



Trinity Trumpet

June 2025

FURTHER MUSINGS

As a quick recap, since January we've been praying for former Pennfield teacher Angie Thornburg and her husband Rob. He had a double lung transplant combined with open heart surgery and she fell on the ice two weeks after his surgery requiring surgery and a redo of her previous hip replacement. Starting with Rob's transplant, she shared her feelings and insights on Facebook. They both continue to do quite well. She was able to travel to Emory University to see their daughter receive her PhD (Rob needs to stay within a 4-hour radius of the hospital for the first year) and they were both able to witness their son graduating from MSU with his medical degree.

Connie Everson

I feel it's time, again, to thank everyone that has surrounded us with love and support. I haven't been able to complete ALL my thank you messages. I'm not sure you realize how your messages and any bit of encouragement helped and continues to help us. Phone calls just to check in, cards with such comforting messages, gracious and generous gifts, love, kindness, goodness.

When a person is down- depressed, injured, sick, wounded, emotionally spent, broken hearted, weary....never underestimate the power of a simple call or message. It may be the one thing they carry with them in that challenging day. It may be the one thing they hold near as they try to sleep. The power of love, kindness, human goodness can certainly change a day and might change a life. Days are busy. Our lives move at a pace that seldom allows us to reflect. Humanity moves fast.

Please take time this week to be a good human to someone who might need you. You might not even know they need you. It doesn't take much time. It can cost zero dollars. It's reaching out and simply letting someone know you were thinking about them.
Be good to yourself. Be good to someone else.

My response to her post:

"I read this after we dropped off cinnamon rolls to our bonus grandchildren's house. Their grandpa that lives with them answered the door – he has always been in his chair and somewhat non-communicative when we've been there (he's in his late 80s and in ill health). I asked if he knew who I was and he said "sure". I told him I was dropping off some still warm cinnamon rolls and he replied they might not get eaten until this afternoon (only his daughter was there – I did not see her; she works from home on Wednesdays). I told him there was an extra one if he didn't want to wait. He told me in a fun voice "I just might do that"! It was the most conversation that I've seen him have with anyone. After reading your post, I thought about how dropping off cinnamon rolls was more than a yummy treat for both of us!"



BUCKETS

Last month I shared Angie's three buckets: Bucket #1 for things you enjoy, a good cup of coffee, a new pair of shoes, etc.; Bucket #2 for things you need to survive, food, shelter, etc.; Bucket #3 for things for your soul or emotional needs like talks with loved ones, sharing a meal with friends, etc.,



I wanted you to know that worshiping with our Trinity family fills my
Bucket #3!

What bucket are you filling today?

Tech Team

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

Visioning Team Update

The Visioning Team has held two meetings (May 13 & May 20). We all agree that we want to maintain Trinity as a separate entity in our own building. We realize that we will most likely be able to do that by sharing a pastor with another congregation. During the May 20th meeting, we developed a list of services we would need from a potential partner:

- Worship in our own sanctuary.
- The time/day of our service may change.
- Pastoral care which may include Co-Op members too.
- Attend council meetings.
- Preside over special services: Weddings, Funerals, etc.
- Facilitate both congregations working together.

Next Meeting: June 17

SYNOD NEWS



Congratulations to Bishop-elect Julie Schneider-Thomas on her election at the 2025 North/West Lower Michigan Synod Convention. Our representative, Gloria Kolodiziezyck, will include her convention report during her message to us on June 15. Thank You Gloria for traveling to Mt. Pleasant to represent Trinity!!

June Happenings at Trinity

ROAD RUNNERS

On **June 19** the Road Runners will meet in Marshall at the **Sand Hill Cafe at 11:30**. Come out and enjoy great food and great conversation. As member of Trinity Lutheran, you are also a Road Runner Member. Bring a friend.



OLIVE GARDEN

On June 9th Olive Garden will finally open. I'm thinking July 17 would be a good date to meet there. What are your thoughts?

Wayne



FREEZE POP TUESDAYS RETURN

Starting on June 10th, we will once again be handing out Freeze Pops to the Kids (and any adult that would like one) from 2:00 - 4:00 every Tuesday until school starts again. Come out and give a Freeze Pop to the kids and play some Lawn Games with them. We will have Ladder Ball, Bean Bag Toss, and Sidewalk Chalk to decorate the front driveway and the sidewalk outside the front doors. If you would like to donate Freeze Pops Sam's Club has a box of 200 for \$9.99.

