



# Trinity Trumpet

MAY 2026



## OUR TRINITY FAMILY

In early February, the disappearance of NBC's Savannah Guthrie's mom in Tucson made national news. As many of you know, we winter there and the story was still in the news daily when we left in April. One thing I noted early in the coverage was that it was her church family that first realized that something was wrong when she was not in church on Sunday. It started me thinking about our Trinity Family and how it's been a part of our lives since Christmas Eve of 1972. We've celebrated together and we've mourned together. We have many of stories to tell about our adventures and shared experiences with other members of Trinity. Along the way, we've faced many changes and challenges together.

I Googled "church family" and found the following: "A church family provides essential spiritual community, offering love, accountability, and a "home" for believers to grow together. Defined by deep relationships rather than just shared interests, it serves as a refuge for encouragement, a support system for life's challenges, and a collective, God-centered body tasked with fulfilling His purposes."

Over the past 14 months, we have been working hard to keep our church family together. If you were in church on Sunday, April 26, you heard Janelle Hickey offer a heartfelt prayer request for "us". She was speaking for our whole community expressing why our Trinity family is dear to all of us. She's worshiped at Trinity her entire life and wants to continue doing so in the place that she worshiped with her grandparents and does so now with her dad and family. When we gather on Sunday for worship, we're not only worshiping God, we're doing it with people we love. Right now, we're

facing a challenge but we're still a congregation that's been around since the early 1900s. We have a long history and a willingness to change and adapt to our current situation. We all need to work together and ask God's help as we move forward.

*Connie Everson*

Lord,

We come before you today seeking Your wisdom and direction. We confess that we cannot guide our own steps without Your help. Please give us the discernment to recognize the right path and the courage to follow where You lead. When we are unsure, help us to trust in Your plan, even when it is difficult to see the big picture. Let your peace fill our hearts as we make decisions, and align our actions with Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen

## **PREACHING SCHEDULE**

May 3 – Tresa Garver

May 10 – Gloria Kolodiziezyck

May 17 – Rev. Ricky Perry

May 24 – TBD

May 31 – Rev. Ricky Perry

## **ROAD RUNNERS**



The Road Runners will be meeting at Olive Garden on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:30 am. Come on out for good food and great conversation. Everyone is welcome so come and enjoy being with your Church Family.

*Wayne*

# THIS & THAT

## NEW ALTAR COVER



The beautiful new Easter Altar Cover was donated by Wayne Walentowski in Memory of Rose Walentowski who took over the job of Altar Guild Leader and served until her death on February 6, 2024.

## St. Peter EarthKeepers (SPEK) Reenergized

SPEK has been helping St. Peter members be concerned about caring for creation for many years. It is being reenergized. A meeting to discuss new opportunities for SPEK at St. Peter is being held at St. Peter on Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. We as people of the creator God are tasked with caring for the wonderful creation. If you're interested in helping provide more ways this can be done at St. Peter, then please consider attending this meeting. If you are interested but can't make the meeting or want more details, please contact Linn Kracht or Renee Beck. We welcome your presence on Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.



## HAPPY SMILES



26 years for Jim, 13 for Katherine and 11 for Janelle. We are so proud of all of you!!

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



Maundy Thursday's joint service with St. Peter was one to remember. As communion was beginning, the tornado warnings sounded and the sanctuary was evacuated until the danger passed. After the all clear, folks returned and communion resumed.

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

Easter Breakfast returned in 2026!! A delicious meal was enjoyed before our Easter Service. A big THANK YOU to Eileen Martens for organizing and to everyone who donated food.



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



We welcomed Pastor Cheri Johnson on Easter (one of our "Johnson & Johnson" pastors). She asked the kids, "what does Alleluia mean?" It means "YAAYYYY GOD!" God gives us many things but, most of all, God gave us Jesus that comes to live in our hearts. Pastor Cheri then shared the story of the empty tomb and pointed out that those women were the first pastors to share the good news that "Christ is Risen"! We can share the good news by our acts of kindness

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

Our sanctuary was adorned on Easter Sunday with beautiful Easter lilies donated by our members. Pastor Cheri reminded us that the lilies look like a trumpet saying "Alleluia!"



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

We had the cutest Easter Bunnies in church on Easter!



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



Happiness is seeing your dad and grandfather in the balcony sharing their music on Easter.

