



# Trinity Trumpet

September 2024

## The Pastor's Letter

Since we first shared the news about Nik, Travis and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity we have experienced. At one point (to the delight of the cats) our living room looked like the storage facility of Amazon baby, Nik has more clothes than Travis and I combined, and we were actually able to return a case of size one diapers because he outgrew them before we were able to go through all the diapers we'd been gifted (we returned them for size two diapers, which he's also about to outgrow, should have gotten size three...). His arrival in the world did not end the outpouring of generosity. We had friends stop by with meals, mow our lawn, run errands, and numerous offers to babysit. One friend came by to sit with Nik and ended up doing my laundry because the basket was too heavy for me to carry down the stairs. As someone who's always had a bit of an independent streak, this outpouring of kindness was incredible, and incredibly overwhelming. I didn't want to take advantage of people's kindness. I was wrestling out loud with this one afternoon, when my mother-in-law interjected. "Kjersten, if someone offers a specific thing, that is because they want to do that thing. Give them the gift of getting to do it." Give them the gift of getting to do it. Her line stuck with me. By not accepting their generosity I wasn't letting people off the hook, I was blocking them from something they wanted to offer.

It can be hard to ask for help, or to accept help when it's offered. But here's a thing I know and had forgotten in the sleep-deprived heat of having a newborn, people like to help, they like to be asked. I was reminded this summer to say thank you more than no thanks, and to experience the joy of community. And I invite you to do the same. I think as a community we're pretty good at this, but there's always opportunities to do better. To ask for help and to accept help when it is offered. In asking and accepting, I think you will find blessing in the sharing.

Peace, Pastor Kjersten

## God's Work Our Hands Sunday

**Sunday, September 8**, is the ELCA Annual God's Work – Our Hands Sunday. This year we will again be traveling to **St Peter** for worship at **10 AM** and then enjoying a potluck luncheon after the service. We are asked to bring a salad or a dessert. After sharing what is sure to be a yummy lunch (Lutherans have the best potlucks), we will join in participating in a variety of projects. Preparing stamps to be donated (if you have some around your house waiting to be donated to St Peter, bring them), writing thanks yous and making prayer beads (these will come back to Trinity to be distributed at FED on Thursday, September 19) are among the possibilities. Pick what suits you best!! Let Gloria Kolodzieizyck know if you're able to attend so that she can send St. Peter a count of Trinity members coming – they're ordering BBQ Pork. This is always a fun and rewarding Sunday!!



## ROAD RUNNERS

On **September 18** the Road Runners will be meeting at **Cornwell's Turkeyville** on Gorsline Rd @ **11:30 am**. Come, enjoy a delightful drive into the country, join in on lively conversation and have a great meal. Bring a friend or two!!



On October 17 we will once again be in Marshall meeting at the Sandhill at 11:30 am. Come out and enjoy a new restaurant on our schedule.

Wayne



## Garage Sale

The Co-Op is hosting a free community garage sale on Saturday, September 14, 9 – 4. If any members have any items to donate (time for a fall cleaning?), they would be greatly appreciated. Drop off at the Co-Op Monday thru Thursday between 9 & 4. Thanks!!!

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

In the summer we start worship with “God Sightings”. Our service itself was a “God Sighting” on nine consecutive Sundays!! Pastor Kjersten was on leave from Sunday, June 23, through Sunday, August 11. Even though we were missing the “glue that holds us together”, we split her duties and were provided with wonderful, faith enriching services in her absence. A big THANK YOU to Pastor David Sprang, Pastor Cheri Johnson, Pastor Ed Ruble, Gloria Kolodzieizyck, Laurie Swanson, Doug Martens and Tresa Garver for sharing your words of faith with us. Of course, we celebrated with cake when Pastor Kjersten returned!! Also, our sincere thanks to Jeff Andert & Eileen Martens who did extra duty during this time.



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

Baby Nik was “IN THE HOUSE (AKA church)”!! Sunday, August 25, was Nik Sullivan’s first Sunday (even though we are sure the sounds were



familiar to him). He spent the service snuggling with his Grandma Sullivan moving only a little when the organ sounded but settling right back in hearing his mother’s voice. He already knows that coffee hour is fun and he woke up to delight everyone and show us how much he already adores his Grandpa Sullivan!!

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



Freeze Pops ended another successful season on Tuesday, August 13. The cooler has been put away until next summer when our yard will again be the place to stop, enjoy a cold treat and maybe play a game on a hot summer day!!



