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Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

Worship with Holy Communion
at 8:30 and 11am

Choir at 9:25 in choir loft

All Sunday School classes 9:45

Parent Small Group or Infant/Toddler
Small Group 10am

**2024 Annual Meeting will take place
on February 4, 2024 from 9:45-10:45**

February 2024

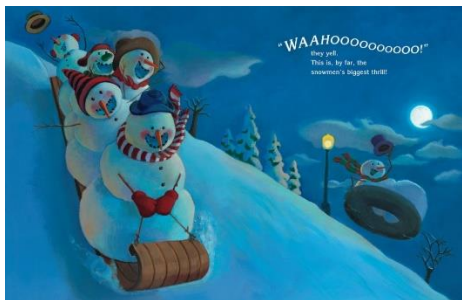
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Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am ANNUAL MEETING 9:45 Kid's Sunday School 9:45				1 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30	2	3
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**Please remember that articles for the Newsletters are due by the 16th of each month;
articles for the Sunday bulletins are due one week in advance, by end of day Sunday.**



FAMILY MINISTRY

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



Sledding Party 2024!!

Sunday, February 18th

12:30pm-2:30pm

Hey winter weather! We want to go sledding!! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a quick lunch (provided by Family Ministry). Afterwards, we'll change into our winter gear and caravan over to Woods Lake Elementary School (3215 Oakland Dr, Kalamazoo). Park in the lot off of Whites Rd, next to the big hill and the playground. Don't forget to bring your

favorite sled! Family Ministry will provide the hot chocolate and cookies. **If for some crazy reason the weather is not cooperating, then we'll stay at church and play some crazy games.

Join us for our Sunday Morning Opportunities in the Family Ministry room! Please note that there will be only one Parent Small group this month because of the Annual Meeting on February 4th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am.

Parent Small Group:

Dates: Sunday, February 18th

Time: 10am-10:40am

Infant & Toddler Small Group:

Dates: Sundays, February 11th & 25th

Time: 10am-10:40am

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**KALAMAZOO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

****Head's Up Announcement: KSO Concert in March**

Coming in March 2024, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra is hosting a special musical event, called **Magical Melodies**. Trinity has a bunch of seats blocked off and we will watch the orchestra perform music from Harry Potter and many other famous classical tunes. The concert is on Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm at Miller Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 a piece.

Also coming up in March...

Prayer Stations

Sunday, March 10th

12:30pm-2pm

Our second activity in March is sharing Prayer Stations together. After some lunch in the Fellowship Hall, we'll go to the 3rd floor classrooms and families will be invited to rotate around to various Interactive Prayer Stations. While certainly hands-on, this event is typically more quiet and calm, so hopefully our parents/grandparents/adults friends will be able to pair up with one or two children. After this special time, then we'll go back to the Fellowship Hall for a large group game.

Pictures from our Mosaic Event in January. We have some definite artists in our group!!





Youth Group Events Future Dates



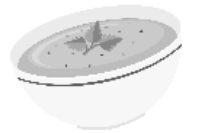
Trinity Lutheran Church sends out weekly emails to update our congregation on upcoming events, ongoing projects, volunteer opportunities, changes to our schedule, and links to our online services. Sign up with our QR code for the most up to date information available!

Feb 11th - Pancake Breakfast

February 24th - AirWay fun day \$10

February 21, 28 and March 6, 13, 20- Lent Soups! Scan the QR code and sign up to bring a soup!

March 2 -6:30-8 - Public Ice Skating at K-Wings \$13



April 6 - Movie Day

May 4 - TBD



Please contact youth@tlckzoo.com with any questions

Worship and Faith Formation

Scripture and Sandwiches Join us Thursdays from 12-12:30 via ZOOM for a short online bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch! And don't worry, whether you're a regular or want to join in for the first time, you are most welcome!

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! February dates will be the 7th and 21st. All are welcome to join them for breakfast and bible study.

Rebecca Circle Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? Rebecca Circle is an excellent chance to make some new acquaintances while studying God's word. The next Circle meeting will be at Trinity on Wednesday, February 28 at 10am.

Virtual Wednesday Evening Services will continue through February 7th.

