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Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

June 4 – June 25

**Worship with Holy Communion
at 8:30 and 11am**

**July 3 through September 4,
Trinity will switch to ONE
Sunday Service at 10am.**

**Church office hours will switch to a
summer schedule starting June 25 –
Open Tuesdays and Thursday
9am-12noon**

June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am				1	2	3
4 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Senior Recognition Sunday Mission Trip mtg. 12:15	5 Prayer Shawl 10-12pm	6 Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm	7 Men's Bible Study 7am	8	9	10 Kalamazoo Growlers baseball game 6:30
11 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Confirmation Sunday Church Council 12:15	12	13 Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm	14 Ladies Lunch 11:30	15 Meeting of Men (& Patners!) 5:30-7 @ Steinspark Beirgarten	16 30's/40's Potluck 6pm	17
18 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am	19	20 Clothes Closet 10-2pm Pantry 11-1pm Center for Transform. 4	21 Men's Bible Study 7am SWELL 11am Blood Drive 11 - 4:45pm	22 Quilters 9am	23	24
Youth at Stony Lake Camp!				Youth return from Camp		
25 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am <i>Church Office Hours change: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am-12noon</i>	26	27 Office open 9-12noon Pantry 11-1pm	28 Rebecca Circle 10am	29 Office open 9-12noon Quilters 9am	30	

**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.**

Thank you
Everyone!!

Youth Ministry

for all youth in grades 6th-12th

I know that we are just beginning to search for a new Youth Director, but I wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You to everyone who has been involved with the youth this past year. It has been a lot of fun working with your wonderful kids and planning our activities. I look forward to our events this summer and working closely with whoever our church hires to take over. Thank you, again, for all of your support and help!! ~Heidi



Youth Fundraiser:



Our next fundraiser will be selling Trinity merchandise and we'll need your help! It's high time that everyone had a Trinity t-shirt!!!! ☺ During the first couple weeks of June, we will

have a table in the Fellowship Hall with Trinity merchandise for members to order. The proceeds will benefit our youth ministry program.

Senior High Mission Trip:

Guess what! We have finally been assigned our site for our youth group mission trip! We will be going to Kanawha County, West Virginia. Details about where we're staying and the county we're serving can be found at

<https://asphome.org/centers/wvkanawha>.

We will have a mission trip meeting on June 4th after the 11am service. We'll meet in the Gathering Space. Can't wait!!!!

CAMP!!!

Trinity will be going to Stony Lake Lutheran Camp this summer during: **Week One—June 18-23.**

You should have received an information letter with everything you need to know about camp. If you didn't receive one, please let Heidi know. We should have a fantastic time! See you there!!

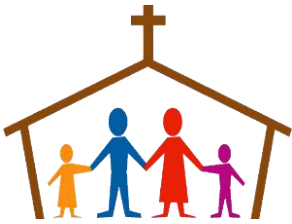


Youth Escape Room

In May, our youth escaped from the youth room to "rescue" their dessert from a dessert-stealing ghost pastor. They all

worked really well together and later enjoyed the fruits (chocolates!) of their labor. ☺





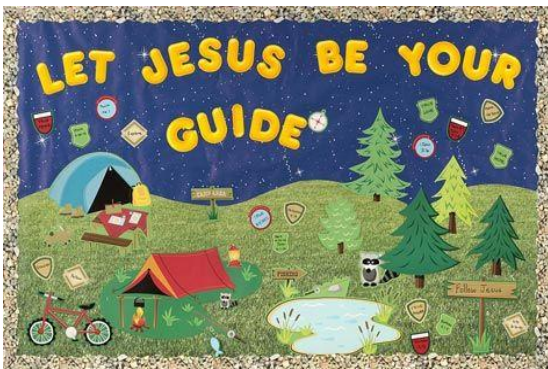
FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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Family Vacation Bible School



What? You aren't able to go to camp this summer? Or maybe you're going to camp and don't want that wonderful feeling to end?? Then have we got something for you!!

