

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Wed May 1 Men's Bible Study 7
- Fri May 3 Funeral for Barb Hogg 11
- Sun May 5 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00  
Choir 9:25  
Sunday School Classes 9:45  
Parent small group 10  
Church Council 12:15  
Youth Horseback Riding 12:15  
VASA 2-5
- Mon May 6 Prayer Shawl 10
- Wed May 8 Ladies Lunch 11:30
- Sun May 12 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00  
Choir 9:25  
Sunday School Classes 9:45  
Infant/Toddler small group 10  
Sons of Norway 2-5

# Trinity Youth Fundraiser

*Come one, come all*

and order your new

Trinity t-shirts and

sweatshirts!!



They are available in four vibrant and beautiful colors. The youth will be taking orders May 12th, 19th, and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Delivery will be in June.

Don't miss out! Get yours today!!

## Worship and Faith Formation

**Scripture and Sandwiches** 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 this 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!

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

## 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](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.

**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!

**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!

**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!

**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 typically meet on the Third Thursday of each month and this month is no different, so look for us at the Old Dog Tavern on Thursday May 16 from 5-6:30.

## 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.

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



**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 May 23 at 9am. For information, contact Teri at [tkoretsky44@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:swright@heskzoo.com)) or Steven Morris (269.569.4226, [sleddog76@hotmail.com](mailto:sleddog76@hotmail.com)). And remember, "Many hands make light work." Nehemiah 3.

**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.**

# VISITING THEOLOGIAN AT TRINITY!



**Amy  
Lindeman  
Allen, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor of  
New Testament and  
Director of Master of  
Divinity program at  
Christian Theological  
Seminary*



**Tim  
McNinch,  
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*

**Wednesday June 12**  
7-8am

**Men's Bible Study**  
*"Political Theology?" How can we read  
political scriptures in our political  
season?*

**Sunday June 2**  
9:45-10:45am

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

**Wednesday June 12**  
7-8:30pm  
At Latitude 42 Brewing  
Co. - Oshstemo

**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.*

**Monday June 3**  
1-3 pm

**Reading the Bible with  
and for Children**  
*For teachers, parents,  
grandparents, and anyone who  
works with kids!*

**Thursday June 13**  
12-12:30pm  
Zoom Meeting ID  
821 5743 3849  
Passcode: Lunchtime

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

**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"*

**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 😊)"*

**Wednesday June 5**  
7-8am

**Men's Bible Study**  
*"Generations of Fisherfolk: James  
John and Zebedee"*

**Friday June 14**  
7-9pm

**Bible Dig-In - Session I**  
*An in-depth and highly interactive  
exploration into the book of Ruth*

**Wednesday June 5**  
10-12am

**Women's Bible Study**  
*"Generations of Service: Mary and  
Martha at the Feet of Jesus"*

**Saturday June 15**  
10am-noon

**Bible Dig-In - Session II**  
*Ruth 2-3 - LUNCH PROVIDED*

**Thursday June 6**  
10-12am  
Zoom Meeting ID  
821 5743 3849  
Passcode: Lunchtime

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

**Saturday June 15**  
12:30-2:30pm

**Bible Dig-In Session III**  
*Ruth 4 and Wrap up*

**Thursday June 6**  
7-8:30pm  
At Shakespeares Pub

**Theology on Tap!**  
*"Whose Kingdom is it Anyway?  
Jesus, Little Children and the  
Poor"*

**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*