



Trinity Trumpet

MAY 2025

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a brief congregational meeting following the service on **Sunday, May 18**, for the purpose of electing two council members. Connie Everson has agreed to run for a second term while Wayne Walentowski has completed his second term and a replacement will need to be elected. A big thank you to Wayne for having served on the council for 6 years. Please contact JoAnn Rusan if you're interested in joining the council.

BUCKETS

Since January we've been praying for a former Pennfield teacher and her husband. He had a double lung transplant combined with open heart surgery and she fell on the ice 2 weeks after his surgery breaking her leg in several spots that required her hip replacement to also be redone when the surgeon repaired her leg. Starting with her husband's transplant, she shared her feelings and insights on Facebook. Many of her friends thought she should put these feelings into a book – I am one of those friends. I'll share some of these in the next few months. This posting was soon after her fall and surgeries. They're both home and doing well.

Connie Everson

People ask me why these things happen to us? What are we being led to? What is the reason? The lesson? The explanation we are supposed to somehow wrap our brains around?

You know- I don't know any of these answers and I'm honestly going to tell you- I don't believe life works that way. I don't believe we are somehow anointed to be gifted or endure something. I think we are given life to live to the best of our abilities and sometimes great things happen and sometimes

bad things happen. We make good choices. We make bad choices. We win and we lose. I think when things happen, the thing to do is learn. Change. Adjust. Rotate. Sometimes it feels unfair when bad things happen. Does it ever feel unfair when a good thing happens? I think, sometimes it does.

So, today, I'm putting things into 3 buckets. I think these buckets are going to help show direction. We have needs. We have things that we want/ 'need'/ require to fulfill us in the moment or for a short time: Bucket #1 (that amazing coffee, getting fresh hair, nails, new kicks, Diet Coke). We have things that we require to truly keep us alive and give us the life we try to live: Bucket #2 (food, sleep, water, exercise). We have Bucket #3. This bucket is our soul/ emotional bucket. Things that go here stay here. They fuel us. They give us a lift that stays for a long time. They make us feel for a while (talks with loved ones, breakfast with your kids, coffee with friends, hugs for a good day). I'm going to propose that when your bucket #1 is full, bucket #3 might not be.

I think Rob's illness, and now my injury, allow me the opportunity to reflect on these things. I think, 3 years ago, Bucket #1 was very full. Grossly full. Materials. I 'had' anything I wanted, when I wanted and never went without something that gave me that 'fix'. Shoes. Cars. Bags. Toys. Money. Eating out. Trips. I had a lot but there were days I felt very empty. Rob's illness allowed me time to think about hard things. We talked about hard things. What would life be like if Rob was gone? Where would I live? How would we face the days if we knew we had fewer than we had planned? What changes in life would we need to make? What would we make time for? How would we support one another in a very difficult journey? In those days and times, Bucket #3 became fuller and Bucket #1 fell a bit to the side and we plowed forward. The need to have items and daily favorites was so less important, much less fulfilling and certainly not life sustaining. The need to have sun on my face, a hand to hold, a hug in the morning, a time to laugh, a time to watch birds and waves and people. Time to absorb sounds. Etc. With people and soul filling things, Bucket #1 shrinks Bucket #3 expands and just like Grinch, your heart might grow 3 sizes. I'm still terrible about my phone but I try to leave it put away and live in the present as I can. I still have so far to go with this damn phone and all things social media.

So, today, I'm filling Bucket #2 with OT and PT so I can get home and work on Bucket #3. Big things ahead.

Go fill your buckets.



What bucket are you filling today?

Tech Team

We are in need of at least one more person to be trained in operating the equipment used in the streaming of FaceBook Live during our services. Please contact Gloria Kolodiziezyck or Chase Lehman if you are interested in being trained in using this technology.

May Happenings at Trinity

ROAD RUNNERS

The Road Runners will be meeting for another fun lunch on **May 15 @11:30 am at Los Aztec Mexican Restaurant** by Meijer on Beckley Road. Come join us for lively conversation and great food.



Wayne

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 4 – Pastor Cheri Johnson
May 11 – Pastor Cheri Johnson
May 18 – Pastor Eric Johnson (our interim before calling Pastor Kjersten)
May 25 – Pastor Cheri Johnson

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

Our Maundy Thursday joint service with St. Peter was extra special. On your way to the altar, you had the opportunity to go first to the Baptismal Font to receive from Pastor Ed the sign of the cross as a reminder of your baptism and then go receive communion from Pastor Cheri.