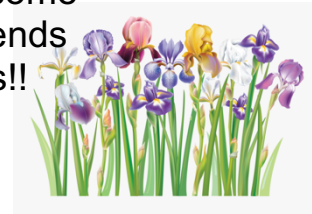
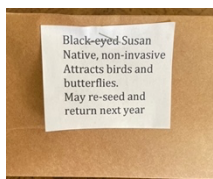
Wayne

PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 1 – Tresa Garver
June 8 – Pastor Cheri Johnson.
June 15 – Gloria Kolodizieizyck
June 22 – Pastor Cheri Johnson
June 29 – Ronnie Cung

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

On Sunday, May 4, our resident Master Naturalist, Laurie Swanson, shared some Black-eyed Susan seeds with us. The next week, Eileen Martens also shared some plants from her garden. How lucky are we to have friends willing to share these wonderful colors for our gardens!!



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



We were delighted to have the other half of the “Johnson & Johnson” of supply pastors with us on May 18! Pastor Erick Johnson (our supply pastor before calling Pastor Kjersten) and his wife Delia joined us for worship. Pastor Erick shared a message which included memories of his time with us and they both sang with the choir. It was a special treat catching up with them!!

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

Also on May 18, Judy Miller, a Battle Creek native now living in Bay City, visited us as a member of one of our mission partners, Messiah Lutheran Church. She has visited us before when she was in Battle Creek and it was fun catching up with her.



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

May 18 was a busy day! Eileen Martens and a group of Sullivans gathered to plant annuals in the Bill & Millie Sullivan Memorial Garden on the east side of our building. Take a moment throughout the summer to stop and enjoy this beautiful tribute.



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

FED is back!!! On Wednesday, May 21, FED returned with Pastor Nate Craddock from First Congregational Church presiding. The youth pastor from First Congregational also joined him. He taught us the song, "Come As You Are" and shared a message about God's kingdom being here around us. Pastor Nate will also be with us next month during FED which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, from 12 – 1.

It was Jeff Andert's birthday, so after singing Happy Birthday to him, we had cake!!!



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



The Union City Chorale celebrated their 25th Anniversary in March. The Chorale includes two of our favorites – Bob & Laurie Swanson!! Congratulations to the Chorale for performing beautiful & inspirational music for a quarter of a century.

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

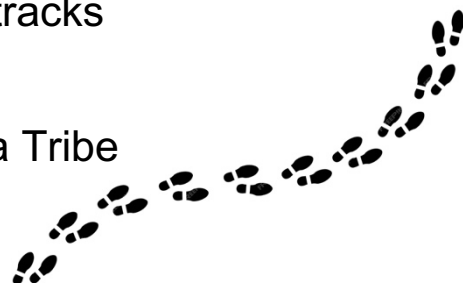
As part of her Memorial Day Weekend sermon, Pastor Cheri brought a parament that was given to her by a friend who had visited Normandy. There are poppies embroidered on it and Pastor, in her children's sermon, shared the significance of the poppies in remembering the memory of fallen soldiers on Memorial Day.



Happy 70th Birthday to Kathy Holder
On June 8!!!

We will be known forever by the tracks
that we leave.

Native American Proverb: Dakota Tribe





RECIPE CORNER

West African Peanut Soup From the Kitchen of Pastor Kjersten*

Ingredients:

1 Tbs vegetable oil or olive oil
2 C chopped onions
1C diced celery
1 tsp salt
2 Tbs peeled and grated fresh ginger
1 Tbs Tabasco or other hot sauce, or 1 fresh hot pepper, minced
4 C peeled chopped sweet potatoes (about 1 ½ pounds whole)
3 C water
3 C tomato juice
1 C smooth peanut butter
¼ C chopped fresh cilantro,
Chopped scallions or chives.

