



Trinity Trumpet

October 2026



LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On Sunday, September 27, Reverend Ricky Perry shared one of his always powerful messages with us. He challenged us to make a difference!! He told us it doesn't need to be a large initiative; small actions count too!! As he was telling us to be intentional in making things better than we found them, I looked to my right and I saw Kendra and her sweet baby girl who was smiling at me and clapping. If you know her story, you know what a difference Kendra and Chase have made in this little girl's life!!



One of our activities during God's Work, Our Hands Weekend was to make cards to take to a nursing home to share with folks there who may not get mail or many visitors. We signed a card for Sharon Cutler a week later that I took to the Oaks to deliver to her and to inquire about the best way to deliver the 18 cards that we made. (They're going to be dropped off and they'll address them and give them to residents that need a little cheer.) I was encouraged that they had Sharon sitting in a chair in the open area where you enter the facility. I visited with her there telling her how much she and Ellis were loved by Trinity and then went down to her room to leave her card. On the way back, I stopped briefly to tell her one more time "I love you" and even though there was no response from Sharon, a sweet lady nearby said "I love you too"!! Even the littlest things can made a difference in someone's day! This sweet lady's response made my day too!!

It's been said that you need to carry the sermon out the door of the church into the world. Reverend Ricky urged us to be intentional in making things better for someone. These things don't need to be big - he reminded us that Jesus fed thousands with the lunch of a lad! Take the time to say hello to the greeter at a store that you enter, smile and say hello to someone who's walking out as you walk in, hold the door for someone, thank someone who holds the door for you, help a neighbor, deliver cookies to someone, the list is

endless. I remember listening to a sermon of Pastor Kjersten's from a year ago. She shared that her mom streaked her hair with a bright color (purple?) because it was a conversation starter and she'd have a fun conversation with random folks! If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!!

Reverend Ricky reminded us to stop saying we can't do this, we can't do that, let's just make a difference because what a difference Jesus has made in our lives!

Connie Everson

FYI: All of the wonderful sermons we hear on Sunday mornings are available on the Trinity Lutheran FaceBook page for one month after they are preached.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 4 – Doug Martens

October 11 – Rev. Ricky Perry

October 18 – Gloria Kolodizieizyck

October 25 – Rev. Erick Johnson with communion

ROAD RUNNERS



Road Runners will be meeting at **Cornwell's Turkey Farm**, 18935 15 ½ Mile (Goresline), on Thursday, **October 15, at 11:30**. If you travel via 15 ½ Mile/Goresline, the drive enjoying the fall color will be part of the fun! Come join us at Turkeyville for a turkey dinner or a sandwich, it's a wonderful chance to enjoy some conversation with your Trinity Family!



BIBLE STUDY TECHNIQUES

WHAT: A 3-Week Bible Study Technique Class

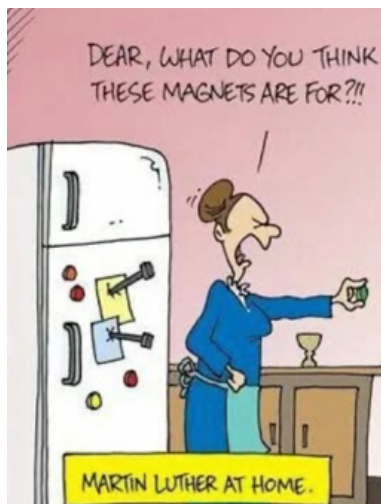
WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church, Battle Creek

WHO: All are welcome. A special invitation extended to LGBTQ+ folks and those who love them.

WHEN: Thursday, October 22, Thursday, October 29, Thursday, November 5, 2026, 10:30 to 11:45 AM.

WHY: For Christ followers who want to learn how to study the Bible for themselves. The class is based on Tim LaHaye's book "How to Study the Bible for Yourself".

HOW: Contact Tish Gancer to join (269) 832-4719. The book is \$9 and can be ordered through Tish.



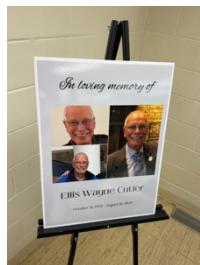
Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

We welcomed a new voice to our pulpit on Sunday, September 6, when Jaimie Fales from First Congregational was our guest speaker. Jaimie has been our neighbor; she lived in the Post Addition until she was 5 years old. She joined FCC when her son was two. She reminded us that praying to God should be like being in the presence of someone who is fond of you! She introduced us to the term “exitology”, the theology of death, etc. Our salvation (new creation) is made possible by Jesus’s resurrection. Jesus is the “already”, we are the “not yet”. God is calling us to be part of the loving and kindness in the world.



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



On Tuesday, September 8, we said good bye to our dear friend Ellis Cutler. We have lost a wonderful friend and active Trinity member. If you didn't get a chance to attend and hear Pastor Kjersten's message (she started out holding her key to the Cutler home and her visual of Ellis & Bill Sullivan driving lawn tractors out of our garage) along with the heartfelt goodbyes from his family, the service will be available on our FaceBook page until October 8.

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



Reverend Ricky Perry was back to our pulpit on Sunday, September 13. Ministers are those who God chooses to do His purpose here on our earth. He remembered September 11, 25 years ago and this year. Some joyful memories, some not. He reminded us that this is a day that the Lord has made and we are rejoicing!! We are a chosen generation, we not just called, but chosen. It is our response to the call that positions us to be in the place to be chosen by God. When we respond by faith, it is a confirmation of being chosen.

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



The choir returned on Sunday, September 13. What a delight to hear their beautiful voices again!!

