcome. We meet at different restaurants in Battle Creek and Marshall on the 3rd Thursday at 11:30 am except in December we meet at Clara's at 6:00 pm.

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## Bill & Millie Sullivan Memorial Garden

I want to thank all the wonderful people who helped in the dedication of the Bill & Millie Sullivan memorial garden and Millie's celebration of Life.

The garden had been neglected since Covid, so it needed freshening. Thanks to Carol Riste, Mary Pennock, Mary Mahurin, John Sullivan, Janelle Hickey, Emily & Leah Hickey, David from the Co-op, John Kolodzieizyck, Doug Martens and Bob & Laurie Swanson for their contributions. A special thanks for Dick and Connie Everson for contracting a former student who did the tin work on the plaque and Dick's skills in making the beautiful wooden frame.

Bill and Millie have been true ambassadors of Trinity over the years. They visited those in the hospital, brought flowers, and made phone calls to the shut-ins. Bill mowed the lawn and Millie always organized funerals and church dinners. They both worked the Franklin Pantry for many years.

We will forever miss their smiling faces and remember them as the garden continues to grow.

Eileen Martens



## October FED

The October FED (**October 17, 5:00**) will feature a Faith & Blue event. Faith & Blue is a nationwide effort to build community by connecting police with members of the faith communities. Come for an evening of faith, food and fellowship.

## Stewardship Sunday

The Council has set October 20 as Stewardship Sunday when we will prayerfully make our commitments of time, talents and money to Trinity Lutheran. Following the service, we will share a luncheon in the fellowship hall. Lunch reservations will be made during the service on October 6 and 13. You can also contact any council member to let them know you'll be attending.

## Pastor Sprang's Retirement

Pastor David Sprang recently announced his retirement. Pastor Sprang has been a great partner to Trinity helping us establish and maintain grant funding through both the synod and the ELCA. The synod is hosting a farewell worship and reception for him on Saturday, November 2, at 1:00 in Gladwin. Pastor Kjersten is planning on attending and would welcome any other Trinity members who would like to join her.

H A P P Y  
*retirement*

Coffee first  
reached  
Europe in  
1515.



Martin  
Luther  
sparked the  
Reformation  
in 1517.

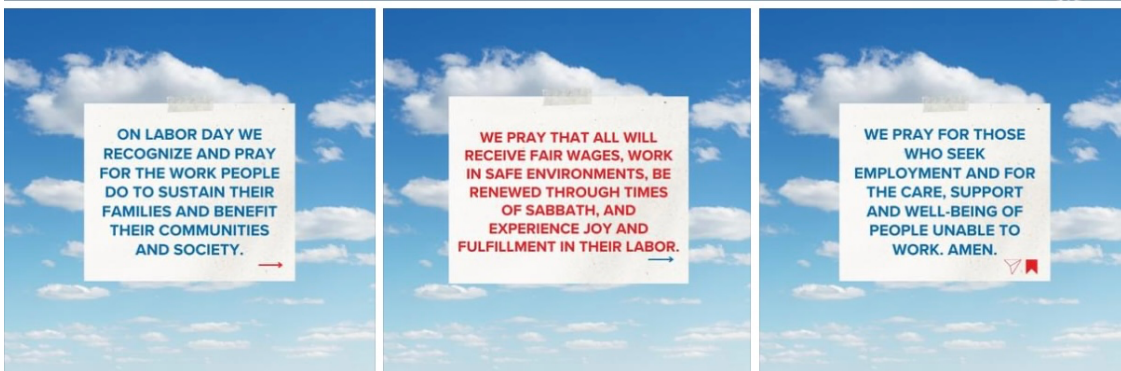


Beware a caffeinated pastor.



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

Laurie Swanson outdid herself preparing an altar display for Labor Day Weekend!! She included items relating to many of our members and included a “tool box” of all the skills and occupations in our congregation.



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

After their summer hiatus, the choir returned on Sunday, September 15, to share their special music. It was wonderful hearing so many voices performing the anthem!!



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

On Sunday, September 8, we traveled to St. Peter for a joint God's Work Our Hands Sunday celebration. After hearing God's word shared by Pastor Kjersten, we enjoyed a yummy luncheon followed by working on various projects that help to expand our circle of love to others.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 4

Teresa Momenee-Young was on the front page of the September 26 Shopper. There was a wonderful article sharing the story of its inception and all the great work done by the Woman's Co-Op the last 20 years.





## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Woman's Co-op Gala

On September 28, 2024, the Woman's Co-op celebrated a wonderful evening with approximately 100 people at the Fire Keepers' Casino. Those who attended were served delicious hors d'oeuvres, an Italian theme dinner with some wonderful desserts. There was a dance floor with even some Lutherans on it. The silent auction had some great items, and everything was sold. A touching tribute was presented by Teresa Momenee-Young's family which brought out her story to many people attending. Rev. David Sprang attended the event by invitation from Trinity and recognized as a representative from the North/West Lower Michigan Synod during the program. The recognition included how the Synod's financial support given to Trinity was priceless to maintain our building expenses and continue our partnership with the Women's Co-op over the past many years. Pastor Kjersten was recognized as the local representative that maintains day to day support for the Co-op when needed. There were many Trinity/Woman Co-op pictures on a PowerPoint loop that played through the entire evening. Overall, more people left that evening understanding how Trinity Lutheran Church and Woman's Co-op work together in our community. Another fun activity was a photo booth. Trinity members got together and took a moment to be a little crazy. Thank you to Trinity for all your support for the Woman's Co-op 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala! Diane Andert



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## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



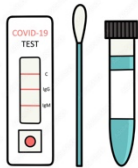
I would like to share some GOOD NEWS on that subject.

During October, some organizations offer free or low-cost mammograms. Insurance usually covers them as well. So Ladies, this might be the ideal time to get a mammogram. I know none of us are thrilled by the prospect, but it is our best defense. And now there is more good news: If breast cancer is caught early, it is easily treatable with a 99% survival rate. I am sharing this with you because it just happened to me. I almost skipped by mammogram last January because I had been doing it for years and never had a problem. In spite of my excuses, I went anyway. Two days later they called to tell me they found a suspicious something that was less than one centimeter in size. So, I had outpatient surgery to remove it....3 hours in the hospital and I went home minus cancer and a 99% chance of survival.

There is an article about this in the October issue of Woman's Day Magazine that has more information, but the main idea is breast cancer is easily treatable if found early, and the early treatment is a piece of cake! So, we've run out of excuses to take good care of ourselves!

Laurie Swanson

## Free COVID Tests



Many of us know someone that's had COVID recently. The Federal Government is again offering 4 free tests per address. To order yours, go to [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) to request them.

# 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 18th. This day-long event even 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 17. See Pastor Kjersten or Connie for a disposable pan if you would like to contribute a cake.

In addition to the cakes, they are also collecting twin or double blankets to be given to the veterans. If you have one or two to spare, please get them to Pastor Kjersten by Thursday, October 3, so she can get them to one of the donation locations.

VA Stand Down & Calhoun County Homeless Coalition present the  
**2024 CALHOUN COUNTY CONNECT**

**FRIDAY** **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**OCT 18, 2024**

**OPENING CEREMONY - 8:30 AM**  
**DOORS OPEN - 9:00 AM**

Held at Full Blast - 35 W. Hamblin St., Battle Creek, MI

**VETERANS SERVICES** **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Health Care for Homeless Veterans  
Veterans Justice  
Suicidal Thoughts  
Transitional Housing  
Surplus Items  
Peer Support  
Vet to Vet  
Transition Care Services  
Vocational Rehabilitation  
Supportive Services for Veterans Families  
VA Nutrition Services  
And more!

Free Onsite Services include:  
Continental Breakfast at 9:00 am  
Lunch from 11:00 am-12:20 pm  
Health Screening  
Food Bag  
Information and Assistance include:  
Utilities  
Education  
Housing  
Legal Aid  
Dental Services  
Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking  
Parent Groups  
Employment  
Senior Services  
Transportation  
Spiritual Counseling  
Healthcare Enrollment  
Medical, Behavioral health, and Substance Use Disorder

For questions, please call the SHARE Center at (269) 964-8133.

Continuum of Care

**Share the Warmth**

Needless to say, it's cold outside. Your extra blanket could be a lifesaver for someone in need.

**NEW! Donation deadline: October 3!**

The goal is to collect 400 blankets to be distributed at the annual Calhoun County Connect/VA Stand-Down event on October 18.

**Please Donate**

Clean (new or used) twin or full sized blankets to help our homeless and veteran populations in Calhoun County.

