



Trinity Trumpet

APRIL 2025

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN

This prayer for children was recently shared with me by my sister. We all have children in our lives – our own, our grandchildren, our neighbors, our congregation’s children, etc. There’s a common beginning and then five different ways to ask God to watch over and guide our precious gifts from Him.

Connie Everson

God, we come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the precious gifts of _____. We pray for Your loving guidance & protection over their life.

- May they grow in health, wisdom, faith and be surrounded by Your grace. May You watch over them, protect them & guide them throughout their life’s journey.

May You grant them a strong body, a sound mind and protect them from any harm or illness.

- May they grow in knowledge and understanding and may You grant them discernment to make wise choices throughout their life.

May they always feel your presence & experience Your unconditional love.

- May they grow to fulfill the unique plan You have for their life, bringing glory to Your name and blessings to others.

May they grow to have a personal relationship with You, relying on Your guidance and strength in all circumstances.

- May they experience the joy of Your presence, find delight in the simple pleasures of life, and radiate happiness to those around them.

May they grow to be a source of love and compassion to those around them, showing kindness to all they encounter.

- May they be surrounded by loving & supportive individuals who will encourage them, challenge them & walk alongside them throughout their journey.

May they excel in their endeavors using their talents and abilities to make a positive impact in the world.

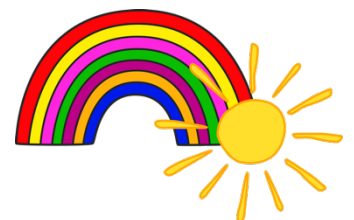
Worship Schedule

A reminder of our worship schedule that was printed in the March Trumpet.

April 6 th	Service at Trinity with Pastor Cheri Johnson preaching.
April 13 th	Palm Sunday Joint Service at St. Peter Lutheran Church with Pastor Ed Ruble preaching, 10 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday, a joint service with St. Peter Hosted by Trinity & led by Pastors Johnson & Ruble, 7PM
April 18	Good Friday, a joint service hosted by St. Peter, 7PM
April 19	Easter Vigil, a joint service hosted by St. Peter
April 20 th	Easter Service at Trinity with Pastor Cheri Johnson preaching.

The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.

Native American Proverb – Minquass Tribe



April Happenings at Trinity

ROAD RUNNERS

On **April 17** the Road Runners will be "On the Road Again" this time at **Suipi's on Territorial**. We will meet at **11:30 am**. Last year was our first visit there and we all enjoyed the food and meeting Suipi! Come and enjoy great food and conversation.



Wayne

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

On Sunday, March 2, Pastor Chrissy Bright was at Trinity to preside over the service and answer questions about the call process during our Annual Meeting. Thank you, Pastor Crissy, for answering our questions as we start planning for the future of Trinity.



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

Sunday, March 9, was our last Sunday with Pastor Kjersten. We enjoyed one last children's sermon and a message for the First Sunday in Lent. (Due to a Facebook Live glitch the next Sunday, some of us listened to the message again.) Following the service, we celebrated her and her ministry with us for the past ten years. As she has often reminded us in the past few weeks, she'll still be seeing us in her capacity as Assistant to the Bishop so it's not "good bye" forever.



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

Pastor Cheri Johnson has agreed to be our interim pastor on an every other week basis. Many of you will remember her as our supply pastor for two Sundays last summer. Sunday, March 16, was her first Sunday as our interim. To welcome her in this capacity, we (wait for it ...) had CAKE!!!



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

It was time to celebrate “The March Birthday Gals” following the service on March 23. Happiest of birthdays to Gwen, Eileen, Diane and Kendra!!



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

On March 21, 22 and 23, our own superstar, Emily Hickey, performed in the Harper Creek presentation of Once Upon a Mattress! The reviews are in and the production was fantastic!!



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

On Sunday, March 23, besides celebrating our Birthday Gals, Bishop Satterlee presided over the service and preached. After everyone was able to get their snacks from the narthex, the congregation gathered back in the sanctuary to ask him questions about our call process. Six possibilities were discussed:

- 1) Call a full-time pastor.
- 2) Call a part-time pastor.
- 3) Partner with St. Peter Lutheran, keep separate congregations.
- 4) Partner with another Reconciling Congregation here in Battle Creek (of the 150 churches in the Battle Creek area, only 3 are reconciling).
- 5) Join St. Peter Lutheran.
- 6) Decide that the time has come to close.

A Visioning Committee will be formed to address questions and determine the best choice for Trinity. Contact Jeff Andert if you wish to serve on this committee. The Council would like as many members as possible to share their thoughts on the future of Trinity Lutheran Church.



Dear friends,

Here at Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity we are seeking someone whom we could hire to conduct material handling/customer service in our Restore. We figure there is no better place to find someone than with our "Faith Partners." So, if you consider the people in your church; perhaps a strong, energetic young person who just needs a place to get their career started; we are the place. Please consider who you know that may be interested in employment with a greater purpose, and let us know.



Michael King, Executive Director
Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity
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Dear Friend of the Community Prayer Breakfast,

We are excited to invite you to join us for a morning of prayer, worship, and celebration of our shared faith at the **43rd Annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, May 13, 2025!** The event will be held at Kellogg Arena in downtown Battle Creek, starting at 7:25 a.m. This year's theme is "Faith... The Main Ingredient." We look forward to coming together in honor and praise of God.

We are thrilled to have **Mignon François, founder of the multi-million-dollar business The Cupcake Collection, as our keynote speaker.** Mignon will share an inspiring message, drawing from her remarkable journey of faith, resilience, and entrepreneurial success. Starting her business with just a \$5 investment, while facing challenging circumstances, Mignon trusted God's guidance and built her empire from scratch. She credits much of her success to her mission-driven approach and unwavering faith. Her story is captured in her book, *Made from Scratch: Finding Success Without a Recipe*.

