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Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

**Our Fall Worship schedule
resumes Sunday, September 10:**

Worship at 8:30 and 11am

Choir rehearsal 9:25 in choir loft

Sunday School classes 9:45

Confirmation Class 9:45

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Worship w/Holy Communion 10am	4	5	6 Men's Bible Study 7am	7	8	9
10 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:25 Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 Stewardship Opportunities Day Church Council 12:15 VASA & Sons of Norway 2-5pm	11 Prayer Shawl 10-12	12	13 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 Virtual Wednesday Eve. Prayer	14 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30	15	16
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24 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:25 Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Oktoberfest 12-2	25	26	27 Rebecca Circle 10am Virtual Wednesday Eve. Prayer	28 Quilters 9am Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30	19	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.

SEPTEMBER

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

RALLY DAY - SEPT. 10

Get ready for another fall filled with learning about the Word! The youth (grade 6-12) will be meeting in the youth room at 9:45 .

PICNIC IN THE PARK - SEPT. 17

Join us at Flesher Field at 4:30 to plan for upcoming youth ministry events and socialize. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish to pass! Feel free to bring fun yard games too!

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 the church office 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!

Remind



Do you have an event or public service idea for the youth?

Message Lindsay Casey on Remind or email Youthtlickzoo.com



FAMILY MINISTRY

Our Family Comes Together: A Tour of Trinity

Sunday, September 17th from 12:30pm-2pm

Where is the Loaves & Fishes Pantry? What is an Altar Guild? What is the Christ's Clothes Closet? What does the organ look like up close? What exactly do our Pastors do all week??? Join us on Sept. 17th to find out the answers to these burning questions and more! We'll gather for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. Following lunch, families will be divided into groups and tour around Trinity to learn more about our organ, Altar Guild, Loaves & Fishes Pantry, Christ's Clothes Closet, and learn about Pastor's various worship robes and some of his many duties during the week. Let Heidi know through our Family Ministry Facebook page and/or through email if you can join us for this fun afternoon!



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 & 15th **Time:** 10am-10:40am **Place:** Family Ministry Rm

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 & 22nd **Time:** 10am-10:40am **Place:** Family Ministry Rm



2023 Family Vacation Bible School at Trinity

This past summer, Trinity hosted a wonderful Family VBS with the theme: Jesus Brings Us S'more Joy! This was held two Wednesday evenings in August and we had a great turn out of families and volunteers! After our dinner, we learned bible stories, crafted, played games, and, of course, made s'mores and sang camp songs next to a real campfire! It was so much fun and I really appreciate the help of Ashley, Sally, Pr. Jake, Jim, Joyce, Jenn, Liz, Maryann, Deb, Therese, Lindsay, Bill, Max, Steve, Dave, Jeannie, and some of our youth group members—many, many thanks!



Worship and Faith Formation

Scripture and Sandwiches is Back! Starting September 14th, 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 continue our 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 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 Wednesday Sept-Nov: September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15. All are welcome to join them for breakfast and bible study.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Virtual evening prayer services will return beginning on Wednesday September 13th. These short services, which will be released on our YouTube channel each Wednesday at noon, offer an opportunity to take a pause in the rhythm of your week for some quiet, prayer, and reflection.

Confirmation Classes Confirmation Classes will resume on Sunday September 10th and will meet from 9:45-10:45 during the Sunday School hour each week. 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>

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 a New Member Orientation. We'll be holding the orientation and new member reception this fall. The dates will depend on the availability of those attending, so please contact the church office (office@tickzoo.com) if you are interested in learning more!

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
Sept 3	10am	Julie Peterson Emily Wright	Bill & Judy Sherrod	Pat Mason	Kylie & Calico Morris
Sept 10	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Trudi Giffin, Teri Koresky	Janet Gullickson	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Holly Wohlfert	Liz Morison, Judy Morison	Keith Peterson	Elyse & Kaitlyn Albertson
Sept 17	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Jen & Tim Gatz	Nicole Shugars	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Liz Morison	Carolyn Kana'an, Nancy Diment	Connie Ruch	Miryam Greenman, Edith Wright
Sept 24	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Beth Belleville, Jason & Izzy Grubaugh	Suze Breischaff	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Sharon Kokales	Sheree Sorensen, Rasma McMullen	Marianne Fuerst	Kiley & Calico Morris



Rally Sunday Donut Party!