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

The blue free lending library has returned to our front yard with a hopefully sturdy pole. A big thank you to John Sullivan, John Kolodzieizyck and Dick Everson for getting this reinstalled.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 5

FED returned on Thursday, August 15. Gloria Kolodzieizyck provided the message and led the discussion on the theme of Harvest. Our fellowship hall was once again the site of folks enjoying a hearty meal.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 6



We were delighted to have Jason and Andrea Andert along with their 3 kids worshiping with us during the month of August. On August 11 we had an extra special treat having Andrea share her musical talents with us! A beautiful moment became even more special by watching her kids react afterwards to her performance. (Lots of awwwws .....)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 7



Color the Creek founder and coordinator, Justin Andert, said he hopes the annual youth day inspires kids to create and perhaps one day become a Color the Creek muralist. (Shopper News photo by Shelly Kehrie-Sulser)

The August 22 Shopper featured pictures from Color the Creek. There were two familiar faces, Justin Andert and Emily Hickey!!



Emily Hickey, far left, gets some rest after completing her second ever Chalk Art Festival drawing. (Shopper News photo by Shelly Kehrie-Sulser)

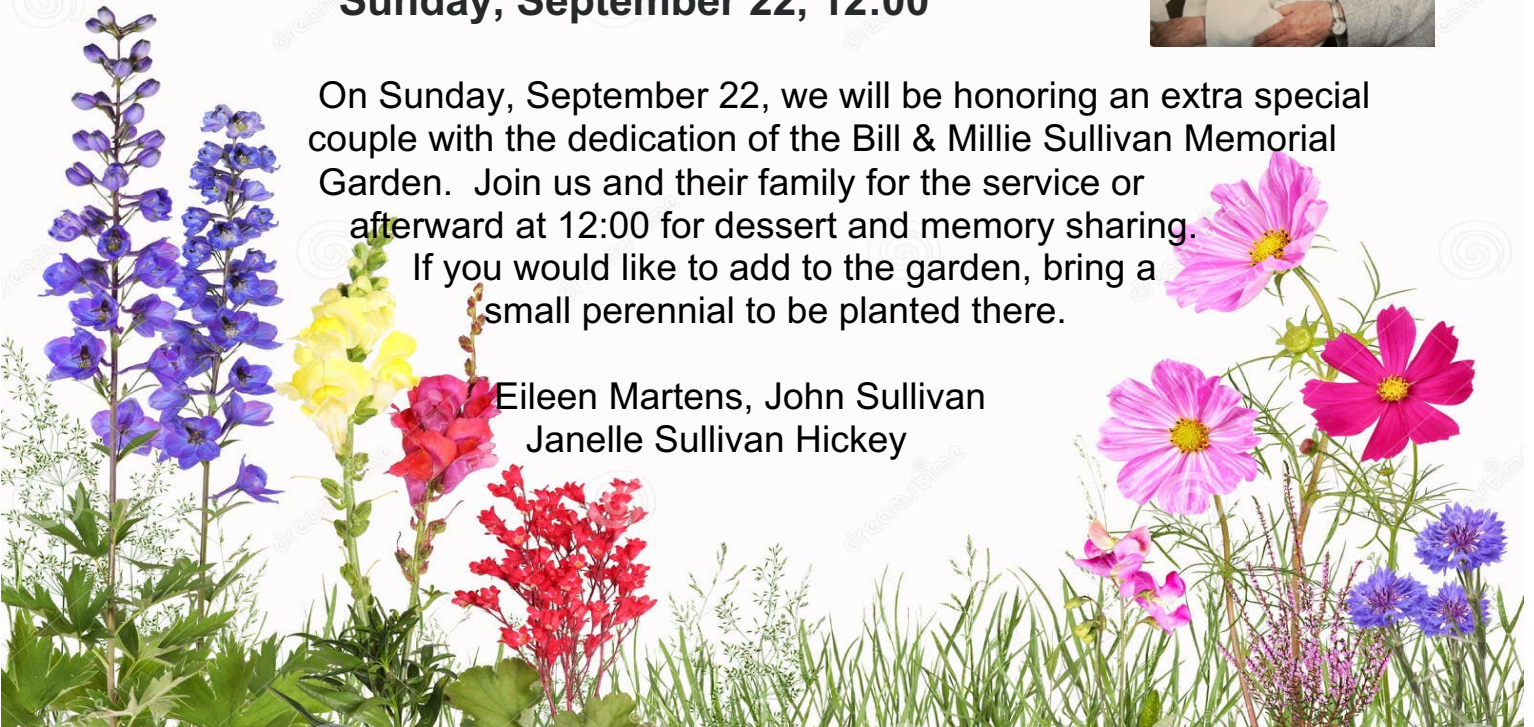
### **Memorial and Flower Garden Dedication In Honor of Bill & Millie Sullivan Sunday, September 22, 12:00**



On Sunday, September 22, we will be honoring an extra special couple with the dedication of the Bill & Millie Sullivan Memorial Garden. Join us and their family for the service or afterward at 12:00 for dessert and memory sharing.