February 14 is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Starting February 14 and through the season of Lent, Wednesday Evening worship services will be in-person at 6:30pm every Wednesday. For those unable to join in person, the service will be live-streamed and be available to view on our YouTube channel.

Sunday Morning Adult Lenten Bible Study - "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian McLaren Lent is traditionally a time of contemplation and renewal as we step back and recenter our focus on the things of importance in our faith and spirituality. To this end, throughout Lent, during Adult Sunday School we will be walking together in conversation with scripture and one another using Brian McLaren's book "We Make the Road by Walking". McLaren is a pastor, teacher, and contemplative who seeks to help us engage with the Bible in a way that opens us to new ways of understanding God's story of Redemption. Join us in the lounge Sundays February 18- March 31 from 9:45-10:35.

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
Feb 4	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Paula Sportel Debbie Harding	Dave Runstrom	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Liz Morison	Nancy Diment Rasma McMullen	Sheree Sorensen	Frederick Thurn, Edith Wright
Feb 11	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Jason Grubaugh Trudi Giffin	Teri Koretsky	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Gary Kent-Bracken	Keith Peterson Julie Peterson	Liz Morison	Kaitlyn Albertson, Elyse Albertson
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday		Teri Koretsky			
Feb 18	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Teri Koretsky Beth Belleville	Suze Breischafft	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Julie Peterson	Greta Decker Carolyn Kana'an	Laura Woodruff	Emma Zimmermann Jacob Zimmermann
Feb 25	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Dave Grubaugh Jeannie Grubaugh	Teri Koretsky	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Bill Sherrod Judy Sherrod	Heidi Albertson	Kiley & Calico Morris

Christian Education

Sunday School Help - Sunday school attendance continues to grow and we are need of more adults to help in classrooms during the education hour. This doesn't require a weekly commitment! We need substitutes as well as regular volunteers. Please contact the Pastors or our Christian Education team - Ashley Wineland and Sally Morris - if you'd like to get involved teaching our faith to Trinity's youngest members.

Service Ministry

Personal Care Item Donations Needed As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet is expanding its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are dish soap, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent (both single and multi load containers), feminine care products, deodorant and other like items. Please consider adding these items to your shopping list as a way to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Donations can be brought to the church weekdays during office hours or Sunday mornings.

El Sol Elementary Outreach: 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, students and families! We will be collecting all the items listed below at Trinity; please drop off during the week (M-Th, 9-2) or on a Sunday! Thanks for your help in building a stronger connection with our neighborhood school!

Kids Clothes Needed - It's time to clean out your kids' closets! El Sol Elementary has asked for help with supplying some of their students with winter clothes and gear, new socks and underwear, sweatpants and leggings. Will you consider helping us spread the word and donating your kids' clothes here?

School Supplies - Backpacks, crayons, standard washable school markers (Crayola) and plastic two pocket folders. These donations will be collected at Trinity.

Teachers Breakroom - non-perishable items like chips, candy, granola bars, microwave popcorn, drinks, ground coffee, and K-cups.

A Note from Linda Ward - Destinations for Christmas Child Shoeboxes 2023

I received a message from Samaritan's Purse concerning the destinations of many of our shoebox gifts: Colombia; Uruguay; a hard-to-reach area, defined as "Customs and cultural or religious reasons making access difficult", but these gift-filled shoeboxes give local believers a sensitive way to initiate ongoing relationships with those who may not know Christ.

Please continue to pray for the recipients and their families and teachers, that they may come to know Christ. If you wish to learn more and hear stories about the children who were given shoeboxes. Go to samaritanspurs.org and under "what we do" find "follow your shoebox". If you enter my email address (thelaw1944@aol.com) you will find more information. May God bless you in the New Year 2024!

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Cliff Davidson, Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Ruth Krueger, Carolyn Bayerkohler, Samantha and Donnie Drew, Melissa and Jaime Maya, Amy Ramirez, Debbie Roach, Matt Jaeky.

Fellowship and Events

Family Ministry churchwide invitation to Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Concert!

