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Worship Schedule & Holy Week Schedule

Trinity Staff

Pastor	Rev. Ken Johnson
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Worship & Music	Jennifer Gatz

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

April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am <i>Palm Sunday</i> Choir 9:30 in loft Parent & Children "Walk through Holy Week" S.S. 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 VASA & Sons of Norway 2-5pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Prayer Shawl 10-12pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7am</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Seder Meal 5:45pm Maundy Thursday Serv. 7pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 12noon</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Special Easter Fellowship 9-11am</i> No Sunday School classes</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ladies Lunch 11:30 No Wed. Eve. Prayer</p>	<p>13</p> <p>P.E.O. 10-3pm Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Good Friday Tenebrae 7pm</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:30 in loft All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Parent Small group 10 Open Doors 5-8:30pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm Center for Transform. 4</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7am Blood Drive 11-4:45pm <i>Virtual Only</i> <i>Wednesday Eve. Prayer</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Family Ministry Retreat</p>	<p>22</p> <p>WELCA Spring Gathering 10-3pm Family Ministry Retreat</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Family Ministry Retreat</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pantry 11-1pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rebecca Circle 10am <i>Virtual Only</i> <i>Wednesday Eve. Prayer</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Quilters 9am Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30 Theology on Tap 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am All Sunday Schools 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Infant/Toddler Small group 10 CROP Walk 1pm</p>						

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

Youth and Family Retreat at the Double JJ Ranch

Grab your calendar and mark off the weekend of April 21st-23rd for our retreat at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, MI (just north of Muskegon). We'll enjoy an indoor waterpark, bonding time together, and a break from the craziness of life. Cost is \$200 per family if 2 people; \$250 per family of 3 or 4 people; and \$300 per family of 5 or more people. Cost includes housing, 1 day water park passes, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and a dinner on Saturday. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be on your own. Housing: We'll stay in individual family cabins that hold 4-6 people. Please sign up with Heidi by April 9th by either emailing (hmfuerst@aol.com) or signing up on our Facebook event page. Let me know if you have any questions.



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. Let me know when your youth is signed up! ☺

May Youth Meeting

Our May Youth Meeting will take place on Friday, May 12th at church. We'll meet at 7pm and have some pizza. Then it will be your job to escape from our very own Escape Room to see if you can leave the church by 9pm. Sign up on the youth board and/or on the Facebook page... if you DARE!!!

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday, May 21st is the Family Ministry service project at 12:30pm. We'll be joining with our friends from the Orthodox Greek church across the street. We are going to work together to make Blessings Bag for those in need around our town. Youth are invited to help organize and help with our little ones to create these bags. Thanks!



Fun at our Youth Lock-In!!



Our youth are great ice skaters!





FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Family & Youth Retreat to the Double JJ Ranch

Friday, April 21st-Sunday, April 23rd

Grab your calendar and mark this weekend off so that your family can join us for a retreat to the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, MI (just north of Muskegon). We'll enjoy an indoor water park, bonding time together, and a break from the craziness of life. The cost is \$200 per family of 2 people; \$250 per family of 3 or 4 people; and \$300 per family of 5 or more people. Cost includes housing, 1 day water park passes, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be on your own. Housing: We'll stay in individual family cabins that hold 4-6 people. Please let Heidi know if you can attend by email (hmfuerst@aol.com) or sign up on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry) by April 9th. Thanks!



Upcoming Events for Family Ministry:

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

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 April:

Our calendar is a little off due to Easter and our Family Retreat. But we still 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.

*There will only be one class this month due to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5th.

Dates: Sunday, Apr. 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.

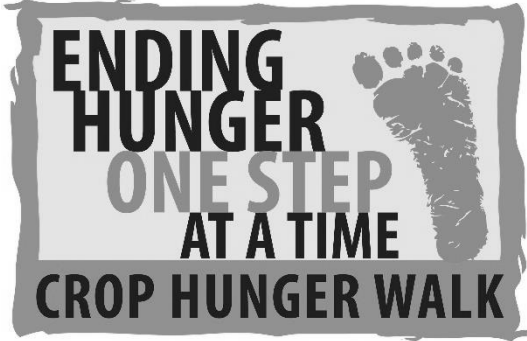
Dates: Sunday, Apr. 30th

Time: 10am-10:40am

Place: Family Ministry Rm on the 3rd floor



Volunteer Opportunities



CROP Walk - If its April, spring is springing, the birds are singing and....it must be CROP Walk for World Hunger time!

This year the Kalamazoo CROP walk is on Sunday, April 30th- hold the date! Walkers will meet at Bronson Park with pre-walk festivities beginning at 1pm. The walk will start at 2 pm and follow an approximately 5K route (with shorter turnoffs available).