If you would like to add to the garden, bring a small perennial to be planted there.

Eileen Martens, John Sullivan  
Janelle Sullivan Hickey



## CROP Hunger Walk for 2024

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be held at the Leila Arboretum, September 29, 2024. Registration is at 2:30pm and the walk starts at 3:00pm. Twenty-five percent of your donations stay in Battle Creek, MI. The money collected is split three ways and goes to Second Missionary Baptist Church New Vision Outreach, SHARE CENTER, and Urbandale SDA/Meals. Our own Pastor Kjersten will give the opening prayer.

This event is held rain or shine. Hopefully it will be a beautiful day. I plan to see you there.

Kathleen Chapman  
CWS/CROP Walk Coordinator

Trinity has participated in the CROP Walk for many years. Can you identify the folks in this picture?



## It's That Time



It's fall which means it's flu/cold/COVID season again. Please be mindful of others and wear a mask or stay home and join us via FaceBook live if you are feeling ill.



## **RECIPE CORNER**

### **Peanut Butter Fudge**

**From The Kitchen of Millie Sullivan**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 Tbs Karo Syrup (corn syrup)
- 1 ½ C. Sugar
- ¼ C Butter (1/2 stick)
- ½ C Milk

Bring to boil, stirring until it boils and then every now and then. Test in water.

(Google search results: The Cold-Water Test – even without a candy thermometer, you can still check if the fudge is cooked. Drop a piece of hot fudge into a glass filled with cold water, it should form one soft ball that can easily flatten between your fingers.)

Add 3 Tbs Peanut Butter and 1 tsp Vanilla, stir.

Pour on greased platter.

Thank you to John, Janelle, Mary and Millie's sister Alice for help in getting Millie's recipe ready to share. Mary says it's worth the work, it melts in your mouth!!



## September Prayer Partners

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



- September 1** – Saron Lutheran Church, St Joseph, Supply Pastors  
**September 8** – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Suttons Bay, Rev. Jonathan Reid  
**September 15** – St. John’s Lutheran Church, Three Rivers, Rev. James Smith  
**September 22** – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City, Rev. Paul Busekist  
**September 29** – Augustana Lutheran Church, Tustin, Rev. Sharon Van Dam, Supply

## Worship Volunteers & Readings for August

### Lay Assistants, Sound Board

**September 1** – LA: Tresa Garver/Teresa Momenee-Young  
Sound: Ellis Cutler  
Streaming: John Kolodizieyck

**September 8** – LA: Laurie Swanson

**September 15** – LA: Gloria Kolodizieyck  
Sound John Kolodizieyck  
Streaming: Doug Martens

**September 22** – LA:Kendra Witkowski-Lehman  
Sound: Ellis Cutler  
Streaming: Travis Sullivan

**September 29** – LA: Scott Schindehette  
Sound: John Kolodizieyck  
Streaming: Doug Martens

### Readings

Song of Solomon 2: 8 – 13  
Psalm 45: 1 – 2, 6 – 9  
James 1: 17 – 27  
Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23

Proverbs 22: 1 – 2, 8 – 9, 22 – 23  
Psalm 125  
James 2: 1 – 10 [11 – 13] 14 – 17  
Mark 7 24 – 37

Proverbs 1: 20 – 33  
Psalm 19  
James 3: 1 – 12  
Mark 8: 27 – 38

Proverbs 31: 10 – 31  
Psalm 1  
James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7 – 8a  
Mark 9: 30 – 37

Esther 7: 1 – 6, 9 – 10; 9: 20 – 22  
Psalm 124  
James 5: 13 – 20  
Mark 9: 38 – 50Cu

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

9/8 – Joyce Davis

9/10 – JoAnn Rusan

9/10 – Janelle Sullivan

9/13 – Adrienne Boyd

9/22 – Doug Martens



### Anniversaries

9/18 – Dan & Adrienne Boyd

## 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

01	02	03	04	05	06	07
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour		1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live <b>Franklin Food Pantry, 12:30</b>	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat			
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
<b>God's Work Our Hands @ St. Peter, 10AM</b>	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat 6:30 Choir			<b>Co-Op Garage Sale 9-4</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour <b>Pulpit Exchange with Messiah, Bay City</b>	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat 6:30 Choir	<b>Road Runners @ Cornwells, 11:30 FED, 5:30</b>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour <b>Sullivan Garden Dedication</b>	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live 7:00 Council	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat 6:30 Choir			<b>Co-Op Dinner @ Fire Keepers</b>
29	30					
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour <b>CROP Walk 3-4 @Leila Arboretum</b>	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-Op Monday Mixer					