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## **Trinity Staff**

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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

***Easter Sunday Services will be at  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00***

## March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am				Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30	1	2 Youth Ice Skating 7-9pm
3 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Parent sm all group 10 Youth/parent mtg. 12:15 VASA 2-5	4 Prayer Shawl 10-12	5 Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11am Family Min. @ Symphony 7pm	6 Men's Bible Study 7am Soup/Salad supper 5:30 Lent Service 6:30	7 P.E.O. 10-3 Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30 Meeting of the Women 6-8	8	9
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31 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11am <i>Special/Fellowship time served from 9-11am</i>						

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us!

**KSO  
100**

**KALAMAZOO  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA**

## KSO Concert: Magical Melodies

Coming on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Miller Auditorium**. Tickets cost \$5 a piece. The tickets are general admission, so we will meet at 6:30pm at Miller Auditorium and sit together.

This invitation is for the whole church, so please let me know how many tickets you would like.



## Prayer Stations Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm-2pm

Our second activity in March is sharing Prayer Stations together. After some lunch in the Fellowship Hall, 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.

Join us for our Sunday Morning Opportunities in the Family Ministry room! Please note that there will be only one Parent Small group and one Infant/Toddler Small Group this month.

### Parent Small Group:

Dates: Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Time: 10am-10:40am



### Infant & Toddler Small Group:

Dates: Sundays, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10am-10:40am



## Camp!!

Our Trinity kids are going to Stony Lake Lutheran Camp on Sunday, June 23 thru Friday, June 28. To sign up, go to the Living Water Ministries

website at [www.elcalivingwater.com](http://www.elcalivingwater.com). For each person signed up for camp, you choose if you want to pay full rate, half rate, or nothing, and Trinity will donate \$200 per person. Camp is such a wonderful way to meet new people, explore your faith, and have an amazing experience all at the same time! You can sign up elementary, middle school, and high school youth. And for our middle schoolers, this is a great extension of your Confirmation faith journey. Please let me know if you have any questions.



## Youth News



# MARCH



### Sign up to help with Lenten Soup/Salad Suppers!

Lent Wednesday Evening Services are at 6:30pm every Wednesday in Lent, with a Soup/Salad Supper preceding them each week at 5:30. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help provide food for these suppers!

### March 2nd from 7-9 Public Skate at Kwings!

The youth and their families are invited to open skate at K-Wings on Saturday March 2nd. The cost is 5\$ per person through the church. The church will cover the skate rental and admission fee.



### **Thank You Lindsay!**

*Due to some changes in her life circumstances (all positive!), our youth director Lindsay has decided to step down from her position at Trinity. Of course we are sad to see her go, but more so, we are truly grateful for the time and energy she put into building relationships with our youth. Be assured that she has our full support and we wish her all the best as she takes this step. Thankfully, Lindsay plans to continue to worship at Trinity and be a part of our faith community so please share your encouragement with her when you see her!*

*Until we find a replacement, the youth activities will be covered by Trinity's staff, Parents, and other volunteers.*

## **Worship and Faith Formation**

### **Lenten Wednesday Evening Services & Sign up to help with Lenten Soup/Salad Suppers!**

Lent Wednesday Evening Services are at 6:30pm every Wednesday in Lent, with a Soup/Salad Supper preceding them each week at 5:30. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help provide food for these suppers!



*Offering donations made for Lenten Wednesday Services have been designated to go to Trinity's Christ Clothes Closet. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday offerings have been designated to go to Lutheran World Relief World Hunger. If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code to do so.*

**Scripture and Sandwiches** Join us Thursdays from 12-12:30 via ZOOM for a short online bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch! Starting March 7 we'll begin a six week series on the Character of God! These studies are a great way to take a pause during your day to refresh with a bit of faithful conversation and learning!

