

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sun Apr 14    Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00  
                  Sunday School classes 9:45  
                  Infant/Toddler small group 10  
                  Church Council 12:15  
                  Sons of Norway 2-5
- Tue Apr 16            Clothes Closet 10-2  
                  Loaves & Fishes 11-1  
                  C.F.T. 11-12
- Wed Apr 17            Men's Bible Study 7am  
                  Red Cross Blood Drive 11:30 – 4:30
- Thu Apr 18            Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30  
                  Meeting of the Men 5-6:30
- Sat Apr 20            Family Ministry Game Night 5-8pm
- Sun Apr 21    Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11  
                  Sunday School classes 9:45  
                  Parent small group 10  
                  Directory pictures 9:30 & 12  
                  Open Doors 5-8

### **Trinity will be putting together a new pictorial church directory!**

Sundays April 21, April 28, and May 5 we will be taking pictures after each service in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary and updating our directory information. Please make the effort to stop by and get a quick snapshot taken and update your information so we can get an up to date directory for everyone! If you are not able to get your picture taken at those times, email a snapshot of you/your family with updated information to the church office at [office@tlickzoo.com](mailto:office@tlickzoo.com).

## **Worship and Faith Formation**

### **Scripture and Sandwiches – Creation Series**

Join Pr. Jake online each Thursday from 12-12:30 for a short bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch. Click the link below or use the meeting ID and passcode to join in from wherever you are!

Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

**Men's Bible Study** - We will meet on Wed April 3 and 17, May 1, 15 and 29. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM, and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary". We're just a group of men trying to apply what we read in Scripture to our present lives and to hopefully become a light for others.

**Back to the Hymnals!** Did you know...at Trinity we print roughly 200 bulletins each week using an average of five full pages of paper in each bulletin. This means that we use 1000 sheets of paper each week and approximately 52,000 sheets per year...just for the Sunday morning bulletin! We began printing the hymns in the bulletin in order to reduce the risk of COVID transmission during the height of the pandemic. Certainly, many of us have gotten used to the ease of having all parts of the service printed and ready to go, but by moving forward from the pandemic and making use of the hymnals, we can reduce our paper usage by around 20%. That's 10,400 sheets of paper every year saved...(Not to mention the expense and wear and tear on the copier)!

So, to be better stewards of creation and the many gifts that we've been given, beginning in May, we will stop printing the hymns in the bulletin and will go back to using the red ELW Hymnals that are in every pew. If you need the hymns printed out for you for any reason, we will have a few large print copies available each week. Also, if you borrowed a hymnal from the sanctuary at any point during the pandemic, please return that to the church. Thank you!

## Fellowship and Events

### **Family Ministry Potluck and Family Game Night – April 20, 5-8pm**

Join us at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious potluck dinner. Please bring a side dish or dessert of your choice to pass. Family Ministry will provide the main dish and drinks. After dinner, we'll grab the board games and cards and share some laughs as we play fun, family games together. Please bring one or two of your favorite games to share. Sign up on the Family Ministry Facebook page or contact Heidi ([hmfuerst@aol.com](mailto:hmfuerst@aol.com)).

**Meeting of the Men!** Meeting of the men is an "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We'll plan to gather at the West Main St. location of Latitude 42 Brewing on Thursday April 18th from 5:00-6:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation. Hope to see you there!

**Youth Event on Sunday, May 5th from 12:15pm-4:15pm** -Horseback riding at Wild West Ranch in Fennville, MI. We'll eat some lunch in the youth room after the 2nd service. Then we'll pile into cars and carpool over to the ranch for a fun hour-long trail ride. The cost is \$10 per person. After the ride, we'll drive you back to church to be picked up by your parents. Please wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Depending on how many youth go, I will need at least one or two other drivers. Youth and potential drivers, please sign up if you can go by email ([hmfuerst@aol.com](mailto:hmfuerst@aol.com)) or the Youth Facebook event page. Thanks! \*Drivers can ride with the youth or just hang out and take nap!

**Women's Retreat!** Please save the date: Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 9 AM – 4 PM. Trinity is hosting a women's retreat with facilitator Kara Haug. Kara is highly skilled at leading healthy and loving conversations on womanhood and our relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Her goal is to help us change the narrative of negative stories we believe about ourselves and reframe them into God's positive, loving vision for us. If you'd like to learn more about Kara Haug, please visit her website: [www.reframingourstories.com](http://www.reframingourstories.com)

**Men's Retreat- Sign up and Save the Date!** This fall we'll be heading north again for the Men's Retreat at Camp Arcadia on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan! The retreat runs from Sept 27-29 with options for coming up early to take advantage of fall in northern Michigan! This is always a great opportunity to get away to relax and connect with other guys from Trinity and beyond! Trinity will be covering your deposit, so cost of registration is just \$163 with options to pay a little more if you'd like a private bath (\$35) or an extra night (\$62). To register, or for more information, go to <https://camp-arcadia.com/rkd-mens-retreat/>.

Be sure to register for the "Arcadia Men's Retreat with Chad Bird". If you have any questions, contact Pr. Jake or the Camp Arcadia office staff.

## Service Ministries

**The Welcome Team would Welcome New Members!** We have Welcome Team members assist at each of our services at Trinity! Do you like to say "Hello!"? We would love to have you join us. Contact Julie Peterson at [jtpeterson55@comcast.net](mailto:jtpeterson55@comcast.net) to join and let her know which service you attend.

**Sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers!** Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community! Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to provide flowers or host fellowship time for the coming months. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. *(And if you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a fellowship host!)* \*Altar flowers are \$ 20 per bouquet and should be ordered one week in advance. **Call or email the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you wish to put altar flowers on for a Sunday.**

**Personal Care Item Donations Needed** As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet is expanding its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are dish soap, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent (both single and multi-load containers), feminine care products, deodorant and other like items. Donations can be brought to the church weekdays during office hours or Sunday mornings.

**SCRIP Gift Card Table** - we would like to remind Trinity members and friends to think of purchasing a few cards to have on hand for teacher gifts, Mother's Day and Father's Day, or graduations not that far off, and Amazon works for almost everyone! We encourage you to stop by and look over our retailer list so you can be part of those helping us help others!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Blood Drive!** There continues to be a great need for blood donations, and at Trinity we are grateful to be able to help meet that need! Thank you to those of you who have given in the past and to those who will consider giving in the future! The next drive at Trinity will be on **Wednesday April 17th**, so be sure to get registered at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TLC> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**Helping Hands Needed at Quilters!!** No sewing required, please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. The next meeting will be February 22 at 9am. For information, contact Teri at [tkoretsky44@yahoo.com](mailto:tkoretsky44@yahoo.com) or at 269-567-4238.

**Please remember that articles for the Newsletters are due by the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month; articles for the Sunday bulletins are due one week in advance, by end of day Sunday.**