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Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

Worship with Holy Communion
at 8:30 and 11am

Choir at 9:30 in choir loft

Children's Sunday School classes 9:45

Confirmation 9:45

Youth Sunday School 9:45

Adult Bible Study 9:45

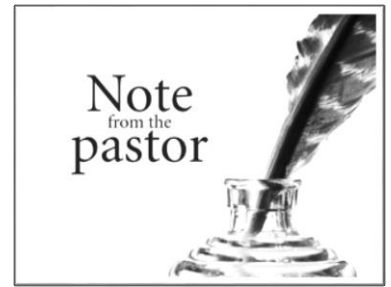
Parent Small Group or Infant/Toddler
Small Group 10am

October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am <i>Fair Trade Coffee and Tea</i> Pet Blessing 9:30 All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Parent Small Group 10-10:40 VASA 1-6</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7am S.W.E.L.L. 9am Samaritas 8:30-5pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Samaritas 8:30-5pm Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Men's Retreat</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Men's Retreat</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:30 in loft All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Infant/Toddler Small group 10 Church Council 12 Family Ministry 12:30-2</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Wed. Evening Service 5:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ladies Lunch 11:30am Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ed Ruble Ordination 6:30</p>	<p>15</p> <p>F.H. reserved 9-5 Quilt Delivery 10am</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am <i>Fair Trade Coffee and Tea</i> Choir 9:30 in loft All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 New Member Orientation 9:45 Parent Small Group 10-10:40 Youth Meetin 12-2pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7 am Wed. Evening Service 5:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>F.H. reserved 9:30-11:30 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>F.H. reserved 6pm-9pm</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:30 in loft All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Germany Trip presentation 9:45</p>	<p>31</p> <p>F.H. reserved</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Clothes Closet Winter Gear Giveaway</p>				

"...return to the LORD your God, and you and your children obey him with all your heart and with all your soul, just as I am commanding you today...Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back."

- **Deuteronomy 30:2,4**



Last month as we celebrated the beginning of Sunday School and the return to two worship services, it was truly a gift to see so many familiar faces and so many children back in worship! The above verse references an exile to the "ends of the world", and although this wasn't the case for most of us, it sure felt that way at times! I don't have to remind you that in the spring of 2020 our lives changed dramatically as everything ground to a halt. This was certainly felt acutely in the church as we went from humming along with an abundance of programs and full worship services, bible studies, and crowded children's sermons to online worship and giving sermons in my garage. Although we returned to in person worship slowly in the summer of 2020, in many ways, our Rally Day Sunday last month felt like a return from exile; especially having the blessing of an abundance of children in worship again!

I am grateful for all of you who stayed connected to our community whether through attending in person or keeping tabs online when you were able. As we all continue to move forward in this strange time, I urge you to look for ways to continue to connect or re-connect. If you're comfortable and able to gather in person I encourage you to look for ways to plug in and share your gifts and talents by volunteering or joining us for one of the many offerings that we have; sing in the choir, come to Sunday school, decorate a trunk for trunk or treat, volunteer at the clothes closet, serve as an usher or greeter, or pitch in with the facilities crew. If you're not yet able to join us in person pop on for our online bible study, or look for ways you can assist from afar like helping with our Good Samaritan fund phone calls! If you're not sure what to do, give us a call!

This is an exciting season at Trinity as we regroup and grow toward the future. No matter how connected or disconnected you have been or how you feel, it's my prayer that we in the family of Trinity can help one another recognize the truth stated above, that "Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back"!

God's Peace,
Pr. Jake

On the back side of this page, there is a Time and Talent Sheet that we are asking congregants to take a moment to fill and return to the church office if you have not done so already. This helps us be able to plan and prepare for upcoming events, services, and outreach opportunities within our church family and community.

