## August Newsletter 2023



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

July 2 through September 3 one Sunday Service at 10am

Starting Sept. 10 Worship at 8:30 and 11am Sunday School hour 9:45-10:45

> Church office open Tuesdays and Thursday 9am-12pm this summer through Labor Day

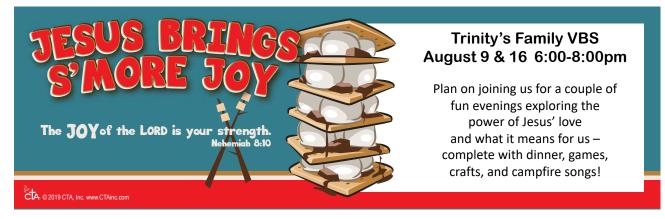
Please remember that articles for the Newsletters are due by the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month; articles for the Sunday bulletins are due one week in advance, by end of day Sunday.

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6 Men's Bible Study 7 am	30 Blood Drive 11-4:45pm	23 Men's Bible Study 7 am Rebecca Circle 10am	16 Family VBS 6-8pm Family VBS 6-8pm	9 Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Lunch 11:30am Family VBS 6-8pm	2 Men's Bible Study 7am	August 2023
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Parking lot Concert: Trinity is once again partnering up with the Kalamazoo Pipe Band and our friends from Whiskey Before Breakfast to host a night of live music in our parking lot on Tuesday, August 8 from 6-8pm. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner. Bring chairs and invite your friends and neighbors. RSVP to the church office by August 6 if you are planning to attend!

**Men's Bible Study** meets throughout the year, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month Join them August 9 and August 23 at 7am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and bible study.



\*\*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.\*\*

#### Ladies Luncheon

August 9 at 11:30 at THE COVE, 9110 Portage Road, on West Lake. Please sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to meet old friends and find new as we enjoy a meal together. Call Joanne Musselman with any questions at 344-1433. Hope to see you there!

#### Meeting of the Men

August 17th 5-6:30 - Old Dog Tavern We meet on the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship. If the weather is nice, always look for us outside in the beer garden.



Trinity is hosting a blood drive in cooperation with the American Red Cross on Wed, August 30 and we're calling on YOU to come and give! Donations are desperately needed and we'd love **American** to have a good showing from Trinity Members and Red Cross Friends. Please consider coming out to help those in need! Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to sign-up today!

### Greetings to our German Missionary - Christina Horning!



On Sunday August 6th, we will have the privilege of hosting Christina Horning, one of the missionaries that Trinity Supports through our benevolence giving. Christina has worked in Campus Ministry in Freiburg, Germany since 2004 and now serves to train leaders for the ministry all around the country. In addition to being a missionary, Christina is a longtime friend of Pr. Jake's and a delightful person to meet. Christina will be presenting a short Temple Talk during our worship service and will be available after worship for conversation and fellowship. Please take the time to introduce yourself!

#### Welcome Lindsay Casey - Our new Director of Youth Ministry



We are pleased to announce that Trinity has hired a new Director of Youth Ministry! Lindsay Casey is a 2023 WMU Honors Graduate with a degree in Strategic Communication. Lindsay has been attending Trinity throughout her undergraduate studies and has proven to be a warm, faithful, and engaging person and we are glad to be welcoming her into this position to work with our Middle School and Sr. High youth. We will hold an official installation in the near future during worship, but in the meantime be sure to introduce yourself and make her feel at home!

<u>Men's Retreat- Sign up Today!</u> 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.

**Christmas Child Shoeboxes**: Imagine if your child could not go to school because they didn't have a pencil or paper to write on! That is the situation in some countries. Please consider starting a shoebox with the back-to-school sales that are coming in August. How about buying one extra of each with your purchase of supplies for your own family? A list of suggested items will be available in Fellowship Hall along with shoeboxes. Contact Linda Ward with questions.



## Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
AUG 6	10am	Joyce Magerlein Emily Wright	Judy Morison Liz Morison	Nicole Shugars	Edith Wright
AUG 13	10am	Teri Koretsky Emily Wright	Teri Koretsky Trudi Giffin	Jen Gatz	Elyse & Kaitlyn Albertson
AUG 20	10am	Karn Erlandsen Emily Wright	Jen & Tim Gatz	Liz Morrison	Avery & Nolan Fowler
AUG 27	10am	Joyce Magerlein Emily Wright	Carolyn Kana'an, Nancy Diment	Carol Knoch	Emma Zimmermann
SEP 3	10am	Julie Peterson Emily Wright	Judy Morison Liz Morison	Pat Mason	Kylie & Calico Morris

#### From the Service Ministry Team

Retailers are beginning to put their school supplies on sale, and - it is time once again to fill backpacks for the foster youth in the care of Samaritas. If you can help, we are collecting the following items:

Backpacks (kindergarten through high school) Spiral notebooks (wide- and narrow-lined) Spiral notebooks (small) Index cards Pencils / Colored pencils Pens (black, blue, red) Markers Crayons (24 pack) Scissors (large and small) Erasers (regular and cap) School Glue / Glue sticks / Tape Rulers Bar soap / Wash cloths Toothbrushes / Toothpaste (check expiration date please)

These items may be left at the office or brought to the SCRIP table. Thanks for helping these kids get a good start to their school year!

#### Stewardship Opportunities Day – September 10, 2023

Greetings. Much as we have welcomed back many of our other practices that allow us to get to know one another as a congregation we are thankfully bringing back the opportunity to get to know those members who currently volunteer so selflessly on our behalf. On September 10th we will have tables set up in the fellowship hall and during this time, you can share any insight with those members while also considering the possibility of providing your time and unique talents. This day is all about getting to know Trinity's many ministries, guilds, circles, etc. and how each of us can denote our time and unique talents to whatever activity that most suits those gifts.

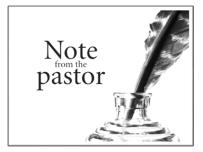
- The Stewardship & Finance Team



SAVE THE DATE! Sunday School classes resume on September 10 for all ages during the education hour between services: 9:45-10:45am.

# Trinity as Pastoral Internship site

Starting this September, Trinity will welcome Megan Floyd as an intern. Megan has completed her Seminary coursework, and has a final year long internship to complete before ordination as a Pastor. Internship provides leadership experience under the supervision of a pastor who serves as a contextual educator.



Its dual aim is:

o To be a developmental process of vocational formation, and

o To assist with growth in competence in the various skills of ministry practice.

During internship, students will:

- o engage in the role of a Christian public leader
- o participate in a full range of ministry and professional experiences
- o hone their knowledge and skills in proclaiming God's promises of love and reconciliation
- o lead and support the development of new programs and worshiping communities o equip communities to love and serve their neighbors

Megan is from the Kalamazoo area, and we'll let her introduce herself in September. Pastor Ken will be the supervising Pastor, and an internship committee of 5-10 members will also be formed to help create the best opportunity possible for this Christ centered endeavor.

Please keep her and her family, as well as Trinity in your prayers as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May the peace and love of Christ be abundant in this coming year.

- Peace, Pr. Ken



Please keep these people in your prayers:

Ruth Krueger, Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Ja'Miha Seay, Mike Spresser, Vicky Phillips, Cliff Davidson, Marie Belleville, Jody Wood, Mark Woodruff, Joe and Carol Pinocci, Barb Hogg, Lisa Ruble

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!