This summer, Trinity's Family Vacation Bible School is doing a camping theme! The dates are Wednesday, August 9th and Wednesday, August 16th from 6pm-8pm. We'll eat a delicious camp dinner together. Then we'll break into two groups and do some arts and crafts and games. Finally, we'll close out our VBS with a campfire and a sing-a-long. Join us for one week or both weeks. So much fun awaits! Come get s'more Jesus!!! ☺ Watch the bulletins and the Facebook page for more details!

Blessings Bags Results!

On Sunday, May 22, 5 families gathered together and put together 70 Blessings Bags for those in need. Our small, but mighty group worked hard filling the bags with necessities and making beautiful encouragement cards. The bags are now available for church members to grab a few and distribute in the community. They are located outside of the sanctuary doors. Thank you to those families who joined us. You are helping many, many people this summer!



Volunteer Opportunities

Summer Blood Drives at Trinity...with prizes!!! We will be hosting blood drives in cooperation with the American Red Cross on **Wednesday June 21, and Wednesday Aug 30** and **we're calling on YOU to come and give!** In addition to giving the gift of life, if you sign up to give, you will get 1 Cedar Fair ticket (good for any Cedar Fair park - while supplies last!), a \$10 gift card by email, and you will be entered to win a Backyard Theater Package from the Red Cross! When you register, just make sure you have a valid email address on file to receive the gift. Whether you've given before, or you're a first timer, please consider giving. The need is high, and we would love to have a great turnout of donors from Trinity! Go to <https://#nyurl.com/yc2esam4> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to sign up today!

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets June 5 at 10am 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.

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.

Seamstress Needed! We need help restocking our costume closet, especially sewing some animal costumes for children to wear during the Christmas pageant. If you can help with this project, please contact Ashley Wineland to learn more.

Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is in need of cereal and plastic shopping bags. If you can help contribute, drop off your items at church!

New Greeting Cards - Don't throw away those "free" greeting cards and envelopes you get in the mail. There is a need among seniors who could not otherwise afford them. Please leave them in the middle drawer outside Fellowship Hall or drop them off at the office for Linda Ward. Also, some of the charities send items which might be used for Bingo prizes at Ministry with Community. Thank you for taking the extra time to help others!

Altar Flowers If you've not taken time to sign up for Altar Flowers lately, please check out the chart in the fellowship hall and sign up or contact the church office (269-344-6181)! 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 are always very appreciative for the bright spot in their week.

Fellowship Time! Our Fellowship Chart is looking bare, and we need people to help contribute to this weekly opportunity to host a Sunday and share God's love for our community! Please consider signing up: individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to host fellowship time for the coming months. If you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a host. *But remember, it need not be fancy; store-bought cookies, snacks and other treats are great too! Sign up on the chart posted in the Fellowship Hall.*

Fellowship and Events

Take me out to the ballgame! Join the Trinity family June 10, at 6:30 for a Kalamazoo Growlers game. Cost is only \$12 per ticket. Payable to Trinity before the game. Sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall; contact Paula Sportel or Connie Ruch with any questions. There will also be the option to purchase a ticket the night of the game.

Meeting of the Men - Summer Schedule! 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! This summer we'll meet on the third Thursday of each month at the locations and times listed below! If the weather is nice, always look for us outside in the beer garden!

- June 15th 5:30-7pm - Steinspark Biergarten and Food Court (2603 E Milham Ave.) - ***Wives are welcome! (Steinspark is an outdoor Biergarten. In case of rain, our backup location will be Hopcat in downtown Kzoo.)***
- July 20th 5-6:30pm - Apoptosis Brewing Co. (3811 S. Westnedge Ave.)
- August 17th 5-6:30 - Old Dog Tavern

Men's Retreat- Sign up Today! This fall we're heading north once again for the Men's Retreat at Camp Arcadia on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan! The retreat runs from **Sept 29-Oct 1** with options for coming up early to take advantage of fall in northern Michigan! This is a wonderful annual opportunity to get away to relax and connect with other guys from Trinity and beyond! Trinity is covering your \$100 deposit, so cost of registration is just \$133, with options to pay a little more if you'd like a private bath (\$31) or an extra night (\$55). 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 Daniel Price". (When you register, if you would like Trinity to cover the deposit, just click "send a check" when it comes time to pay. You will then pay your remaining balance anytime before or at arrival.) Please register before Sept 1st to secure your place! If you have any questions, contact Pr. Jake or the Camp Arcadia office staff.

