



Trinity Trumpet

June 2026



**OUR SERVICE TIME MOVES
TO 11:00 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7!**



CHANGE

Change is a scary word. We are creatures of habit and making a change can be scary. Our search for pastoral leadership (i.e., change) began in February, 2025. What that new leadership would look like has definitely been a journey. We have been blessed with a group of wonderful folks supplying our messages every Sunday – “Johnson & Johnson” (Pastor Cheri and Pastor Erick), Rev. Ricky Perry, Pastor Nate Craddock, Pastor Ed Ruble, Dr. Candy M-Boughton, Bill Duggan, Trinity members Gloria, Tresa, our talented music director, Ronnie Cung - I hope I haven't missed anyone. We have truly heard a thoughtful message every single Sunday.

We have another change coming on Sunday, June 7. Our service time will move from 10:30 to 11:00. This will be the first Sunday that First Congregational will hold their service at 9:30 in our sanctuary. They are moving their worship time from 10:00 to 9:30 to accommodate this change. When Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas spoke to us last February concerning our sharing resources with another congregation, she pointed out that one of the things that needed to happen was that both congregations needed to change their worship times a little bit, these changes definitely “fit the bill”.

We will also be seeing First Congregational start their move into our building. It is anticipated that they will be occupying two offices and will share the common spaces – the sanctuary, the lounge, the fellowship hall and the kitchen. Again, more change. Things will look different around Trinity, different than it did even as recently as March.

One thing that is not changing is our feeling of community. While we are “opening our doors” (see Pastor Erick’s sermon from April 26) and welcoming other folks into our building and sharing our resources with FCC, we will still be Trinity Lutheran Church in Battle Creek. We will continue the work began with the forming of the Trinity 2026 Committee last fall. This group of members will look for ways to expand on our two main focuses – finding ways to serve our neighbors here in the Post Addition and looking for opportunities to better support all of our LGBTQIA+ friends in Battle Creek. We welcome your ideas, input and help as we work to reach these goals at our next meeting, Monday, June 15, 6:30 in the lounge.

Yes, there are definitely many changes happening at 2055 E. Columbia in Battle Creek, Michigan. One thing that is not changing is Trinity Lutheran showing our love and devotion to God by helping and serving others.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 7 – Tresa Garver

June 14 – Pastor Nate Craddock with communion

June 21 – Pastor Nate Craddock with communion

June 28 – Gloria Kolodizieizyck

2025 – 2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

At the May 24 Congregational Meeting, Eileen Martens, Janelle Hickey, Kathy Millard and Tresa Garver were elected to the council filling current vacancies. Gloria Kolodizieizyck and Kendra Witkowski-Lehman were re-elected for their second terms.

Officers elected at the May 26 Council Meeting:

President: Gloria Kolodizieizyck

Vice-President: Eileen Martens

Secretary: Connie Everson



THANK YOU to all of these members for their willingness to serve on our church council!

THIS & THAT

ROAD RUNNERS



Road Runners will be meeting at Moonrakers on Thursday, June 18, 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

FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY – PART 1

While volunteering at the Pantry on June 2, our Trinity team became aware of some changes in deliveries that had affected some of their food supplies. One of the biggest needs is now bread. If you're able to purchase some loaves of white bread, bring them to church and we'll deliver to the Pantry the following Monday. They continue to need the list of non-perishables – soup, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, etc.

FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY – PART 2



In addition to providing a few days of food to those from our neighborhood, the Franklin Pantry has a bookshelf of free books available for anyone visiting First United Methodist. Connie Everson and her very talented art staff, ages 6 to 12, made "one of a kind" bookmarks for folks to take in addition to a book. However, the bookshelf itself is looking a little bare. If you have any books to donate to be shared with kids or adults, please bring them to Trinity and we'll make sure they make it to the bookshelf at the FUMC!! Thanks!!

SHERMAN LAKE CAMP

The Sherman Lake Camp (AKA, 5th/6th Grade Camp for students in the Battle Creek Area) is always looking for kids boots, snow pants, jackets, hats and gloves of all sizes. They are needed for students that do not have these items or their families cannot afford to buy them to use at camp in the winter. If you have any of these things you would like to donate, please bring them to church and we'll make sure they get delivered to the camp!