If you are interested in walking, donating to our Trinity team, or just would like more information, please contact

Karn Erlandson (karnerlandson@yahoo.com; 269-579-0619). Our team web page is available for online donations at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/trinity-lutheran-kalamazoo>

Fundraising is primarily online, but in-person contributions are also very welcome. A team member will be available after both services on 4/23 and 4/30 during the fellowship time to accept donations.

Money raised goes to support hunger/ poverty reduction locally (~25%) and internationally (~75%). In the past our local organization partners have been Loaves & Fishes food pantry, YWCA (emergency women's shelter) and Open Doors (housing assistance). Church World Service works in many countries- programs highlighted recently include training women as beekeepers in Nigeria and emergency assistance for displaced Ukrainian people.

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.

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets April 3rd at 10am The knitted and crocheted shawls that we create carry within them God's comfort and grace and are presented to members, their extended families, and friends in times of healing, grief, celebration, or any other occasion in need of God's loving presence. We'll 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive! Trinity is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday April 19th from 11:00-4:45 and YOU are invited to come and give! Thank you to those who have given in the past! This is a really easy way to make a difference for people in need and we'd love to see a great turnout from Trinity members and friends, so sign up today to come and give the gift of life! Contact Holly Wohlfert or Pr. Jake if you'd like to volunteer to help! Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TLC> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS today to sign up for a time slot!

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.

Support our Neighborhood Teachers! El Sol Elementary School is just a few blocks away from Trinity and as their partners in the neighborhood, we want to show our support for their teachers and students! We've been in contact with their principal and she's shared that what they could use most right now is supplies and refreshments for the Staff Wellness Room. They particularly appreciate things like chips, candy, granola bars, microwave popcorn, drinks, ground coffee and K-cups. We'd like to be able to do a monthly drop off, so if you've got donations you'd like to contribute, please drop it by the church office during office hours or Sunday morning. If you are a Thrivent Member, this would be an excellent use of one of your Action Team grants! Thanks for your help in building a stronger connection with our neighborhood school!

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!). The time to sign up is closing fast, so if you're at all interested, contact Pr. Jake or Heidi Albertson for more information.

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

Nursery Volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday!

If you are able to help serve our families and youngest saints in this way, please contact the church office.

Fellowship and Events

Young Adult Get-together! All young adults are invited to gather at Shakespeare's Pub on **Sunday March 26th at 12:30!** This will be a great time to get to know one another and dream up some ideas of what we might be able to do together as part of Trinity...and eat some free food! If you're able, text Pr. Jake (269) 873-7597 if you plan to come!

Ukrainian Egg Decorating - You are invited on Sunday, **March 26th from 1:30-4:30pm** to decorate Easter Eggs using the Ukrainian (Pysanky) technique. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All supplies and instructions will be provided and a free-will offering will be collected for Lutheran World Relief's aid efforts in Ukraine. Pysanky eggs are created using fresh eggs, hot wax, and strong dyes, so please wear old clothes. While the traditional eggs have very intricate details, you are free to design your own creations--no experience needed! This activity is best suited for adults and children ages 8-10 and older since we are using open flames and hot wax. Note: One egg usually takes around 30-45 minutes to complete, so please arrive before 3pm if you are coming late. Contact Heidi Albertson with any questions (hmfuerst@aol.com).

Seder Meal On Maundy Thursday, April 6, Trinity will host a Seder Meal. The Meal will be held at 5:45pm. Please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office by April 2nd. All are welcome to join us! There will be a Service following the meal at 7pm.



Plant Swap - Join indoor and outdoor plant lovers for a plant and seed swap at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 21 after both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Please 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! We want to let you know early so you can start propagation now! 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!

Free Plant Table: Have extra plants to gift to others? This is a great opportunity to give away propagations or extra plants you don't want anymore and don't need to swap for. Folks who come without plants can grab a free plant from the table to either take home or do their own swaps with! You are also welcome to bring old pots, planters, and other plant-related accessories to leave at the free table!

****Because there is no licensing at these events for sales, no sales of plants or accessories are allowed, only swaps and giveaways! ****

Questions about the event? We'd love to answer them! First-time attendee and unsure of what to expect? Let us share all the details with you! Email any questions, comments, and concerns to Kourtney Bakalyar at kourtney.k.bakalyar@wmich.edu.

Theology on Tap! Join us for a special springtime edition of Theology on Tap as we gather at Shakespeare's Pub from 6:30-8pm on Thursday April 27th. We'll talk about springlike themes of new life, growth, and creation, and look at how those things are viewed, taught, and reflected in scripture and in our lives. If possible, let Pr. Jake know that you're coming so he can make sure to reserve enough space!

