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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

October

YOUTH NEWS

GULL MEADOW FARMS

October 8th @ 1pm

This month's youth event will be at Gull Meadow farms. The youth will spend the afternoon apple picking, going through the corn maze and eating donuts! Families and siblings are welcome to join for this event!

LEAF RAKING BY TRINITY YOUTH!

Once again our Youth will be working to serve our congregation by helping to clear leaves! We'll be raking in Mid-November after most of the leaves have come down but would love to get our schedule filled out as soon as we can. This is a service event for our members who are physically unable to do this alone or who find themselves needing an extra hand this fall, so there's no need to pay anything. Please contact youthtlckzoo.com or message Lindsay on remind if you would like the youth to help you out in this way!

HOW TO GET CONNECTED

Sign up for youth group remind app to receive text messages and notifications about upcoming events. If you are a congregation member please select "parent" if you are apart of the youth program please select student. Everyone is invited to join! Text @tlc2k23 to 81010

THE CHARGE

Next month November 10-12th, Living Waters ministry is hosting the charge event in Traverse City Michigan. Charge is an event that attempts to provide a powerful faith community where students grades 6-12 can grow in faith, engage in service, and develop leadership skills.

Worship, small groups, congregational time, workshops, recreation options and an outdoor campfire camp style are all elements of this powerful gathering of community!

Sign up for The Charge



Do you have an event or public service idea for the youth?
Message Lindsay Casey on Remind or email Youth@tlckzoo.com



October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Parent small group 10 VASA & Sons of Norway 2pm	2 Prayer Shawl 10-12	3 Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 1pm	4 Men's Bible Study 7am	5 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30	6	7
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FAMILY MINISTRY

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

God's Tool Kit

Sunday, October 22nd from 12:30pm-2pm

What is God's Tool Kit? How can we use those tools? Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we explore those questions and talk about the tools God gives us to live good and faithful lives. First we'll eat some lunch at 12:30pm (provided) and then we'll use some real tools to create masterpieces with wood. This will be a fun opportunity to teach your little ones how to use simple hand tools. We will need extra supervision, so hopefully all parents are able to attend.



Sunday Morning opportunities coming in October:

Our Infant & Toddler Small Group and our Parent Small Group sessions will begin again in October. 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: Sundays, Oct. 1st and 15th

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: Sundays, Oct. 8th and 22nd

Time: 10am-10:40am

Place: Family Ministry Rm on the 3rd floor



Coming in November...

Family Ministry Service Project: Making Blankets Together

Sunday, November 19th 12:30pm-2pm

Join us for an afternoon of making blankets for kids in need! After some yummy lunch, we'll get to work cut and tying blankets for Project Linus. This is an organization that distributes blankets for children in hospitals, foster care, after disasters, etc. We'll need your help to make as many blankets as possible, so don't forget to sign up on our Facebook event page. ☺



To get information about Family Ministry activities, please join our Facebook page—TLC Family Ministry. If you're not on Facebook, you can also get info in the weekly church emails (make sure the office has your correct email), Sunday bulletins, the bulletin board outside the Family Ministry room on the 3rd floor, and Trinity's website. Email Heidi (hmfuerst@aol.com) with any questions.

Worship and Faith Formation

Scripture and Sandwiches Join Pr. Jake each Thursday from 12-12:30 for a short bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch! We'll meet via Zoom to look at the history, purpose, and story of the bible so we can better understand God's activity in the world and our lives. Follow the link in our weekly emails or use the meeting ID and passcode below to join in from wherever you are!
Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

Men's Bible Study meets throughout the year, every other week on Wednesday mornings at 7am in the church Fellowship Hall! The dates for the fall will be the first and third Wednesdays each month: October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15. All are welcome to join them for breakfast and bible study.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Trinity offers short online services released each Wednesday at noon on our YouTube channel. These services offer an opportunity to join us from wherever you are to take a pause in the rhythm of your week for some quiet, prayer, reflection, and peace. Look for the link each week in the weekly email announcement or on our website.

Confirmation Classes Confirmation Classes take place each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 during the Sunday School. This is your chance to learn about our history, explore your faith, and ask all those questions that you're too embarrassed to ask anywhere else! If you're an incoming 6th-8th grader, you are invited to join us and be a part of the group!