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



First Congregational invited us to their service on Sunday, April 12. Pastor Nate shared a message asking what did the disciples think when Thomas didn't believe them? Why didn't he leave? It was a place where Thomas could stay even with his doubts, it was a place for everyone, even among everyone at the bottom of the ladder. We call it fellowship, a community where everyone matters and is loved.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH... PART 8

We were also invited to a Spring Fling Potluck following the service at First Congregational. A delicious brunch and a Sing-A-Long was enjoyed by all.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 9



Pastor Nate and the folks from First Congregational came to Trinity on April 19. Pastor Nate went over to “sit at the table” with our youngest worshipers and asked them “what do you do at a table?” “You eat!” We are going to come to the table (the altar) and eat together as a family.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 10



Pastor Nate shared a message pointing out that FCC was on a “field trip” which was important to the story of the congregation. The Gospel was the story of the first appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. It was about two men traveling on a road. We are two congregations traveling on a road. The Risen Christ does not show up when we have it all figured out, he shows up when we are terrified. All we can do is take one step after another with one another, breaking bread together at the table.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 11

After the service, our Fellowship Hall was filled with folks enjoying coffee and CAKE!!!



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 12



On Good Shepherd Sunday (April 26), our sanctuary was filled with sheep and a shepherd! Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd that takes care of my people.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 13

We closed out April with the other half of “Johnson & Johnson” in our pulpit. Pastor Erick Johnson shared the message that Jesus tells us that He was “another door for the sheep, whoever enters by me will be saved.” Many of us are locked in by weakness, sense of failure, addiction, etc. All of these can lock us in; Jesus is the door that is opened for us. Another world awaits us beyond the door; in heaven we are saved in the loving arms of God. Trinity Lutheran Church has a door that many folks have entered – The Co-Op, Reconciling In Christ, First Congregational, etc. We are ready to open our door and welcome more folks!





## RECIPE CORNER

### CINNAMON ROLLS

#### Ingredients:

- Frozen Bread Dough (I only use Rhodes)
- 1 stick of butter per loaf, softened
- Brown Sugar
- Cinnamon

1. Spray a disposable aluminum loaf pan with cooking spray. Place a frozen dough in it. Spray one side of a piece of plastic wrap with cooking spray. Use it to cover the dough. Let rise overnight or all day.



2. In a layer cake pan, melt butter and brown sugar until there is enough to cover the bottom of the pan. Set aside.



3. On a floured surface, take the thawed bread dough and spread out forming a large rectangle.



4. Spread the soft butter liberally over the rectangle. Top with brown sugar (1/4" to 1/3"?) and generously sprinkle with cinnamon.

5. Roll up the rectangle starting with the long side. Stretch a little.



6. Cut the roll into 1" to 1 1/4" pieces. Place each piece, cinnamon side down in the pan with the melted butter & brown sugar.

7. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 – 35 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes and invert on a plate.



Note: My photos show making the rolls with kids from 6 to 12. Each one got a 1/2 loaf to use which is why the pans are smaller. A fun & yummy activity they look forward to every year! Connie

## May Prayer Partners

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



**May 3** – Ascension Lutheran, Saginaw, Pastor Julie Bailey

**May 10** – Faith Evangelical Lutheran, Saginaw, Pastor Tina Schultz

**May 17** – Our Saviour Lutheran, Saginaw, Supply Pastors

**May 24** – Resurrection Lutheran, Saginaw, Supply Pastors

**May 31** – Faith Lutheran, Sidney, Supply Pastors

## Worship Volunteers & Readings for May

### Lay Assistants, Sound Board

**May 3** – LA: Doug Martens  
Sound: Staff  
Streaming: Quentin Valenzuela

**May 10** – LA: Doug Martens  
Sound: Ellis Cutler  
Streaming: John Kolodzieizyck

**May 17** – LA: Gloria Kolodzieizyck  
Sound: Doug Martens  
Streaming: Quentin Valenzuela

**May 24** – LA: Tresa Garver  
Sound: Ellis Cutler  
Streaming: Doug Martens

**May 31** – LA: Gloria Kolodzieizyck  
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck  
Streaming: Quentin Valenzuela

### Readings

Acts 7: 55 – 60  
Psalm 31: 1 – 5, 15 – 16  
1 Peter 2: 2 – 10  
John 14: 1 – 14

Acts 17: 22 – 31  
Psalm 66: 8 – 20  
1 Peter 3: 13 – 22  
John 14: 15 – 21

Acts 1: 6 – 14  
Psalm 68: 1 – 10, 32 – 35  
1 Peter 4: 12 – 14, 5: 6 – 11  
John 17: 1 – 11

Acts 2: 1 – 21  
Psalm 104: 24 – 34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13  
John 20: 19 – 23

Genesis 1: 1 – 2; 4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 13  
Matthew 28: 16 – 20

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### 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  
JoAnn Rusan  
Steven Rusan  
Dan Cox  
Michelle Tooker  
Damian Diamante (deployed)



### IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Cliff Whitney (Val's Husband)  
Howard Winnie (Val's Father)  
Rod Tungate (Janelle Hickey's  
Uncle)  
Colton Will (Andert's Grand-  
Nephew)  
Roseann Littel (Connie  
Everson's Cousin)  
Bob Kampius

## **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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