TIME AND TALENT SHEET

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ☐ Sunday School Teacher or substitute
- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Women of the ELCA
- ☐ Substitute or assist in the nursery
- ☐ Serve on committee

FAMILY MINISTRY

- ☐ Helper

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

- ☐ Member mailings
- ☐ Temple talks
- ☐ Serve on committee

YOUTH

- ☐ Helper
- ☐ Fund raising coordinator
- ☐ Serve on committee

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- ☐ Sunday Coffee hour
- ☐ Help with Meals/Fellowship events
- ☐ Plan and organize events
- ☐ Help with Funeral lunches
- ☐ Serve on committee

OFFICE

- ☐ Assistance
- ☐ Video assistance

PROPERTY

- ☐ Project Coordinator
- ☐ Carpentry
- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Special cleaning projects
- ☐ Yard work
- ☐ Serve on committee

SERVICE MINISTRY

- ☐ SWELL (Sharing With Everyone Lutheran Love)
- ☐ Loaves & Fishes food pantry
- ☐ Quilting
- ☐ Christ Clothes Closet
- ☐ Serve on committee

WORSHIP & MUSIC

- ☐ Acolyte/Worship Assistant
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Help with Christmas/seasonal decorations in the sanctuary
- ☐ Greeter and Usher/Hospitality Team
- ☐ Instrumentalist
- ☐ Read Scripture
- ☐ Serve on committee

☐ I am a Thrivent member

☐ I am willing to use Thrivent grants to help fund church projects.



Use the QR code to fill it out digitally!

From Christian Education Team

We welcome everyone to a new Sunday School year! We are excited to welcome you and your children to a fun, grace-filled year of growing in faith.

If you are not helping in a Sunday school classroom (*Parent involvement as a classroom 'shepherd' is welcomed!*), we encourage you to find a place where your faith can be fed too. There are opportunities for all adults & parents during the education hour each week. Adult Bible Study is offered in the Lounge, Choir will practice in the choir loft and we are excited to restart the Parent Small Group and Baby/Toddler Groups that were so popular before Covid.

Attending Sunday morning worship will help your child grow in faith. We worship each week at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Plan to join us before or after the Sunday school hour for worship.

We look forward to this year of Sunday School with your family!

- The Christian Education Team

IMPORTANT DATES

10/30 Reformation Day Celebration
11/27 No Sunday School – Thanksgiving
12/18 Tentative Christmas Pageant
12/25 No Sunday School – Christmas

Sunday School Classes at 9:45am:

Pre-K and K
Nursery

Grades 1-5
Second Floor
Classroom

Grades 6-8
Confirmation

Grades 9-12
Youth Room

Adult S.S.
Lounge

**Parent &
Infant/Toddler**
10-10:40am,
alternating
Sundays in the
Family Ministry
Room

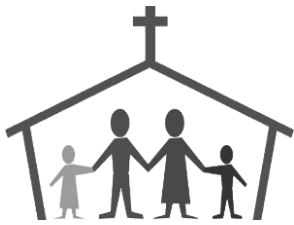
From our Director of Music

We hold the weekly choir rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9:30, immediately after the early service, in the organ loft. We will then sing at the 11:00 a.m. service. We can use YOU! GOD can use you! Please prayerfully consider joining us!

In Christian love,

Nate
nathan_mattson@hotmail.com
cell: 269.447.0258

**Choir rehearses
at 9:30am each
Sunday in the
choir loft!**



FAMILY MINISTRY

All families with children infant through 5th grade are welcome to join us!

Faith of a Mustard Seed

Sunday, October 9th from 12:30pm-2pm

How big is your faith? Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we explore that question and talk about how even the smallest amount of faith can do big and wonderful things! First we'll eat some lunch at 12:30pm (Family Ministry will provide). Then we'll do a couple of messy science experiments and talk about how Awesome our God is. *We might get a little messy, so maybe bring a change of clothes or a t-shirt to throw over your church clothes. Let Heidi know if you can attend by email (hmfuerst@aol.com) or sign up on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry) by Oct. 7th, so we know how many to plan for. Thx! ☺



Sunday Morning opportunities coming in October:

Our Infant & Toddler Small Group and our Parent Small Group sessions will begin again in October. Mark the dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

Parent Small Group: All parents are invited to hang out together, discuss the joys & concerns of raising faith-filled children, and how God helps us with the adventure that is parenting.