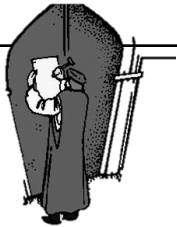
Our Synod is offering a free Adult Theological Education Opportunity focused on Luther's Small Catechism! When Luther wrote that familiar question, "What does this mean?" he meant it! He wanted Christians to understand their faith and to see how God was at work in their lives, in the church, and in the world. Join the Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, Dean of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, for a six-week study of Luther's catechisms. Let's dig deep into what God means for us! The class will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings October 24-November 28 from 7:00 – 8:15pm ET and is open to all adults, both laypeople and rostered ministers, **free of charge**. Sessions will be recorded and available to registered participants. Registration is required and will close on October 19, 2023. Register at the link here! <https://mittensynod.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=80c6ab1d1df7b9fdc630a24f3&id=966ad8acb6&e=fabbc4d279>

Rebecca Circle Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? Rebecca Circle is active and welcoming more participants; they meet regularly on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10am at church. This is an excellent chance to make some new acquaintances while studying God's word. We will be meeting next on Wednesday, October 25. Please join us!

Acolyte Training Session! All students in 5th-12th grade are invited to join Pr. Jake during the Sunday school hour on Sunday October 8th for an acolyte training session! Please plan to attend whether you've served before or if you're just getting started. If you're new, there's a lot to learn, and if you're a veteran, the refresher will be helpful!

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
Oct 1	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Gary & Marie Belleville	Dave Runstrom	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Liz Morison	Debbie Harding, Carolyn Kana'an	Tim Eschelbach	Frederick Thurn, Emma Zimmermann
Oct 8	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Trudi Giffin, Teri Koretsky	Nicole Shugars	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Julie Peterson	Pat Mason, Greta Decker	Linda Ward	Elyse & Kaitlyn Albertson
Oct 15	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Jen & Tim Gatz	Steve Bittner	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Sharon Kokales	Julie & Keith Peterson	Nancy Diment	Miryam Greenman, Edith WRight
Oct 22	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Beth Belleville, Jason & Isela Grubaugh	Teri Koretsky	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Julie Peterson	Bill & Judy Sherrod	Julie Peterson	Frederick Thurn, Emma Zimmermann
Oct 29	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Gary & Marie Belleville	Carol Knoch	Ava Schreiner
	11:00	Marianne Fuerst	Debbie Harding, Carolyn Kana'an	Holly Wohlfert	Kiley & Calico Morris



Reformation Sunday Celebration Sunday, October 29 9:45am Second Floor Education Wing

A fun morning celebrating our Lutheran roots with games and crafts. Explore the history of the church and learn about the Reformation—complete with demonstration of a real working printing press!

Please also mark your calendar for all the special days this fall. As always, keep our teachers and students in prayer and let us know if you are interested in teaching, subbing, or helping 'shepherd' one of our classes.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 10/29 Reformation Sunday Celebration
 - 11/26 No Sunday School – Thanksgiving Break
 - 12/17 Luncheon & Christmas Pageant 12pm
 - 12/24 No Sunday School – Christmas Eve
- The Christian Education Team

Interested in Joining Trinity?

If you've been visiting Trinity in person or online and are interested in learning more about the congregation and how you can be involved, you are invited to join us for New Member Orientation! We'll be holding the orientation from 9:45-10:30 on Sunday October 15th and new member reception the following week during worship services on October 22nd. Please reach out to the church office (office@tlckzoo.com) or speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in learning more!



Service Ministries

Trinity Clothes Closet – Winter Coats and Gear Needed immediately!!

The Clothes Closet continues to accept all donations of gently used clothing and are looking especially for blankets and winter gear—coats, boots, hats, gloves etc. for a Winter Gear Giveaway on October 24.

Good Samaritan Fund Need Trinity's Good Samaritan fund is the fund that enables us to meet the needs of those in our community during some of their most difficult moments. This fund is generated entirely through the generosity of our congregation. These funds go toward electric bills, rent, and other essentials when our neighbors are facing utility shut-offs, eviction notices, or seeking to get into housing. Due to a sustained time of high demand this fund balance is running low. If you find yourself in a position to be able to give, any gift is greatly appreciated. Simply designate the gift to the "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of your check or give online under the "giving" tab on our website www.tlckzoo.com.

Pledge Cards are available near the entrances to the sanctuary. If you have not already filled one out and turned it in, please help our Stewardship and Finance committee prepare a budget for next year by doing so! They may be put in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to the church.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Linda Ward is collecting for Shoeboxes again this year. Official shoeboxes and labels are available in Fellowship hall. Boxes are due November 5. Help spread the love of God in a shoebox. Questions, contact Linda: thelaw1944@aol.com

Samaritas - Trinity's Service Ministry Team has received thank you's from Samaritas for all the wonderful filled backpacks we delivered for the foster kids in their care. You may read them at the SCRIP table. This annual project was again a success, thanks to our generous members and friends!

From the Scrip Table As the holidays approach, please consider gifting cards from our Scrip Table! Please stop by and check out our retailer list. You can also order from Janet G. by calling 269-372-0081 Thanks for helping us help others!