Ladies Luncheon The June Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 11:30 at Chuancai Fang (324 N. Drake Road, Kalamazoo). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

Parking lot Concert - Save the date! Trinity is once again partnering up with the Kalamazoo Pipe Band and our friends from Whiskey Before Breakfast to host an evening of live music in our parking lot on **Thursday, August 8 from 6-8pm!** This will be a relaxed and fun tailgating type event for the whole community so all are welcome to bring some chairs and enjoy the great music offered by these musicians! We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and will have individual packs of chips and bottled water available, so invite your friends and neighbors! *If possible, please RSVP to the church office by August 6 if you are planning to attend!*

JESUS BRINGS S'MORE JOY

The **JOY** of the LORD is your strength.
Nehemiah 8:10



Trinity's Family VBS August 9 & 16 6:00-8:00pm

Plan on joining us for a couple of fun evenings exploring the power of Jesus' love and what it means for us – complete with dinner, games, crafts, and campfire songs!

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****VBS won't be possible without amazing volunteers! Can you help? Talk to Heidi Albertson, Sally Morris or Ashley Wineland about ways to get involved.****

Worship and Faith Formation

- Wednesday Evening Prayer Services will be breaking for the summer!
- All Sunday School and Confirmation will be taking a break for the summer.
- Scripture and Sandwiches Online Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer.
- Choir practice will be breaking for the summer months.

See everyone back in the fall!

July 2 through September 3 Trinity will be switching to ONE Sunday Morning Service at 10am.

This service will be live-stream for those unable to attend in person and available to view on our YouTube channel.

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!

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 June 28 at 10am at Trinity. Please join us!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member at Trinity, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. We will be having a New Member Orientation and Reception in early autumn!

Confirmation

Six of our young people will be confirming their faith on Sunday, June 11 during the Service of Confirmation at the 11:00am worship.

It's been a blessing to work with them as they've worked to deepen their faith over these last three years. Be sure to be there to support these youth as they take this big step of faith in front of the congregation!

Congratulations to:

Elyse Albertson, Nolan Fowler, Miryam Greenman, Clare Lehman, Kiley Morris and TJ Ruble.

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
June 4	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Beth Belleville, Jason & Isela Grubaugh	Emily Principe	Anna & Ava Schreiner
	11:00	Julie Peterson	Judy Morison, Liz Morison	Sarah Zimmerman	Miryam Greenman, Edith Wright
June 11	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Jen & Tim Gatz	Janet Gullickson	Jaxon Grubaugh, Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Julie Peterson	Carolyn Kana'an, Nancy Diment	Tim Eschelbach	Emma Zimmerman, Frederick Thurn
June 18	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Teri Koretsky, Trudi Giffin	Suze Breischaff	Avner Grubaugh, Max Shugars
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Sheree Sorensen, Pat Mason	Linda Ward	Kiley Morris, Calico Morris
June 25	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Gary & Marie Belleville	Steve Bittner	Jaxon Grubaugh, Avery Fowler
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Tom & Joy Kuhs	Nancy Diment	Kaitlyn Albertson, Elyse Albertson



Thank you Curt and Patti Bosar! We want to offer a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Curt and Patti Bosar for the work they put in to completely refurbish the 1st floor handicap bathroom!

Because of their #me, talent, and resources, that is now a refreshed and welcome space! Be sure to stop and check out the improvement when you can. Thank you Curt and Patti!

