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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

February & March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Parent Small group 10 Open Doors 5-8:30	20	21 Pantry 11-1pm Center for Transform. 4	22 Rebecca Circle 10am Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm 1-Mar	23 Quilters 9am Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30	24	25
26 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 Youth Ice Skating 1:30-3:30	27	28 Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm	Men's Bible Study 7am 1-Mar	2 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30 P.E.O in Lounge 1pm	3	4 Eldon Wallace Memorial 10 - visitation 11 - service
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**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.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

for all youth in grades 6th-12th

Ice Skating Outing

We can't let winter slip by without some time on the ice!! Meet your youth group friends at Wings West on **Sunday, February 26 at 1:30pm** for some fun on skates. The cost is \$5 per person. Pick up time is at 3:30pm. Wings West is at 5076 Sports Dr, Kzoo. Sign up on the youth board and/or on the Facebook page.



CAMP!!!

Calling all Confirmation and Senior High Youth! Registration for Stony Lake Lutheran Camp is open!!

The week that Trinity will be going this summer is: **Week One—June 18-23.**

This year, the pricing is a bit different. You may pay full price, half price, or no price. Because we support the mission of Living Water Ministries, we are opting for all families to pay half price. And because we support all of YOU guys, the church will pay half of the half price for you! For example, if your week of Confirmation camp costs \$230 (half price rate), then you will pay \$115 and church will pay \$115. Please pay the entire half rate, then tell Heidi that your youth is registered and you will receive a check reimbursement from Trinity. Please talk with your kids about going to camp! It is a fantastic week of faith, service, and community!

Please ask me if you have any questions.



Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser:

This March, the youth will be hosting Soup & Salad Suppers for Lent. This is a fundraiser for our Youth Ministry, so everyone going on the mission trip will be going is expected to help out. If you're not going on the trip and you want to help, then you are very welcome! Sign up on the youth board to volunteer. We'll need your help!!

Upcoming Youth Events:

March 19th—Youth Service Project

April 21st-23rd—Family Retreat at Double JJ Ranch

May 12—Escape Rooms & Pizza!!



FAMILY MINISTRY

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



Upcoming Events for Family Ministry:

Saturday, March 11th Family Game Night 5:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, April 21st-Sunday, April 23rd Family Retreat at the Double JJ Ranch

Sunday, May 21st Family Service Project 12:15pm-1:45pm

Family Game Night and Potluck, Saturday March 11 from 5:30-8:30

Time to get your game face on!! It's a Family Game Night! First we'll eat a potluck dinner. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. Then we'll get to the games. Bring some of your favorite family games for lots of family fun!! Please sign up on our Facebook page or contact Heidi by March 9th if you can join us.



CAMP!!

Registration for summer camp at

Stony Lake Lutheran Camp is open!!! Summer camp is a wonderful time to get to know your friends at church better and meet new friends. The week that Trinity will be going is: Week One—June 18-23. This year, the pricing is a bit different. You may pay full price, half price, or no price. Because we support the mission of Living Water Ministries, we are opting for all families to pay half price. And because we support all of YOU guys, the church will pay half of the half price for you! For example, if your week of Elementary camp costs \$235 (half price rate), then you will

pay \$117 and church will pay \$118. When you register for camp, please pay the whole half rate price. Then let Heidi know you have registered and we will send you a check to reimburse you. Please talk with your kids about going to camp! It is a fantastic week of faith, service, and community!

Sunday Morning opportunities coming in February:

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: Sunday, Feb. 19th, March 2nd, March 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: Sunday, Feb. 26th, March 9th, March 16th

Time: 10am-10:40am Place: Family Ministry Rm on the 3rd floor



Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome Team Are you looking for an easy way to connect and engage with our Trinity community?

Please consider joining our Welcome Team! The only requirements are a friendly attitude and an ability to arrive 15 minutes before your designated worship service. All ages are welcome! Singles, seniors, empty nesters and families with children can all extend the grace of God by being a warm and welcoming presence to all who enter our doors. Please contact Julie Peterson (jtpeterson55@comcast.net) or Katie in the church office 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. 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.

Altar Flowers If you've not taken time to sign up for Altar Flowers lately, please check out the chart on the clipboard in the fellowship hall and sign up. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events, and you have the option of leaving the flowers to go to our shut-ins who always are very appreciative for the bright spot in their week!

Fellowship Time! The chart is posted in the Fellowship Hall and we need people to help contribute to this weekly opportunity to host a Sunday and share God's love for our community! Hosting consists of providing treats, setting up on Sunday morning, helping serve, and cleaning up afterwards!

Remember, if need not be fancy; store-bought cookies, snacks and other treats are great!

Worship and Faith Formation

Down + Out - Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study We all know that we're saved by grace through faith, but what does that mean? What does the Lutheran way of understanding God have to offer in today's world? What does it have to say about how we live our lives and understand ourselves and that world? Starting February 26th, join Pr. Jake for a six week study in the lounge every Sunday at 9:45 as we dig a little deeper into scripture, Luther, and our theology to better understand the reality of God's promises and what they mean for our lives and the world.

Scripture and Sandwiches Online Bible Study Join us Thursdays from 12-12:30 via ZOOM for a short online bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch! We're currently working through the New Testament to get a clearer picture of the history, purpose, and story of the bible so we can better understand God's activity in the world and our lives!