On March 5th, meet us at Miller Auditorium and explore the Magic of Melodies in this one-hour concert. This amazing experience will feature music from Harry Potter and other famous classical tunes. This concert opportunity will be open to the whole church, so reserve your tickets with me today! *Please note that this concert is on a Tuesday evening. Sign up on our Facebook event page or email Heidi at hmfuerst@aol.com if you can come.

Dungeons & Dragons Group – Trinity has a group of adventurers (highschoolers & adults) that meet at church for ongoing campaigns. If you are interested in joining the group, contact the church office for more information. (And if you have a middle-schooler that is interested in learning the game or wants to join a campaign, please let the church office know; if enough interest is shown we can start a middle school group as well)

Meeting of the Women – All women of all ages are invited to join us for a relaxed time of fellowship and friendship. On **February 8 from 6-8** we'll gather at Longship Brewing Company (114 N Main St, Lawton, MI 49065). Come as you're able and stay as long as you like!

Meeting of the Men! After a little break for the holidays, Meeting of the Men is back this month! We plan to gather at Bell's Brewery on **Thursday February 22nd from 5:00-6:30pm** for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation over a frothy brew or two. If you've not joined us before, 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!

Ladies Luncheon will meet on Wednesday, February 14 at 11:30 at Hunan Gardens on Drake Road. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy Anderson (908-337-0646) for more information.

Young Adult Lunch! If you are in that 18-30ish age range and/or consider yourself a young adult, we want to buy you Lunch! We'll meet at Shakespeare's after church on **Sunday February 25th from 12:30-2pm** for a time of fellowship, conversation, and planning for what we can do together as a group! Just show up on the day or let Pr. Jake know if you plan to be there!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Welcome Team would Welcome New Members! We have Welcome Team members assist at each of our services at Trinity! Do you like to say "Hello!"? We would love to have you join us. You can join as an individual or a team of two. The Welcome Team greets congregants as they enter our church. We assist with passing the Offertory plate. And then we bring a chalice and the offertory plates to the altar and hand them to a pastor during the Offertory Response. We don't walk up the steps to the Altar. The Pastors come down to the aisle. We would love to have you join us! Contact Julie Peterson at jtpeterson55@comcast.net to join and let her know which service you attend.

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.

Quilters - Helping Hands Needed!! To sew or not to sew??? Often folks who would like to volunteer for the Quilters group are concerned that they need to know how to sew. Far from it! We meet on the morning of the fourth and fifth Thursdays of the month, January through October (including a break for coffee and a nosh!) to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We need people to lay out a 6 by 8 pattern of precut squares (no sewing!) (volunteers who sew will take these home to sew into tops.) The next job is to pin all the edges of the "sandwich" (a bottom, a layer of batting and a top) (again, no sewing!). This is then passed to a table where the layers are tied together using a needle and yarn. (no sewing!) Finally, the quilt goes to one of the sewing machines for finishing. Some of our regular crew have moved away and some can no longer help due to poor health. Please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. Quilters will meet next on **February 22 at 9am** in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. For information, contact Teri at tkoretsky44@yahoo.com or by phone: 269-567-4238.



Sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community! Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to host fellowship time for the coming months. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. And if you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a host. Remember it need not be fancy; store-bought cookies, snacks and other treats are great too!

Blood Drive a Success! Thank you to everyone who took the time to come to the January Red Cross Blood drive at Trinity! There is a critical need for donations and we were able to help meet that need with 26 total donations (and 12 coming from Trinity members and friends!). This drive was a great success and we hope to build on that going forward! The next drive at Trinity will be on Wednesday April 17th, so be sure to get registered at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TLC> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

THANK YOU to all who answered the call to put up and take down our seasonal decorations. You helped to enhance our worship experience during the Advent and Christmas seasons. We appreciate you!

The **2024 Annual Meeting will take place on February 4, 2024 from 9:45-10:45** in the Fellowship Hall where we will vote in Church Council representatives. Please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to serve on our Church Council for a two-year term.

We will also vote on the updates to our Constitution and Bylaws. A copy of the updated Constitution for all who wish to read through the updates before February can be found in the church office or linked in our weekly emails.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this important meeting!