From the Christian Education Team:

As the Sunday school year winds down, we want to thank all of the teachers and assistants who helped share their time and talents every week with our children and youth. Special recognition to Jennifer Greenman, Jason Grubaugh, Melissa Lehman, Ashley Wineland and Emily Wright for their devoted efforts this year. There are a lot of children attending Sunday School now and we are always in need of more teachers, teaching assistants, or substitutes. If you would like to learn more about helping in a classroom next year, please reach out to the Christian Education team - Sally Morris and Ashley Wineland.

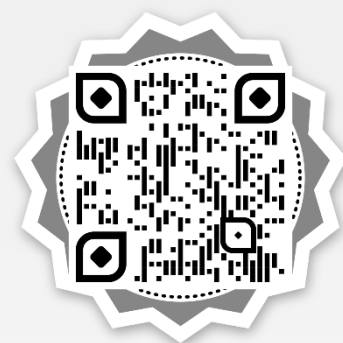
Choir will break until September. We want to thank the choir for its dedication and faithfulness this past year in singing the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light! Thanks, Choir!

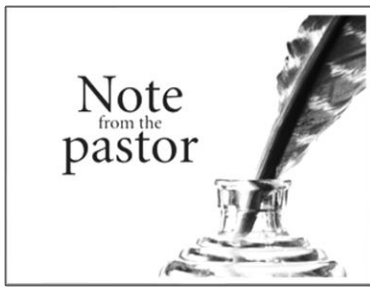
A big thank you goes to the generous Trinity Lutheran community for contributions to this year's CROP Walk to combat hunger! With in-person and online donations, almost \$900 will go from Trinity to help local people struggling with food and shelter insecurity (Loaves & Fishes, YWCA) and folks worldwide (refugee support, clean water, sustainable agriculture, climate change resilience and more). A special thanks to Janet Gullickson and Margaret Stevenson for their fund raising assistance! – Karn Erlandson

Job Opportunity for Youth Director!

We are preparing to fill the Director of Youth Ministry position for Trinity! We are very excited to find a qualified candidate who would be responsible for the faith formation and activities of our youth, grades 6-12. It is a part-time position (10-15 hours/week) with a starting salary of \$16-18/hour depending on qualifications. We would appreciate your prayerful consideration of this position, or for you to forward the job description to someone who you believe would make a great Director! Any questions should be directed to Pastor Jake. Interested individuals should send a resume to Pastor Jake at prjake@tlckzoo.com.

Scan the QR Code for the complete job description!





"You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter."

- Psalm 74:17

I don't know if you agree, but in my opinion, this winter felt long. It wasn't a particularly harsh winter; in fact, we had about fifteen fewer inches of snow than average, and the lowest amount of days with snow cover on the ground in the recorded history of snowfall in Kalamazoo. But it still felt like a long winter. However, now that we are officially moving toward summer, with snowfall (hopefully) behind us and the normal daytime temperatures well over 40 degrees, our minds naturally turn toward growth, new life, and exploration.

In this part of the hemisphere, we're blessed to live in a place where the seasons of the world naturally mirror the seasons of life. Fall, winter, spring, summer...loss, rest, renewal, and life. Whatever this winter has been like for you, whether full of joy or full of...more wintry things...as we move into summer, it is my hope and prayer that you will find warmth and growth. Look for new opportunities, plug into the community in ways that you may not have before, reconnect with those you've drifted away from, rest and refresh in the light of Christ. As long as this winter was, may this summer be equal to it in terms of the grace, growth, and hope that you experience.

God Bless!

Pr. Jake



Summer Office Hours

Please be aware that June 25th – August 20th, the church office will be open for limited hours only, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9am – 12noon. Please call ahead if you need to access the building at other times to verify that someone will be available!

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Ruth Krueger, Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Ja'Miha Seay, Mike Spresser, Vicky Phillips, Cliff Davidson, and Marie Belleville.

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!