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

## Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Joyce Magerlein	Beth Belleville, Paula Sportel	Jen Gatz	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Kent-Bracken	Liz Morison, Carolyn Kana'an	Erin Sutherland	Kiley & Calico Morris
<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Joyce Magerlein	Janet & Arlen Gullickson	Carol Knoch	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	<b>11:00</b>	Sheree Sorensen	Nancy Diment, Holly Wohlfert	Linda Ward	Frederick Thurn, Edith Wright
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Karn Erlandson	Jeannie & Dave Grubaugh	Arlen Gullickson	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	<b>11:00</b>	Liz Morison	Julie & Keith Peterson	Connie Ruch	Elyse Albertson, Emma Zimmermann
<b>Mar 24</b> Palm Sunday	<b>8:30</b>	Karn Erlandson	Jen & Tim Gatz	Steve Bittner	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	<b>11:00</b>	Sheree Sorensen	Rasma McMullen, Greta Decker	Sarah Zimmermann	Kaitlyn Albertson, Jacob Zimmermann
<b>Mar 28</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>7:00pm</b>	Teri Korestky			Kaitlyn Albertson, Kiley Morris
<b>Mar 29</b> Good Friday	<b>7:00pm</b>				Jaxon Grubaugh, Frederick Thurn
<b>Mar 31</b> Easter Sunday	<b>8:00am</b>	Teri Koretsky	Teri Korestky, Beth Belleville	Janet Gullickson	Avery & Nolan Fowler, Jaxon & Avner Grubaugh
	<b>9:30am</b>	Joyce Magerlein	Carolyn Kana'an, Nancy Diment	Suze Breischaff	Elyse & Kaitlyn Albertson, Edith Wright, Frederick Thurn
	<b>11:00am</b>	Liz Morison	Karen Jacym, Jan Shugars	Tim Eschelbach	Kiley & Calico Morris, Emma & Jacob Zimmermann



*Easter Flowers can be ordered using the form included in this Newsletter or by picking up a pink form located next to the bulletins at Trinity and placing it in the offering plate along with your check. Orders are due Sunday, March 17.*

*If you ordered Easter Flowers, please be aware you may pick up your order after the 11am service on Easter Sunday, or the morning hours the week after Easter (M-Th, 9am-12pm).*

## **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 24 from 9:45-10:35.

**First Communion Class** Trinity will offer a class for young people who are interested in receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Those completing the class will be recognized during worship and receive communion during the Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 7pm. This class is typically aimed at those students in grades 3-6 but is open to any who are interested in taking this step in their life of faith. Please speak with Pr. Ken or Pr. Jake if you would like to participate; date is yet to be determined.

**Men's Bible Study** meets throughout the year, every other week on Wednesday mornings at 7am in the church Fellowship Hall! March dates are March 6 and March 20. 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, March 27 at 10am.

## **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. 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.

## Fellowship and Events



**Dungeons & Dragons – Monday nights from 6-8pm** - Trinity has a couple groups of adventurers (middle school, high school & adults) that meet at church for ongoing campaigns. We will begin campaigning again on March 4 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining one of the groups, contact the church office for more information or just show up and we can get you plugged in!

### **Family Ministry churchwide invitation to Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Concert!**

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Meeting of the Women** – All women of all ages are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and friendship! On **March 7 from 6-8** we'll gather at Apoptosis Brewing Company (3811 S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008). Come as you're able and stay as long as you like!

**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 gather at Wax Wings Brewing Co. on Thursday **March 21st from 5:00-6:30pm** for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation over a frothy brew or two. Hope to see you there!

**Ladies Luncheon** will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 11:30 at Buddy's Pizza (5314 Westnedge, Portage). Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Jen Gatz (269-993-2301) for more information.

**Men's Retreat- Sign up and Save the Date!** This fall we'll be heading north again for the Men's Retreat at Camp Arcadia on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan! The retreat runs from Sept 27-29 with options for coming up early to take advantage of fall in northern Michigan! This is always a great opportunity to get away to relax and connect with other guys from Trinity and beyond! Cost of Registration is \$263 with options to pay a little more if you'd like a private bath (\$35) or an extra night (\$62). 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 Chad Bird". If you have any questions, contact Pr. Jake or the Camp Arcadia office staff.