Dates: Sundays, Oct. 2nd and 16th

Time: 10am-10:40am

Place: Family Ministry Rm on the 3rd floor



Infant & Toddler Small Group: All infants and toddlers (along with their parents) are invited to hang out together and enjoy some fun infant/toddler activities, while their parents discuss the craziness of parenting these amazing and unique individuals.



Dates: Sundays, Oct. 9th and 23rd

Time: 10am-10:40am

Place: Family Ministry Rm on the 3rd floor

To get information about Family Ministry activities, please join our Facebook page—TLC Family Ministry. If you're not on Facebook, you can also get info in the weekly church emails (sign up on our website or contact the church office), Sunday bulletins, the bulletin board outside the Family Ministry room on the 3rd floor, and Trinity's website. Email Heidi (hmfuerst@aol.com) with any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

For all youth in grades 6th – 12th

Welcome to another fantastic year of Youth Ministry!! If you haven't heard by now, I will be helping to guide our youth program this school year while Trinity searches for a new Youth Director. We hope that you will be a part of this ministry, because it just won't be the same without you!!

~Heidi Albertson~

FIRST YOUTH MEETING

**Sunday, October 16th from noon-2pm
in the Youth Room**



All Middle and High School Youth!

Join us in the youth room right after the late service for an afternoon of food and fun! This year,

we are going to be exploring our Spiritual Gifts and talk about how we can use and share our gifts. We'll take a quiz (don't worry, it won't be graded!) and play some silly games. Sign up on the youth board or on our Youth Ministry Facebook page if you can join us.

To get information about Youth Ministry activities, please join our Facebook page—TLCKzoo Student Ministries. If you're not on Facebook, you can also get info in the weekly church emails (make sure the office has your correct email), Sunday bulletins, the bulletin board outside the kitchen on the lower level, and Trinity's website. Email Heidi (hmfuerst@aol.com) with any questions.

CONFIRMATION/SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all 6th-8th graders!! Confirmation class needs your presence every Sunday from 9:45am-10:45am in the new Confirmation classroom on the 3rd floor. Pastor Jake will be there to walk with you on your faith journey and help answer all the questions about God that you're afraid to ask. ☺

As for you 9th-12th graders, you'll meet in the Youth Room with Mr. Grubaugh from 9:45am-10:45am. Come talk about the highs and lows of being a teenager and a Christian in this ever-changing world.

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS!



Coming up on **Thursday, October 27th**, Trinity will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot (weather permitting). The youth will be in charge of running a few games for our little ghoulish guests. At our youth meeting on Oct. 16th, we'll plan out the games. Stay tuned for more details!!

In November we'll do our annual Leaf Raking Project. Please set aside

Sunday, November 13th after the late

service to come and rake leaves for church members who need a little assistance from you strong people! Bring rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, and work gloves. We'll feed you and then get to work! More info will be coming soon!



Volunteer Opportunities

Hospitality Team

Greeters and Ushers have returned to Trinity! Will you consider joining the Hospitality Team? We need a few more people to join us in extending the grace of God by offering a warm welcome to all who enter our doors. Contact Julie Peterson (jtpeterson55@comcast.net) to add your name to the list (greeter or usher) and indicate your preferred service (early or late). Thank you!

Fellowship Time!

Our Fellowship Chart is looking bare, and we need people to help contribute to this weekly opportunity to host a Sunday and share God's love for our community! Please consider signing up: individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to host fellowship time for the coming months. Remember, it need not be fancy; store-bought cookies, snacks and other treats are great! Sign up on the chart posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive

Trinity is hosting another blood drive **on Wednesday October 26** from 11:00-4:45 and YOU are invited to come and give! For an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: TLC) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to sign up for a slot and help save a life!

Altar Guild Service Opportunity

Altar Guild is seeking a few new volunteers. This service involves preparing and caring for the communion elements used in worship. Guild members serve for either first or second service, depending on her/his availability and it takes only a few minutes each week. Training is provided! Are you seeking a way to help Trinity provide a beautiful worship service? Think of joining Altar Guild! Contact Ginny Giese or Teri Koretsky for more information.