The Community Prayer Breakfast has been a beloved tradition for 43 years, bringing together residents to reaffirm our devotion to God. Tickets are only \$15 each. For your convenience, we've attached a ticket order/donation form with a return envelope. You can also purchase tickets online at www.bcprayerbreakfast.org or the Battle Creek Community Foundation, 32 W. Michigan Avenue, downtown Battle Creek.

We encourage you to consider donating in addition to purchasing tickets. Your tax-deductible contribution helps provide free attendance for local high school students and assists with event costs, ensuring that the Prayer Breakfast remains affordable for everyone. Donors who contribute \$100 or more will be invited to a special Meet and Greet Reception with Mignon François on Monday evening, May 12th, at the Kool Family Community Center.

As we approach the 43rd Annual Community Prayer Breakfast, we ask you to prayerfully consider:

- Posting information about the event on your website, worship bulletin, and in your newsletter.
- Announcing the Community Prayer Breakfast event during your services and to the women's ministry groups.
- Attending and encouraging your congregation to join us.

Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated!

God's Continued Blessings,

Dr. Gregory and Sonja Dotson
2025 Community Prayer Breakfast Co-Chairs

Is it “God Sightings Season” yet?

Imagine being at a park on a beautiful spring day, watching children play, blue skies with a backdrop of mountains



Then, when you walk to a bench to secure a seat in the sun, you see this on the pavement:



Definitely reminders that God has created a beautiful world for all of us to share and enjoy!!

P.S. Actually, it's always “God Sightings Season!!!”



RECIPE CORNER

Slow Cooker Beef & Noodles

Ingredients:

- 2-3 lb. of beef roast
- 1 can beef broth
- 1 envelope beefy onion soup mix
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 3-4 cloves of garlic, minced (I use garlic that comes in a jar)
- 6 – 8 C. beef broth/water, more if desired
- 1 pkg (24 oz) frozen noodles (we use a ½ bag dry noodles)
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Combine 1 can beef broth, beefy onion soup mix, cream of mushroom soup & garlic. Stir, set aside.
2. Place roast in slow cooker. Add soup mixture, cover and cook on low for 8 hours.
3. Remove roast from slow cooker, break roast apart into bite size pieces.
4. Add 6 – 8 C. beef broth (depending on the size of the roast).
5. Cover & continue to cook on low for 8 hours. (Yes, you do need to start this the night before you plan on serving it.)
6. An hour before you eat, add the frozen noodles & cook on high. If using dry noodles, cooking on high for 30 minutes is usually enough.

Yes, this takes a long time and, yes, it makes a lot, but it is sooooo good that it's worth the wait and you'll welcome the leftovers!!

Connie Everson

April Prayer Partners

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

April 6 – Grace Lutheran Church, East Tawas, Rev. Max Miller

April 13 – Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Edmore, Rev. John Autio-
Stated Supply

April 20 – Calvary Lutheran Church, Elk Rapids, Rev. Zac Nelson

April 27 – Trinity Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Rev. Richard Stieve



Worship Volunteers & Readings for April

Lay Assistants, Sound & Streaming

April 6 – LA: Mary Conklin

Sound: Staff

Streaming: John

Kolodziezyck

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Joint Service at

St. Peter

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

Joint Service @ TLC

Sound: Ellis Cutler

Streaming: Quinten

Valenzuela

April 18 – Good Friday

Joint Service at

St. Peter

April 20 – LA: Chase Lehman

Sound: Staff

Streaming: Quinten

Valenzuela

April 27 – LA: Tresa Garver

Sound: Ellis Cutler

Streaming: Chase Lehman

Readings

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b – 14

John 12: 1 – 8

John 19: 19: 28 – 40

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

Psalms 31: 9 – 16

Philippians 2: 5 – 11

Luke 22: 14. – 23, 56

Exodus 12: 1 – 4 [5 – 10], 11 – 14

Psalms 116: 1 – 2, 12 – 19

1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

John 13: 1 – 7, 31b – 35

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10: 16 – 25

John 18: 1 – 19:42

Acts 10: 34 – 43

Psalms 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24

1 Corinthians 15: 19 – 26

Luke 24: 1 – 12

Acts 5: 27 – 32

Psalms 118: 14 – 29

Revelation 1 4 – 8

John 20: 19 – 31

April Birthdays

Birthdays

4/13 Bob Swanson
4/15 Gloria Kolodzieizyck
4/29 Don Boulton



Prayer Requests

COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler
Pam Ellison-Kring
Linda Hermann
Tish Gancer
Diane Andert



IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Jim Hines (Maxine's Nephew)
Bob Kamphuis
The Family of Heidi (Sheffer)
Fields (Former Member)
Colton Will (Andert's Grand-
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.

TRUMPET

To update your newsletter email/mail preferences, contact the church office at 963-5356 and leave a message.

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.

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		Franklin Pantry, 12:30	Choir Practice, 6:45	Lenten Service @ St. Peter, 7		
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10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-Op Monday Mixer		Choir Practice, 6:45	Lenten Service @ St. Peter, 7		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Joint service @ St. Peter 10 am Palm Sunday	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-Op Monday Mixer		Choir Practice, 6:45	RoadRunners @ Suipi's, 11:30 Joint Service @ Trinity with St. Peter, 7:00	Joint Service @ St. Peter 7:00 Good Friday	Easter Vigil @ St. Peter
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour Easter Sunday	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co-Op Monday Mixer	Council 7:00 PM	Choir Practice, 6:45			
27	28	29	30			
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