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



Also on Maundy Thursday, a new feature of our service, “Communion Cup Assistance”, debuted.

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

Our beautiful sanctuary on Easter. Thank you to everyone who purchased a lily:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory of ...</u>
• Martens	Love Ones
• S. Wheeler	
• Walentowski	Rose
• Cutler	Loved Ones
• Heidi Peterson	Blessings
• Johnny Sullivan	Love Ones
• Swansons	Loved Ones
• Tresa Garver	Memory of Mother Carol
• Gloria & John	Honor of Grandchildren
• Anderts	Memory of Parents & Grandparents
• Christine Guthrie	Loved Ones
• Eversons	Parents Darcy & Kathryn Everson, Bob & Florence Gaus



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

On the Second Sunday of Easter, Laurie Swanson provided us with a wonderful message about the fellow travelers on their recent trip to Iceland being an example of Easter People.



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

One of our favorite acolytes, Leah Hickey, turned 10!! Welcome to the “double digits” Leah!



Riddles for Gardeners

With spring flowers starting to make their welcome appearance, we thought these riddles shared by Eileen Martens would be both timely and fun. All the answers are names of flowers. If you're completely stumped, the answers are printed on the next page.

1. How you might describe a silent person.
2. Name for a lady who weds for riches.
3. Everyone has these on their face.
4. You might find these on a safari.
5. An appropriate gift from a banker.
6. Unmarried male fasteners.
7. A country of automobile lovers.
8. Good name for a guy's biking club.
9. He's an awfully sugary Bill.
10. They're the dairy best blooms.
11. A peevish fairy-tale creature.
12. A woman's nighty footwear.
13. They hate to wait.
14. A find-looking jungle ruler.
15. Cross between a violin and a clarinet.





RECIPE CORNER

Snicker Salad*

Ingredients:

3 apples, chopped
2 bananas, sliced
3 Snickers (regular size), chilled and chopped
1 reg. Cool Whip, thawed.

Mix together, chill and serve!

* "Salad" may be in the name, but this tastes more like a dessert!!

Riddle Answers: 1. Mum; 2. Marigold; 3. Tulips; 4. Tiger Lilies; 5. Money Plant (???); 6. Bachelor's Buttons; 7. Carnation; 8. Cyclamen; 9. Sweet William; 10. Buttercups; 11. Snapdragon; 12. Lady's Slipper; 13. Impatiens; 14. Dandelion; 15. Violet

May Prayer Partners

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



May 4 – Zion Lutheran Church, Freeland, Rev. Kevin O'Bryan

May 11 – Edgewood Lutheran Church, Fruitport, Rev. Ellen Schoepf

May 18 – Peace Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Rev. Megan Crouch

May 25 – Christ the King Lutheran Church, Gladwin, Rev. Emily Olsen-Brandt

Worship Volunteers & Readings for May

Lay Assistants, Sound & Streaming

May 4 – LA: Mary Conklin

Sound: Staff

Streaming: Chase Lehman

May 11 – LA: Gloria Kolodizieizyck

Sound: John Kolodizieizyck

Streaming: Quinten

Valenzuela

May 18 – LA: Chase Lehman

Sound: Ellis Cutler

Streaming: John

Kolodizieizyck

May 25 – LA: Tresa Garver

Sound: Staff

Streaming: Quinten

Valenzuela

Readings

Acts 9: 1 – 6 [7 – 20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5: 11 – 14

John 21: 1 – 9

Acts 9: 36 – 43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7: 9 – 17

John 10: 22 – 30

Acts 11: 1 – 18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21: 1 – 6

John 13: 31 – 35

Acts 16: 9 – 15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22:5

John 14: 23 – 29



My sincere apologies for messing up the Lay Assistants for April. I used the May ones in error. Thank you to everyone who did the readings even with my mistake!!

May Birthdays

Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

5/29 – Jeff & Diane Andert

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)
Roseann Littell (Connie Everson's
Cousin)



All religions are but stepping stones back to God.

Native American Proverb – Pawnee Tribe

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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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04	05	06	07	08	09	10
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer		Choir Practice, 6:45			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour Mother's Day	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer		Choir Practice, 6:45			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour Congregational Meeting	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer		Choir Practice, 6:45	Road Runners @ Los Aztec, 11:30		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	Memorial Day	7:00 Council Via ZOOM	Choir Practice, 6:45			