Quilters

The fourth (and fifth) Thursday of the month at 9:00 am a lively group meets in the Fellowship Hall to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They cut, design, knot tie and sew the quilts as well as have a lot of fun while doing it! The Quilters usually take a break for the holidays and will resume in January. If you are interested in joining this group, or would prefer to sew at home, or would like to make a donation of flat cotton sheets or sewing materials, please contact Teri Koretsky or Ginny Giese.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Ruth Krueger, Beth Latshaw, Mike Spresser, Don Irving, Clara Mellum, Sylvia Reekers, Vicky Phillips, Andy Mellum, and Wolfgang Kloth.

Service Ministries

Trinity Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday from 10-2 and serve all our neighbors in need! They continue to accept all donations of gently used clothing and are looking for winter gear—coats, boot, hats, gloves etc. for a Winter Gear Giveaway on November 1. They are also looking for donations of children's clothing, size 2T-14 to help restock their depleted supply.

Samaritas

Trinity's Service Ministry Team has received thank you's from Samaritas for all the wonderful filled backpacks we delivered for the foster kids in their care. You may read them at the SCRIP table. This annual project was again a success, thanks to our generous members and friends!

From the Scrip Table

As the holidays approach, please consider gifting cards from our Scrip Table! Please stop by and check out our retailer list. You can also order from Janet G. by calling 269-372-0081. Another option is to have a personal RaiseRight account so you can order e-cards online and receive them immediately. (There is a \$.15 fee if you use your bank account.) Trinity still receives the retailer rebate.

Thanks for helping us help others!

Service Ministry: Did you know?

In the corner outside of the south double doors to Fellowship Hall there is a plastic 3-drawer storage container. One of the drawers is designated for coupon fliers from the Sunday paper or elsewhere. The Service Ministry Team can use certain ones, so please bring your fliers to church and deposit them in the designated drawer after you cut out the ones you want. Thanks in advance!

Fair Trade Sales

Since we closed down for the pandemic, sales have dropped significantly. There are a few loyal folks but I am thinking it is not a ministry that is viable for the future. We still have a significant amount of coffee and especially tea in the store room. I would like to continue to offer it through December in an effort to clear what we have. We could still order the coffee/tea for our social hour use, but discontinue the table sales on the first and third Sundays.

I appreciate all of you who have supported this ministry over the many years --- Nancy Diment

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Linda Ward is collecting for Shoeboxes again this year. Official shoeboxes and labels are available in Fellowship hall. Boxes are due November 6. Help spread the love of God in a shoebox. Questions, contact Linda: thelaw1944@aol.com

Worship and Faith Formation

Wednesday Evening Prayer

You are invited to join us for Wednesday Evening Prayer service every Wednesday at 5:30pm! These short services are a great way to take a pause in the rhythm of your week for some quiet, prayer, and reflection. Each service features quiet music a brief meditation and Holy Communion. Services will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend.

Adult Bible Study

Join us every Sunday at 9:45 in the Lounge for Adult Bible Study. We will be using the series by Ray Vander Laan "Cultures in Conflict" video series that focusses on passages of Scripture and cultural reference points to help facilitate discussion and personal reflection.

Scripture and Sandwiches Returns!

Starting September 15th, join Pr. Jake each Thursday from 12-12:30 for a short bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch! We'll meet via Zoom for a look at the history, purpose, and story of the bible so we can better understand God's activity in the world and our lives. Follow the link in our weekly emails or use the meeting ID and passcode below to join in from wherever you are! Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

All Saints Day

The All Saints Book is now available in the Narthex for you to write the names of family members and friends who have died since last All Saints Day. The names inscribed on the register will be read at each service on All Saints' Sunday, November 6. Please contact the church office by November 3 if you would like a name written in the book.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is Back and going strong! We meet each month on the first and third Wednesdays from 7-8 am the fellowship hall for breakfast and bible study. If you've not joined us before, this is a great way to get involved and kick off your day with some good fellowship and discussion!

New Member Orientation

There will be a New Member Orientation for anyone interested in joining Trinity on Sunday, October 16 at 9:45am. New Members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, October 23. Please let one of the pastors know if you are interested in joining or if you have any questions!

Confirmation Classes

We're trying something new this year and have moved confirmation class to Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45 during the Sunday School hour each week. This is your chance to learn about our history, explore your faith, and ask all those questions that you're too embarrassed to ask anywhere else! If you're an incoming 6th-8th grader, you are invited to join us!