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 / Passcode: Lunchtime

Men's Bible Study Men's Bible Study meets each month on the first and third Wednesdays from 7-8 am the fellowship hall for breakfast and bible study. Join us and kick off your day with some good fellowship and discussion!

Confirmation Confirmation continues through the season of Lent for those in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Join us every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 as we continue to explore our faith together!

Summer ADULT and Youth Mission Trip This summer from July 9-16 Trinity is organizing a group of youth and adults to travel to the hills of Appalachia to serve those in need and YOU are invited to come! We will be working through the organization, Appalachian Service Project (ASP) to assist low income homeowners to repair or upgrade their homes, making them safer, drier, and warmer. This is a wonderful experience and opportunity to help others in a very meaningful way (especially if have home improvement experience!). If you're at all interested, contact Pr. Jake or Heidi Albertson for more information.

Rebecca Circle - Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? We welcome all women and those from other Circles who are not yet meeting. Their next meeting will be Wednesday February 22 at 10am at Trinity. Please join us!

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
Feb 19	8:30	Jen Gatz, Tim Gatz	Steve Bittner	Jaxon Grubaugh, Avery Fowler
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen, Rasma McMullen	Liz Morison	Elyse Albertson, Emma Zimmerman
Feb 26	8:30	Beth Belleville, Jason & Isela Grubaugh	Janet Gullickson	Avner Grubaugh,
	11:00	Julie Peterson, Keith Peterson	Cliff Davidson	Miryam Greenman, Frederick Thurn
Mar 5	8:30	Gary Belleville, Marie Belleville	Suze Breischafft	Jaxon Grubaugh, Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Debbie Harding, Greta Decker	Keith Peterson	Kaitlyn Albertson, Kiley Morris
Mar 12	8:30	Trudi Giffin, Jason & Isela Grubaugh	Teri Koretsky	Avner Grubaugh, Max Shugars
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen, Rasma McMullen	Connie Ruch	Calico Morris, Edith Wright
Mar 19	8:30	Gary Belleville, Marie Belleville	Carol Knoch	Jaxon Grubaugh, Avery Fowler
	11:00	Julie Peterson, Keith Peterson	Sarah Zimmerman	Emma Zimmerman, Miryam Greenman
Mar 26	8:30	Jason & Isela Grubaugh, Beth Belleville	Jen Gatz	Avner Grubaugh,
	11:00	Debbie Harding, Greta Decker	Tim Eschelbach	Frederick Thurn, Edith Wright



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Family,

We will be honoring and celebrating the 25th anniversary of Pr. Ken's ministry here at Trinity on Sunday, February 26th after each service. All are welcome to join us!



EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

- 7.8 magnitude quake struck early February 6
- Hundreds of lives lost and buildings destroyed
- Urgent needs include food, shelter and water

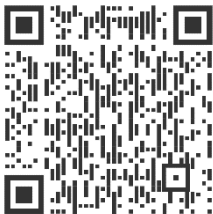
**YOU CAN
HELP NOW!**

lwr.org/quake



LWR Earthquake Response - For anyone looking for a way to help those affected by the disaster in Turkey and Syria, Lutheran World Relief is already coordinating a response, and it is your compassion and generosity that will rush emergency care. Your gift to the emergency response fund will deliver critically needed care for families like water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies.

Please give online at lwr.org/quake or mail a check to **Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061**. Please write **QUAKE** in the memo.



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!

Please keep these people in your prayers: Mike Spresser, Don Irving, Clara Mellum, Vicky Phillips, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Ruth Krueger, Sandy Eschelbach, Gary Belleville, Amy, Jacob, and Irma Aivars.



Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm. This marks the beginning of Lent.

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Soup and Salad Suppers will be held at 5:45pm and the youth are hosting. The suppers are a wonderful way for the youth to serve while raising some funds for the group. Look for sign- up sheets on the Youth bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29- Lenten Services will be each Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Lenten Devotionals and resources are available in the Fellowship Hall.
Please help yourself!

April 2 - Palm Sunday Services at 8:30 and 11am

April 6 - Trinity will be hosting a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday at 5:45.

Individuals, families and children are all invited to join us. Sign-up sheets to attend the full meal will be posted in the Fellowship Hall, or contact the church office if you wish to join us.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm.

April 7 - Good Friday Service will be at 7pm.

April 9 - Easter Sunday Services will be at 8am, 9:30am and 11am.

*A special Easter Fellowship of coffee, juice and breakfast snacks
will be served from 9-11am*



EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Each Easter we place flowers in our Chancel area. Daffodils, lilies, tulips and hyacinths are available in 6" pots. Each pot is \$12.00. Please be aware that due to limited supply and availability, "Florist Choice" will be applied and we will do our best to fulfill your preferences. Please use this form for your order and include the dedication you wish to use.

Please make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Easter flowers" in the memo line and place in the offering plate. Your plant(s) may be picked up following the service on Easter Sunday.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 26.

_____ Daffodils

_____ Lilies

_____ Tulips

_____ Hyacinths

**Please be aware that all orders will be considered "Florist Choice" based on availability and substitutions might need to be made by the florist.*

Please circle in honor or memory:

In honor / memory of:

Donated by:

Phone _____

Envelope number (if available) _____