### **Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Cliff Davidson, Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Ruth Krueger, Amy Ramirez, Debbie Roach, Matt Jaeky, Nick Karasch, Darcev Stevens.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Blood Drive!** There continues to be a great need for blood donations, and at Trinity we are grateful to be able to help meet that need! Thank you to those of you who have given in the past and to those who will consider giving in the future! 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.

**We need people to 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 provide flowers or 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 fellowship host!)* \*Altar flowers are \$ 20 per bouquet and should be ordered one week in advance. Call or email the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you wish to put altar flowers on for a Sunday.

**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](mailto:jtpeterson55@comcast.net) to join and let her know which service you attend.

**Thrivent Grant Request** - We are seeking a Thrivent Grant! El Sol has requested help providing non-perishable snacks for their students for an upcoming after-school program. With a Thrivent Grant, we'd be able to purchase everything they need all at once. Please reach out to Vicar Megan if you can help! ([intern@tlckzoo.com](mailto:intern@tlckzoo.com)) Thank you!

**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. 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 **March 28 at 9am** in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. For information, contact Teri at [tkoretsky44@yahoo.com](mailto:tkoretsky44@yahoo.com) or by phone: 269-567-4238.

### **Nursery Volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday!**

If you are able to help serve our families and youngest saints in this way, please contact the church office.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## LENTE SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY SERVICES - 8:30 AND 11AM**

**WEDNESDAY SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS -5:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES - 6:30PM  
FEBRUARY 14, 21, 28, MARCH 6, 13, 20**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - 7PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS -12NOON**

**TENEBRAE SERVICE- 7PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31  
SERVICES AT 8, 9:30 & 11AM**

**A SPECIAL EASTER FELLOWSHIP OF COFFEE,  
JUICE, AND BREAKFAST SNACKS WILL BE  
SERVED FROM 9-11AM**

**ALL SERVICES LIVE-STREAMED AND AVAILABLE TO  
VIEW ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL**



## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Each Easter we place flowers in our Chancel area. Daffodils, lilies, tulips and hyacinths are available in 6" pots. Each pot is \$12.00. Please be aware that due to limited supply and availability, "Florist Choice" will be applied and we will do our best to fulfill your preferences. Please use this form for your order and include the dedication you wish to use.

Please make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Easter flowers" in the memo line and place in the offering plate. Your plant(s) may be picked up following the service on Easter Sunday.

**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 17.**

----- Daffodils

----- Lilies

----- Tulips

----- Hyacinths

*\*Please be aware that all orders will be considered "Florist Choice" based on availability and substitutions might need to be made by the florist.*

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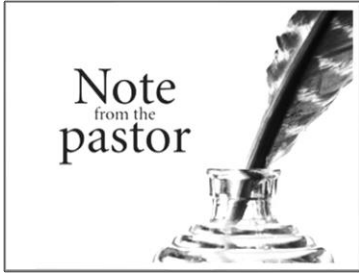
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Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”  
Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a **Lamb...** Revelation 5:5-6

I'm sure most people have heard the proverb of how “March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb”. The weather of March can be most capricious. It can be fierce storms at the beginning and warmer at the end, but as we are also most aware in Michigan, the reverse can also be true. The often whimsical and changeable weather patterns can be both frustrating wondrously beautiful. But the inexorable movement from winter to spring carries on no matter what the weather.

In astronomy the positions of constellations in the heavens also change. Leo (a lion) gives way to Aries (a ram or lamb). The very stars and weather patterns are constantly changing before our very eyes and senses. One thing that does not change is the unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Easter falls on March 31<sup>st</sup> this year. The Lion of the tribe of Judah and the sacrificial Passover lamb are vivid reminders for us throughout this month of the power, awe, and majesty of our God. Even as weather patterns and stars change in the month of March, we have the consistency of another Lion and Lamb to remind us of what is really important during this month.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus – our Lion and Lamb and Redeemer.

Peace of the Risen Christ be with always, Pr. Ken



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!