

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sun Apr 21 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11
Directory pictures 9:30 & 12
Sunday School classes 9:45
Parent small group 10
Open Doors 5-8
- Tue Apr 23 Clothes Closet 10-2
Loaves & Fishes 11-1
C.F.T. 11-12
- Wed Apr 24 Rebecca Circle 10
- Thu Apr 25 Quilters 9
Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30
- Sun Apr 28 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00
Directory pictures 9:30 & 12
Sunday School classes 9:45
Infant/Toddler small group 10
- Tue Apr 30 Loaves & Fishes 11 -1
C.F.T. 11-12
- Wed May 1 Men's Bible Study 7
- Fri May 3 Funeral for Barb Hogg 11

Trinity will be putting together a new pictorial church directory!

Sundays April 21 and April 28 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 and 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@tlckzoo.com.

Trinity Youth Fundraiser! After both Sunday services on May 12, 19 and 26 we will have a table in the Fellowship Hall with Trinity merchandise for members to order. The proceeds will benefit our youth ministry program. Please stop by and grab your Trinity gear! **Youth, please sign up with Heidi to help man the table and sell these awesome shirts.

Worship and Faith Formation

Scripture and Sandwiches – Creation Series

Join Vicar Megan 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 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 starting next week! 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!



Children's Sunday School wraps up May 19 with our annual end of the year party. Parents and friends are invited to join us for songs, games, and treats in the courtyard at 9:45. We will also celebrate the 5th grade students who are moving on to Confirmation Class next year!

Fellowship and Events

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

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.

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) or the Youth Facebook event page. Thanks! *Drivers can ride with the youth or just hang out and take nap!

Plant Swap Sunday May 19 after both services! Join us to swap advice, seeds, and plants with other plant enthusiasts! Bring a pest-free, healthy indoor houseplant or outdoor garden plant or two (or more!) for trade; they can be potted, cuttings, or bare root--as long as you're prepared to part with them! You do not have to be a plant expert to participate; plant swaps are a fantastic way to learn more about plants both inside and out!

Trinity Lutheran Church – Kalamazoo
August 7, 14, 21 6:00-8pm

2 Timothy 4:7-8



Exercise Your Faith

OLYMPICS

Join us for a family-style VBS with
dinner, games, crafts & songs

Ladies Luncheon The May Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30 at Latitude 42 in Oshtemo (6101 West Main St.). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

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 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

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 April 25 at 9am. For information, contact Teri at tkoretsky44@yahoo.com or at 269-567-4238.

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets May 6 at 10am We gather the first Monday of each month in the lounge at 10:00 to receive and pray over completed shawls, encourage one another as we work on new shawls, reflect on the gratitude of prayer shawl recipients, and, yes, socialize! Don't know how to knit or crochet? Here's your chance to learn—instruction will be provided! If you would like more information, please call Sidney Mueller at (269)806-0023.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY – TIME AND TALENT

The Stewardship and Finance and the Facilities committees are looking for several volunteers to perform a small number of indoor repair, maintenance, housekeeping and, weather permitting, general outdoor clean-up projects to our church and its grounds. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 to 4:00. The projects to be completed this day include replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary, removing pews and floor adjustments to the choir loft, installing window air conditioners in various rooms, setting up the benches in our beautiful courtyard, and moving the planters to the parking lot. All required tools and equipment will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Shaun Wright (269-364-5486, swright@heskzoo.com) or Steven Morris (269.569.4226, sleddog76@hotmail.com). And remember, "Many hands make light work." Nehemiah 3.

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

Please use the QR Code to see more detailed Announcements and the upcoming weekly calendar!



VISITING THEOLOGIAN AT TRINITY!



**Amy
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Christian Theological
Seminary*



**Tim
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Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor of
Hebrew Bible at
Christian Theological
Seminary and co-host of
"First Reading", a popular
preaching podcast*

Sunday June 2
8:30-11:00am

Worship

*Amy will preach and share a
Children's message with youth*

Sunday June 2
9:45-10:45am

Christmas in June

*A special intergenerational
Sunday School class based on
Luke chapter 2*

Monday June 3
1-3 pm

Reading the Bible with and for Children

*For teachers, parents,
grandparents, and anyone who
works with kids!*

Tuesday June 4
5-7pm

Family Theology on Tap!

*Ice Cream bar, Root Beer floats,
and Pizza over the topic, "Whose
Kingdom is it Anyway? Jesus and
the Little Children"*

Wednesday June 5
7-8am

Men's Bible Study

*"Generations of Fisherfolk: James
John and Zebedee"*

Wednesday June 5
10-12am

Women's Bible Study

*"Generations of Service: Mary and
Martha at the Feet of Jesus"*

Thursday June 6
10-12am

*Zoom Meeting ID
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Passcode: Lunchtme*

Scripture and Sandwiches

*"Children in the Bible and it's
Contexts*

Thursday June 6
7-8:30pm

At Shakespeares Pub

Theology on Tap!

*"Whose Kingdom is it Anyway?
Jesus, Little Children and the
Poor"*

Wednesday June 12
7-8am

Men's Bible Study

*"Political Theology?" How can we read
political scriptures in our political
season?*

Wednesday June 12
7-8:30pm

*At Latitude 42 Brewing
Co. - Oshtemo*

Theology on Tap

*"The Bible is a Perfectly Poured
Guinness" Scribal layers and stages in the
Bible and why they matter to regular
Bible readers like us.*

Thursday June 13
12-12:30pm

*Zoom Meeting ID
821 5743 3849
Passcode: Lunchtme*

Scripture and Sandwiches

*"Dining in the Dark" Explore the
meaning of the darkness at Jesus'
Crucifixion*

Thursday June 13
1:30-3pm

Women's Bible Study

*"Casual Conversation about feminist
interpretation of the Hebrew Bible...
(with a man who's doing his best to
understand 😊)"*

Friday June 14
7-9pm

Bible Dig-In - Session I

*An in-depth and highly interactive
exploration into the book of Ruth*

Saturday June 15
10am-noon

Bible Dig-In - Session II

Ruth 2-3 - LUNCH PROVIDED

Saturday June 15
12:30-2:30pm

Bible Dig-In Session III

Ruth 4 and Wrap up

Sunday June 16
8:30, 11am

Worship

*Tim preaching and sharing
children's message*

Sunday June 16
9:45-10:45

"The Bible for Grown-ups

*How to get the most out of the
Bible as adult readers*

All events are at Trinity unless otherwise listed.

Be sure to take advantage of these tremendous opportunities to learn and grow together