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

On Thursday, September 17, representatives from Trinity met with council members from First Congregational for desert and conversation. It was a fun meeting where we shared our common goals. Future meetings are planned for joint projects like Tree of Wishes and Get Out the Vote activities. We invited them to join us that next Sunday for our God's Work, Our Hands craft activities. Their council president Zeke and his wife Rebecca and daughter Trixi joined us!!



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

At Trinity this year, we celebrated God's Work, Our Hands "Weekend" instead of just "Sunday". On Saturday, September 19, we first gathered at Trinity to make sack lunches to deliver to The Haven. After the 30+ lunches were prepared, we took them to The Haven to pass out avoiding the rain!!



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



We put our “craft hats” on for God’s Work, Our Hands Part II. We made cards to we delivered to The Oaks and painted rocks for our Memorial Garden and to share with our neighbors.



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



Our multi-talented Director of Music, Ronnie Cung, preached on Sunday, September 20. Besides sharing some sweet anecdotes about wooing his wife, he talked about his American side and his Burmese side. He related the Gospel about the king who had everything but was still not happy. We need to widen our love for one another and then who cares who gets more than someone else. We’re all in this together, do what benefits everybody!

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

If you were in church on Sunday, September 27, you got “dinsaured”!! (Is that like Jeep owners being ducked???)



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



Reverend Ricky Perry has been a frequent visitor to our pulpit for the past several months. As a “Thank You” for his being willing to share his always wonderful message, Council President Gloria Kolodzieizyck presented Reverend Ricky a \$500 check as a donation from Trinity to The Haven. Reverend Ricky is anxious for us to visit The Haven for a tour of their facility and to see how they help serve the people of Battle Creek. Contact Gloria if you’re interested in attending the tour!

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

On Sunday, September 27, we celebrated Doug Martens’s birthday with a delicious golf themed coffee hour!! (Watch for Eileen’s delicious recipes she prepared for GWOH & the birthday in the months ahead!)





RECIPE CORNER

PEANUTTY VALENTINE COOKIES*

Ingredients:

- ½ C Sugar
- ½ C Packed Brown Sugar
- ½ C (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- ½ C Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 1/3 C Flour
- ¾ tsp Baking Soda
- 36 heart shaped chocolate candies, unwrapped (Eileen uses Dove Promises, both milk chocolate and dark chocolate)

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. In a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat sugar, brown sugar, butter and peanut butter until combined. Beat in egg and vanilla extract. Beat in flour and baking soda.
3. Drop dough by rounded table spoons into ungreased mini-muffin cups. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until lightly browned. Remove from oven; gently press a chocolate into each cup. Cool in pans on wire racks for at least 10 minutes. Remove cookies from muffin cups with a butter knife.
4. Serve warm or cool completely on wire racks.

*These are the treats Eileen Martens served at the FCC/TLC joint meeting and the God's Work, Our Hands Luncheon

October Prayer Partners

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



October 4 – Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alpena, Supply Pastors

October 11 – St. Paul Lutheran, Alpena, Supply Pastors

October 18 – St. John Lutheran, Baroda, Suppl Pastors

October 25 – St. Peter Lutheran, Battle Creek, Rev Edward Ruble

Worship Volunteers & Readings for October

Lay Assistants, Sound Board

October 4 – LA: Tresa Garver

Sound: Staff

Streaming: Quentin Valenzuela

October 11 – LA: Heidi Peterson

Sound: Staff

Streaming: John Kolodizieizyck/
Bob Swanson

October 18 – LA: Gloria Kolodizieizyck

Sound: Staff

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October 25 – LA: Gloria Kolodizieizyck

Sound: Doug Martens

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Readings

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7

Psalms 80: 7 - 15

Philippians 3: 4b - 14

Matthew 21: 33 - 46

Isaiah 25: 1 - 9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4: 1 - 9

Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Isaiah 45: 1 - 7

Psalms 96: 1 - 9 [10 - 13]

1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Leviticus 19: 1 - 2, 15 - 18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8

Matthew 22: 34 - 46

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/1 – Connie Everson
10/1 – Quentin Valenzuela
10/10 – Pam Geleff
10/14 – Dan Boyd
10/18 – Tish Gancer
10/20 – Chase Lehman
10/22 – Don James



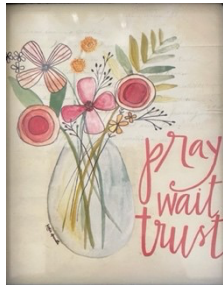
Anniversaries

10/16 – Steven & JoAnn Rusan
10/26 – Chase Lehman &
Kendra Witkowski-Lehman

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)
Family of Ellis Cutler
Wayne Walentowski



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
Aubrey Davis

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 (our former pastor) sermons under the **Worship** tab.

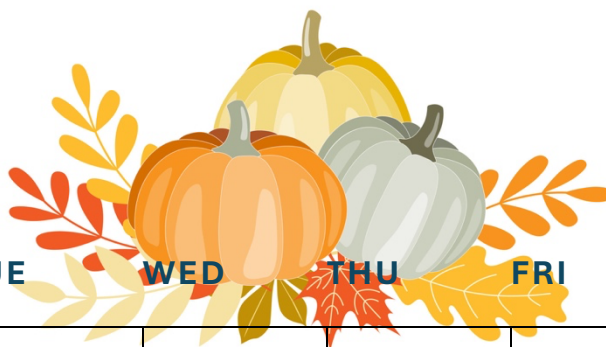
TRUMPET

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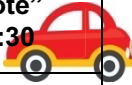
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