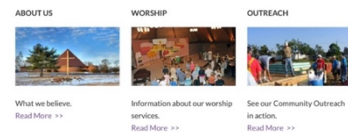
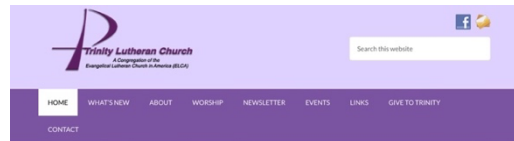
FREEZE POP TUESDAYS RETURN!!!



Starting on Tuesday, June 9th, we will once again be handing out Freeze Pops to kids (and any adult that would like one) from 2:00 - 4:00 on our front lawn. This will continue every Tuesday until school starts again. Come out, help distribute Freeze Pops and play some lawn games! We will have ladder ball, bean bag toss and sidewalk chalk to decorate the front driveway and the sidewalk outside our front doors. (If you would like to donate Freeze Pops, Sam's Club has a box of 200 for \$9.98.)

SYNOD CONVENTION 2026

The 2026 North/West Lower Michigan Synod ELCA Convention was held in Portage on May 15 & 16. Trinity was represented by Gloria Kolodieizyck and Doug Martens. Doug reported to the congregation on Sunday, May 17. He attended a workshop on church websites and encouraged us all to visit ours (tlcbattlecreek.org) to see what's there! Besides our basic information, monthly newsletters, weekly bulletins and a list of upcoming events are all found there! Check it out!





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Actually, quite grateful for the opportunity to worship from afar, this is just an added “perk”! However, we really do miss being with our Trinity Family in person. Thanks Janelle for the giggle!! *Eversons*

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



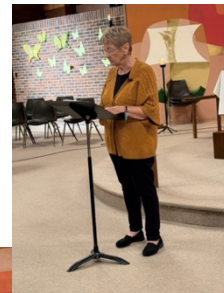
On Sunday, May 3, our own Tresa Garver talked with our kids and the rest of the congregation about journeys and when we lose our way. She reminded us that Jesus said “I am the way”. She thinks of Trinity as our dwelling place to return to and



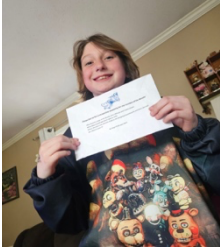
reminded us to be thankful for the diversity of all of the people that come here.

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

Gloria Kolodzieizyck started her children’s sermon on June 10 by asking the kids if they had pets and how they showed that they loved them (feeding, walking, hugging, grooming, ...) Love is more than something we say, it’s something we do. In her sermon, she reminded us that God loves us so much he will never leave us. The Gospel for the day talked about change (definitely appropriate for TLC) – Jesus knew a change was coming (He was going to die) and He assured them and us that we will not be without Him, He will be present in the form of the Holy Spirit. She had us all sing “Jesus Loves Me”!! We opened our hymnals but most of us didn’t need them!



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



Leah Hickey was named Student of the Month at Wattles Park Elementary. Congratulations Leah!!

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

To celebrate Mother's Day, all of our female members were given a red rose, a gift from Wayne and Vicki Walentowski. *Thank You!!*



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



During coffee hour on May 10, Dick Everson brought the Native American flute that he made while in Arizona to share with our resident Native American flute maker, Art Yates.



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

Rev. Ricky Perry returned to Trinity on Sunday, May 17, and started by reminding us that this is a day that the Lord has made for us!! He urged us that even when people are not kind, forgive them anyway. Let the peace of God rule in our hearts richly. When we let the rule of God rule in our hearts, we become the peacemakers. All things are possible with the Lord!



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

On Sunday, May 17, our littles enjoyed “God’s Earth Lesson” by “praising Him from our heads to our TO-MA-TOES”!



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

Emily Hickey continued her theatric career by appearing in BeetleJuice!! She had her own Trinity Cheering Section!!



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



It may not look like it from this photo, but Pastor Kjersten “returned” to Trinity on Sunday, May 24. Tresa Garver was taken ill and not able to deliver her message (she’s saving it for a future Sunday). Connie Everson contacted Pastor Kjersten to see if we could read her Pentecost message from three years ago available on the Trinity website. She said “sure” and also offered her current sermon that she was giving at her new congregation in Kalamazoo. Connie was delighted to accept the offer and read Pastor Kjersten’s sermon – it was complete with a “fun fact”! To make it even better, the first three words were “Trinity Battle Creek”!! She used the Congolese to remind us how important language is when listening to the Word of God. As Janelle Hickey stated, it was a “God Moment” for sure!!