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Vicky Phillips, Cliff Davidson, Ruth Krueger, Jody Wood, Beth Latshaw, Joe Pinocci, Barb Hogg, Tara Gurd, Dontrea, Ja'Miha and Skye, and Mike Reynolds.

Fellowship and Events

Trunk or Treat! Calling all families...and all trunks!!! **On Wednesday, October 25 from 6 – 7:30pm** the kids of Trinity and the community are invited to a trunk or treat celebration in the parking lot. We're hoping to make this a great neighborhood event, so bring out your trunks, your kids and your friends as Trinity celebrates the fall. We'll need lots of trunks, so please sign up in the fellowship hall and plan to be there by 5:45 if you're able to bring a trunk and some candy. Pizza and Games will also be provided for everyone!



Pet Blessing - On Sunday, October 8th you are invited to bring your four footed, winged, slithering, or hopping friends for a special service of Pet Blessing at Trinity! As we observe the commemoration of St. Francis, the patron Saint of all God's creatures great and small, we'll gather in the courtyard at 9:45 for a short service of prayer and blessings for those most precious to us!

Ladies Luncheon - The Ladies Luncheon will be held at Black Rock Grill in Portage (550 Trade Center Way) on Wednesday, October 11 at 11:30. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you plan to come or let July Peterson know!

Meeting of the Women – All women of all ages are invited to join us for a relaxed time of fellowship and friendship. We'll gather at Old Dog Tavern (402 E Kalamazoo Ave) from 6-8 on October 12. Come as you're able and stay as long as you like!

Theology on Tap! During this time of year when the nights get longer and the leaves begin to fall we tend to turn our minds towards the end and those who have come before us. In Christianity we typically recognize the faithful departed on All Saints Day, while cultures around the world remember in different ways. Join us at O'Duffy's Pub on Thursday November 2nd (*All Souls Day*) from 6:30-8pm as we look at different ways to recognize and remember our ancestors in the faith.

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 October 19th from 5-6:30.

Matrix Campus Ministry Matrix - Matrix is OUR campus ministry and is a collaboration between area ELCA Lutheran churches who are working together to provide mentoring, fellowship, ***paid internships*** and other opportunities for church involvement and leadership to local college students! If you know a student (or if you are a student) contact Pr. Jake to see how you can get involved!



Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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!

Support our Neighborhood Teachers! El Sol Elementary School is just a few blocks away from Trinity and as their partners in serving the neighborhood, we want to show our support for their teachers and students! To show that support, we're collecting non-perishable items like chips, candy, granola bars, microwave popcorn, drinks, ground coffee, and K-cups for their staff wellness room! If you're out shopping and are able to pick up any of these items to contribute that would be great! Just drop them by the church office during weekday hours (Monday – Thursday 9am -2pm) or Sunday morning! Also, 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!

Thrivent Members! If you have access to a Thrivent Action Grant, please consider applying to use one for Trinity! We are looking for grants to help with several fellowship and outreach opportunities. Let the church office know if you are willing to help.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - interest survey Trinity is considering the possibility of hosting a tour of Israel & Palestine in 2025 would like to know if you're interested! A visit to the Holy Land truly makes the world of the Bible come alive as we visit the places where Jesus walked! If you think you might be interested in this opportunity, or just want to learn more, please take a minute to fill out the survey at the link below. If you're unable to access the online survey, hard copies are available in the office. Holy Land Interest Survey - <https://forms.gle/P3GdXpqCi4Tt2g6N7>



The choir season has started with a 9:25am rehearsal in the organ loft. All are welcome as we begin another year, singing the praises of him who brought us out of darkness into his marvelous light. If you are interested in joining or would like to learn more, contact Nate Mattson at nathan_mattson@hotmail.com



Trinity welcomes our new intern!

My name is Megan Floyd, and I am excited to join the staff at Trinity for my year-long pastoral internship.

My husband Bill and I moved to Portage in 2005, and he currently works as a graphic artist for Zoetis. This October we will be celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary. Our children Sabrina (12th grade) and Kara (7th grade)

attend Portage Northern middle and high school. In our home, we also have two small dogs, Sadie and Sprocket, and two cats, Martin and Ghost. My parents, Steve and Chris Bigelow, are also local to the area, so you will see them in worship from time to time.

Our free time is often spent with our kids who are involved in school activities. Kara runs cross country and hopes to be part of the school musical again this year. Sabrina is part of the color guard for the marching band and plays the baritone during the concert season. Aside from our kids' activities, I enjoy reading, walking, and spending time with friends and family.

Before coming to Trinity, I worked at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Portage for thirteen years, where I was the children, youth, and family minister. In 2018, I earned a master's degree in children, youth, & family ministry from Luther Seminary. I am now expanding that MA degree into an MDiv, also from Luther Seminary, and have saved my internship for the very end of my program. I am eager to continue learning and growing into my call here at Trinity.



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!