**Drop-off Locations:**

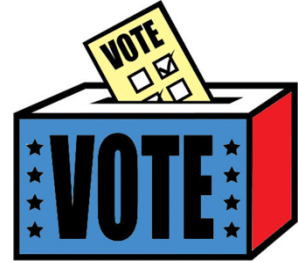
- The Haven - 11 Green St.
- SHARE Center - 120 Grove St.
- Summit Pointe - North Creek location at 176 College St. OR Albion location at 301 E. Michigan Ave.
- Michigan Workal Southwest - 200 W. Van Buren St.
- Michigan Creek Athletic Club - 21 Michigan Creek Pl.
- Thrifter's Oasis - 1526 W Michigan Ave.

For more information Email: calhouncountycconnect@gmail.com



## **Election Day 2024 – Tuesday, November 5**

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day. First and foremost, get out and vote! In addition to the presidential race, there are many statewide and local elections. You can get find out your polling location and see a sample ballot at the Secretary of State website: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/>.



If you live in Precinct 1, Trinity is your poll location (Post Addition, Bell Street to Illinois, and north to Roosevelt). Since we will have many of our neighbors in the building to cast their votes, Trinity thought we should show them some hospitality. We are hosting a Hospitality Table in the entryway with coffee and snacks. Please sign up to sit for a few hours and welcome our neighbors. You can also donate cookies or other snacks to share (Halloween candy is always a hit!).

## **Active Shooter Training**

The Woman's Co-Op recently completed active shooter training and found it very worthwhile. If any Trinity members are interested in taking this training, please indicate your interest to Teresa Memonee-Young or a council member by November 3.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Chicken Potato Soup

#### Ingredients:

2 T Oil  
1 med onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 med carrot, diced  
2 stalks celery, diced  
½ tsp Italian seasoning  
4 C. Chicken broth  
1 lb chicken breast/tenderloins  
3 medium potatoes, peeled & cut into 1" cubes  
1 C. cream  
2 C. baby spinach. (If you don't have any spinach, still yummy without it.)  
Salt & Pepper to taste

- Heat oil over med-high heat, sizzling (1-2 min). Add onion, carrots, celery & garlic. Saute until tender.
- Stir in Italian seasoning.
- Add chicken broth, chicken & potatoes. Bring to a boil & cook until chicken is fully cooked. (12 – 15 minutes)
- Remove chicken from the pot and shred.
- Return the chicken to the pot and stir in cream.
- Cook until warmed, 3 – 4 minutes.
- Add spinach and season with salt & pepper.

## October Prayer Partners

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



- October 6** – St Peter Lutheran Church, Unionville, Rev. Jeffrey Bonn  
**October 13** – Grace Lutheran Church, Vassar, Supply Pastors  
**October 20** – Lebanon Lutheran Church, Whitehall, Rev. Douglas Ogden  
**October 27** – Zion Lutheran Church, Woodland, Supply Pastors

## Worship Volunteers & Readings for October

### Lay Assistants, Sound Board

**October 6** – LA: Gloria Kolodzieizyck  
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck  
Streaming: Doug Martens

**October 13** – LA: Chase Lehman  
Sound: Ellis Cutler  
Streaming: John Kolodzieizyck

**October 20** – LA: Gloria Kolodzieizyck  
Sound John Kolodzieizyck  
Streaming: Travis Sullivan

### Readings

Job 1:1; 2: 1 – 10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1: 1 – 4; 2: 5 – 12  
Mark 10: 2 – 16

Job 23: 1 – 9, 16 – 17  
Psalm 22: 1 – 15  
Hebrews 4: 12 – 16  
Mark 10: 17 – 31

Job 38: 1 – 7 [34 – 41]  
Psalm 104: 1 – 9, 24, 35b  
Hebrews 5: 1 – 10  
Mark 10: 35 – 45

### Reformation Sunday (Wear red to worship.)

**October 27** – LA: Tresa Garver/Teresa  
Momenee-Young  
Sound: Ellis Cutler  
Streaming: Doug Martens:

Job 42: 1 – 6, 10 – 17  
Psalm 34: 1 – 8 [19 – 22]  
Hebrews 7: 23 – 28  
Mark 10: 46 – 52

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

### 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  
10/31 – Ellis Cutler



### Anniversaries

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

## Prayer Requests

### COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler  
Pam Ellison-Kring  
Linda Hermann  
Tish Gancer  
Kathy Chapman

### 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>	<b>05</b>
		<b>Worship &amp; Music, 10:30 Franklin Pantry, 12:30</b> 1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat 6:45 Choir			
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