**Sunday, September 10 9:45am
Second Floor Education Wing**

Games, music and activities to start our new year!

Regular classroom locations are as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten students meet in the Nursery with Emily Wright
- Grades 1-5 in the second-floor classroom with Ashley Wineland
- Grades 6-8 meet upstairs for Confirmation Class with Pr. Jake
- High-schoolers in the Youth Room with Youth Director Lindsay Casey

*Parent involvement as a
classroom 'shepherd' is welcomed!*

There are opportunities for all adults & parents during the education hour each week. Adult Bible Study is offered in the Lounge. The Parent/Caregiver Small Group and Baby/Toddler Groups will restart in October.

We look forward to this year of Sunday School with your family!

- The Christian Education Team

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



The choir season will start on Sunday, Sept. 10 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.

Fellowship and Events

Men's Retreat is this Month! Sign up Today! Believe it or not, we're hitting September which means that later this month, we'll be 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 hAps://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.) If possible 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 September Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 at Olive Garden in Portage. 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 Jan Shugars at 269-366-4234.

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'll plan to keep our pattern this fall and meet on the Third Thursday of each month, so this month, look for us in Bell's Beer Garden on **Thursday Sept 21st from 5-6:30.**

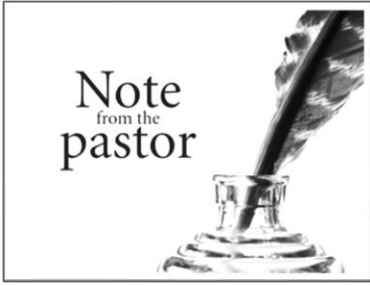


Matrix Campus Ministry Matrix is OUR campus ministry and is a collaboration between area ELCA Lutheran churches who are working together to provide mentoring, fellowship, paid internships and other opportunities for church involvement and leadership to local college students. If you know a student (or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



Oktoberfest! Trinity is once again hosting our traditional Oktoberfest celebration! On Sunday, September 24 from 12-2pm, everyone is invited to join us outside for authentic German food and beer, traditional games, and music!

If you have a pop-up tent, or are able to help with food prep, set-up or clean up, please contact the church office to let us know! We hope you can join us for what is always a great day for our Trinity family!



"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - Isaiah 43:19

And just like that, it's fall again! And with fall comes the bustle of activity as students return to campus, kids return to classrooms, football returns to television, and Christmas decorations return to Costco! Although we technically celebrate the new year in January, September always feels a bit more like a New Year and at Trinity that's no different.

This month we are celebrating the return of many things that we left behind for the summer. We'll go back to two services each Sunday, Sunday School will be back in session, Confirmation kicks back up, Matrix Campus Ministry will get back in full swing, and we'll even have a couple of virtual options back in action as our Wednesday Evening Prayer service and Scripture and Sandwiches come back! In addition to all that (and perhaps most exciting of all) we're also adding two new staff positions at Trinity as we welcome both a new Youth Director, Lindsay Casey and a new Seminary Intern, Megan Floyd.

So, there are lots of new things happening at Trinity and we certainly want everyone to be involved and get connected! I know many people got out of the rhythm of regular church attendance during the pandemic, but one of the many things those years taught us was the value of community. I hope that you'll take the opportunity that fall gives to plug into this wonderful community if you've been disconnected, or to deepen your connection if you've been here all along.

If you're looking for ways to get engaged, be sure to check out the Stewardship Fair happening in conjunction with Rally Day on September 10. Also, as a way to help remove any obstacles for our community to connect, we'll have name tags available on Sunday morning and are encouraging everyone (even us pastors!) to jot your name on a tag and wear it each Sunday through September. This will help to remove any of that awkwardness of forgetting names after a few months away and it will give a nice leg up for our new staff members as they get started.

God is always doing new things! We're looking forward to this fall to see what God will do among us!

God's Peace, Pr. Jake



Please keep these people in your prayers:

Ruth Krueger, Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Cliff Davidson, Marie Belleville, Joe Pinocci, Barb Hogg, Tara Gurd, Debra Wedge and Ricardo Moreno-Garcia

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!