- Warm the oil in a covered soup pot on medium heat.
- Add the onions, celery and salt and cook, stirring frequently, until softened, 10 to 15 minutes.
- Stir in the ginger and hot sauce or hot pepper.
- Add the sweet potatoes and water. Stir well.
- Bring to a boil, cover and simmer until the vegetables are very tender, about 20 minutes.
- Add the tomato juice and peanut butter to the pot.
- In a blender in batches, or using an immersion blender, puree the soup until smooth
- Add the cilantro and reheat gently.
- Add more salt and hot sauce to taste,
- Serve topped with scallions or chives.

Yield: 9 cups

*This is the soup she shared at the Road Runners Soup/Sandwich/Salad pot luck a few years ago.

Woman's Co-Op Garage Sale Fundraiser **Sponsored by the Co-Op's Board of Directors**

Mark your calendars for June 28, 2025, from 9:00am – 4:00pm for a garage sale with the proceeds going to the Woman's Co-op. The garage sale will be hosted at Trinity. Invite friends and family to this great event.

Things that Trinity members can volunteer to do for this garage sale is to donate items from your household that you may no longer need or use. There will be a need for volunteers on June 28th. No need to sign up just show up. OR volunteer to work during the drop-off times so donations can be handled and stored appropriately. Dedicated times to drop-off items and to volunteer during the drop-off will be on the following dates:

June 12th 2:00pm – 5:00pm

June 19th 2:00pm – 5:00pm

June 26th 2:00pm – 5:00pm (some set up starting here too)

June 27th 12:00pm – 5:00pm (Need volunteers for set up, pricing)

June 28th 9:00am – 4:00pm



If you think you can volunteer on any of the dates listed above, just let Diane Andert know. I will coordinate that information with the Garage Sale Coordinator.

Trinity Directory Update

TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR THE DIRECTORY

If your information has changed, please fill out and return this form to Eileen Martens.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 2055 E. Columbia Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ **ANNIVERSARY DATE:** _____

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June Prayer Partners

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



June 1 – Settlement Lutheran Church, Gowen, Rev. Nan Dehnke
June 8 – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge, Rev. Charles Foerster
June 15 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Karsten Voskuil (RCA)
June 22 – Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan
June 29 – St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Kyle Duff

Worship Volunteers & Readings for June

Lay Assistants, Sound & Streaming

Readings

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| June 1 – LA: Jeff Andert Sound: Ellis Cutler Streaming: Chase Lehman | Acts 16: 16 – 34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22: 12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 – 21 John 17: 20 – 26 |
| June 8 – LA: Gloria Kolodizieizyck Sound: Staff. Streaming: John Kolodizieizyck | Acts 2: 1 – 21 Psalm 104: 24 – 34, 35b Romans 8: 14 – 17 John 14: 8 – 17. [25 – 27] |
| June 15 – LA: Laurie Swanson Sound: John Kolodizieizyck Streaming: Doug Martens | Proverbs 8: 1 – 4, 22 – 31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1 – 5 John 16: 12 – 15 |
| June 22 – LA: Gloria Kolodizieizyck Sound: Ellis Cutler Streaming: John Kolodizieizyck | Isaiah 65: 1 – 9. Psalm 22: 19 – 28. Galatians 3: 23 – 29 Luke 8: 26 – 39 |
| June 29 – LA: Mary Conklin Sound: Staff Streaming: Chase Lehman/ John Kolodizieizyck | 1 Kings 19: 15 – 16, 19 – 21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25 Luke 9: 51 – 62. |

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



6/5 – Steven Millard.
6/8 – Kathy Holder
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
Diane Andert



IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Jim Hines (Maxine's Nephew)
Bob Kamphuis
Rod Tungate (Janelle Hickey's
Uncle)
Colton Will (Andert's Grand-
Nephew)
Roseann Littell (Connie Everson's
Cousin)

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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| 10:30 Worship Coffee Hour Property Meeting | 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer | Franklin Pantry @ First Methodist, 12:30 – 3 | Choir 6:45 | | | |
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| 10:30 Worship Coffee Hour | 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer | Freeze Pop Tuesday 2-4 | Choir 6:45 | Co-Op Garage Sale Drop Off 2-5 | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 10:30 Worship Coffee Hour Fathers Day | 8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer | Freeze Pop Tuesday 2-4 | FED 12 – 1 Choir 6:45 | Road Runners @ Sand Hill Café, 11:30 Co-Op Garage Sale Drop Off 2-5 | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
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