Ladies Luncheon The April Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 11:30 at Viva Fajita (5402 Portage Rd, formerly Bravo Restaurant). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Jen Gatz - 269-993-2301.

Worship and Faith Formation

"Walk through Holy Week" - Combined Parents and Children's Sunday School event on Palm Sunday, April 2. Parents and kids (infant-5th grade) please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun class and activities together from 9:45-10:45!

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 in the fellowship hall for breakfast and bible study. Join us and kick off your day with some good fellowship and discussion!

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Confirmation Confirmation class continues 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! Confirmation Sunday will be June 11!

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 April 26 at 10am at Trinity. Please join us!

WELCA Spring Gathering - Saturday April 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Trinity! Registration & Snacks from 9:30 to 10:00 - Cost \$10.00
There will be fellowship opportunities, Bible Study, and Worship Service. We hope to see you there! Please Contact Linda Ward (269-344-8684) by April 15, 2023 to reserve your place - pay at the door when you come.

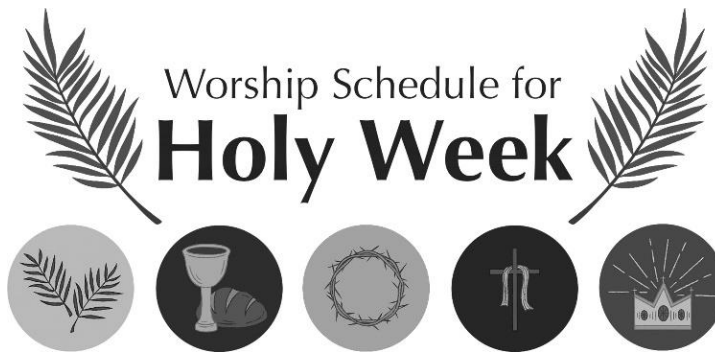
Wednesday Evening Prayer Services will change from In-person to Virtual ONLY!

Services will resume on April 19 and will be posted to view on our YouTube channel. Links will be available on our website (www.flckzoo.com) or in our weekly emails. Please take the opportunity to tune in each week and worship online with us!

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
Apr 2 Palm Sunday	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Jen & Tim Gatz	Arlen Gullickson, Emily Principe	Avery Fowler, Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Sheree Sorensen, Rasma McMullen	Linda Ward, Nancy Diment Steve Bittner	Kaitlyn Albertson
Apr 6 Maundy Thurs.	7pm	Teri Koretsky			Avner Grubaugh
Apr 7 Good Friday	7pm				Jaxon Grubaugh
Apr 9 Easter	8:00	Teri Koretsky	Gary & Marie Belleville	Dave Runstrom	Max Shugars, Avner G.
	9:30	Joyce Magerlein	Tom & Joy Kuhs	Laura Woodruff	Kaitlyn Albertson, Elyse Albertson
	11:00	Sharon Kokales	Julie & Keith Peterson	Holly Wohlfert	Kiley Morris, Calico Morris
Apr 16	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Jason & Izzy Grubaugh, Beth Belleville	Janet Gullickson	Jaxon G., Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Holly Wohlfert	Debbie Harding, Greta Decker	Keith Peterson	Frederick Thurn
Apr 23	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Teri Koretsky, Trudi Giffin	Suze Breischafft	Avner Grubaugh
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Sheree Sorensen, Rasma McMullen	Marianne Fuerst	Elyse Albertson, Edith Wright
Apr 30	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Jen & Tim Gatz	Teri Koretsky	Jaxon G., Avery Fowler
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Tom & Joy Kuhs	Sheree Sorensen	

We would like to acknowledge one of our recently departed saints, Cathy Mejia. Cathy generously donated her time and funds to update and remodel both the Lounge and Gathering Space so that our congregation may use and enjoy them for years to come.



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 in the Fellowship Hall, or contact the church office
by April 2 if you plan to join us!*

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm.

April 7 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be at 12noon.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be at 7pm.

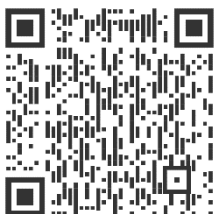
April 9 - Easter Sunday Services will be at 8am, 9:30am and 11am.

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



*If you ordered Easter Flowers, please be aware you may pick up
your order after the 11am service on Easter Sunday, or during
church office hours (M-Th, 9am – 2pm) the week after Easter.*

Please keep these people in your prayers: Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Ruth Krueger, Sandy Eschelbach, Gary Belleville, Amy, Ja'Miha Seay, Mike Spresser, Clara Mellum, Vicky Phillips, Don Irving and Cliff Davidson.



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!