Matrix Campus Ministry

Matrix is OUR campus ministry and is a collaboration between area ELCA Lutheran churches who are working together to provide mentoring, fellowship, *paid internships* and other opportunities for church involvement and leadership to local college students! If you know a student (or if you are a student) contact Pr. Jake to see how you can get involved.

Rebecca Circle

Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? Rebecca Circle is active and looking for more participants. We welcome those from other Circles who are not yet meeting. This is an excellent chance to make some new acquaintances while studying God's word. We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 AM in the church lounge. Please join us!

Worship Assistants

		Lectors	Acolytes
Oct. 2	8:30	Carol Knoch	Jaxon Grubaugh, Ava Schreiner
	11:00	Pat Mason	James Kloster-Larkey, Kaitlyn Albertson
Oct. 9	8:30	Jen Gatz	Avner Grubaugh, Anna Schreiner
	11:00	Julie Peterson	Kiley Morris, Emma Zimmerman
Oct. 16	8:30	Arlen Gullickson	Jaxon Grubaugh, Max Shugars
	11:00	Cliff Davidson	Elyse Albertson
Oct. 23	8:30	Nicole Shugars	Avner Grubaugh, Ava Schreiner
	11:00	Keith Peterson	Kaitlyn Albertson, James Kloster-Larkey
Oct. 30	8:30	Steve Bittner	Jaxon Grubaugh, Avner Grubaugh
			Anna Schreiner, Ava Schreiner
	11:00	Connie Ruch	Kaitlyn Albertson, Elyse Albertson
			Kiley Morris, James Kloster-Larkey

Trinity Lutheran Church sends out weekly emails to update our congregation on upcoming events, ongoing projects, volunteer opportunities, changes to our schedule, and links to our online services. Sign up with our QR code for the most up to date information available!

If you are already signed up for our weekly emails but are not receiving them, please take a moment to check your junk/spam folder and mark our emails as safe. If you have done this and are still are not receiving our weekly emails, please let the church office know.



Fellowship and Events

Trunk or Treat!

Calling all families...and all trunks!!! **On Thursday, October 27 from 6 – 7:30pm** the kids of Trinity and the community are invited to a trunk or treat celebration in the parking lot. We're partnering with Vine Neighborhood Association and RAWK to help make this a great neighborhood event, so bring out your trunks, your kids and your friends as Trinity celebrates the fall. We'll need lots of trunks, so please sign up in the fellowship hall and plan to be there by 5:45 if you're able to bring a trunk and some candy. Pizza and Games will also be provided for everyone!

Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Berries Pancake House – 4311 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy Sherrod.

Ed Ruble's Ordination

You are cordially invited to attend the ordination of Edward Ruble on Friday October 14, 2022. The service will take place here at Trinity Lutheran Church Kalamazoo at 6:30pm with Bishop Satterlee presiding. A reception with light refreshments will take place in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Germany Trip Presentation

Those who made the trip to Germany this summer will be giving a presentation on Reformation Sunday, October 30 between services as a way to thank the congregation for this opportunity and share our experience. We'll gather in the fellowship hall at 9:45 for snacks as well as pictures and stories of our trip through Luther-land and our visit to Oberammergau.

If you were a participant on the trip and have pictures that you would like to share, please do so using the google photos link that was emailed to you after the trip. Also, please think of some stories and impressions you had from the trip as there will be ample opportunity to share!

Meeting of the Men

There will be no Meeting of the Men in October due to the Men's Retreat, but we'll be back in action on Thursday November 3rd from 5-6:30 at O'Duffy's Pub in the Vine Neighborhood! So join us for a relaxed evening of fellowship over a pint or two!

Leaf Raking By Trinity Youth!

Once again our Youth will be working to serve our congregation by helping to clear leaves! We'll be raking in Mid-November after most of the leaves have come down but would love to get our schedule filled out as soon as we can. This is a service event for our members who are physically unable to do this alone or who find themselves needing an extra hand this fall, so there's no need to pay anything. *Please contact the church office if you would like the youth to help you out in this way!*