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

In addition to reading Pastor Kjersten's sermon, Connie Everson went into "teacher mode" and prepared the children's sermon. She greeted the kids with "Hola" and "Guttentag" asking them if they knew what she was saying. (They didn't.) They talked about ways to communicate with folks speaking a different language. Applause, waves, making a heart with your hands and smiles all communicate! She closed with "if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours" – everyone will definitely understand!!



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

Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 24, offered a "Taste Test" for the Cinnamon Rolls recipe found in the May Trumpet. Here's a few extra pictures to supplement the directions:



Sorry, didn't get a picture of the finished rolls. However, this is what was left of two batches at the end of coffee hour. (They were still warm ...)



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



We were fortunate to have Rev. Ricky Perry return for a second time in May!! Our reading for the day was from Genesis – God creating the heavens and the earth. Rev. Perry reminded us that God is still continuing to create days. When we look back, we see goodness and are reminded from the 23rd Psalm that "goodness and mercy will follow us all days of our lives." Lay aside your burdens and give them to Jesus and the Lord!

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

On May 31, the choir performed “Go Now In Peace” for their last performance until fall.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 14

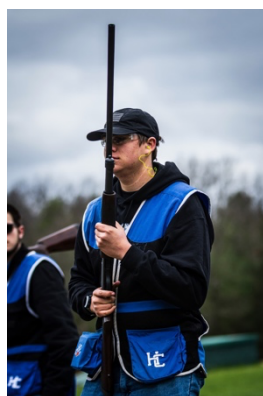


Christine Guthrie completed the Mainly Marathons Prairie Series where she ran 6 half marathons and 2 full marathons across 8 states (Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota & Minnesota, WHEW). Her running adventure began on May 8 and ended on May 15 – Mike & Quentin were her drivers for this amazing feat!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH ... PART 15

The Guthrie/Valenzuela family had a busy May! In addition to Christine’s marathon running road trip, Quentin has been competing with the Harper Creek Clay Target Club.





RECIPE CORNER

TEXAS CAVIAR

Ingredients:

- 1 can black beans
- 1 can pinto beans
- 1 can black-eyed peas
- 1 can white corn
- 1 8oz jar pimentos
- 1 C. peppers, any color
- 1 C. celery
- 1 small sweet onion, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- ½ T water
- ¾ C. Cider Vinegar
- ½ C. Oil
- 1 C. Sugar
- 1 Bag Chips

Drain well and mix together black beans, pinto beans, black-eyed peas, white corn, pimento, peppers, celery and onion.

Bring salt, pepper, water, cider vinegar, oil & sugar to boil for about 15 seconds and let cool completely.

Pour over the bean mixture. Allow to marinate overnight and drain. Serve with your favorite chips.

Gloria Kolodziejczyk

June Prayer Partners

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



June 7 – Peace Lutheran, South Haven, Rev. Travis Wilson

June 14 – Peace Evangelical Lutheran, Sparta, Rev. Bridget Whately

June 21 – New Life Lutheran, Alcona County, Rev. Dan Stoneback

June 28 – Spruce Lutheran, Spruce, Rev. Leslie Nye

Worship Volunteers & Readings for June

Lay Assistants, Sound Board

June 7 – LA: Kendra Witkowski-Lehman
Sound: Ellis Cutler
Streaming: John Kolodzieizyck

June 14 – LA: Laurie Swanson
Sound: Staff
Streaming: Quentin Valenzuela

June 21 – LA: Gloria Kolodzieizyck
Sound: Doug Martens
Streaming: John Kolodzieizyck

June 28 – LA: Chase Lehman
Sound: Ellis Cutler
Streaming: John Kolodzieizyck

Readings

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6
Psalm 50:7 – 15
Romans 4:13 – 25
Matthew 9:9 – 13, 18 – 26

Exodus 19:2 – 8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1 – 8
Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 [9 – 23]

Jeremiah 20:7 – 13
Psalm 69:7 – 10 [11 – 15] 16 – 18
Romans 6:1b – 11
Matthew 10:24 – 39

Jeremiah 28:5 – 9
Psalm 89:1 – 4, 15 – 18
Romans 6: 12 – 23
Matthew 10:40 – 42

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
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 the bulletins for each Sunday under the **Worship** tab.

TRUMPET

To update your newsletter email/mail preferences, contact us at 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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