

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Thu	May 8	C.F.T. 5:30-7 Sacred Harp 6-8
Sun	May 11	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00AM All Sunday School classes 9:45 Parent small group 10 Church Council 12:15
Tue	May 13	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes pantry 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	May 14	Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Lunch 11:20 Meeting of the Men 5-6:30
Thu	May 15	C.F.T. 5:30-7 Sacred Harp 6-8
Sat	May 17	Youth & Family Ministry Movie Night 5:30-8:30
Sun	May 18	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00AM Stewardship Opportunities Day Plant Swap Adult Sunday school 9:45 Children/family Sunday school spring festival 9:45 Sons of Norway 2-5

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Member Interest:** If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. We will be having a New Member Orientation and Reception this spring!

**Interested in First Communion?** If you have a child who is interested in taking their first communion, or one who has been taking communion, but you feel could benefit from a class, please speak with Pr. Jake. We will have a First Communion class on Sunday June 1 at 9:45 and the First Communion that same Sunday June 1 during the service. This class is typically geared toward 3rd-5th graders, but is open to any age.

**Spring Festival:** *Children's Sunday school, families and parents groups will have our last classes for the school year Sunday May 18 with our annual end-of-year party in the courtyard from 9:45 -10:45AM.*

**Stewardship Opportunities Day - May 18, 2025** On Sunday May 18th we are holding an opportunity to get to know those members who currently volunteer so selflessly on our behalf. In the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 -10:30, and after the 2nd service, we will have tables set up with displays and information on Trinity's many ministries, guilds, circles and committees. Please stop by and share insight and consider the possibility of providing your time and unique talents for one of our many groups. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Plant Swap on May 18!** Spring is here and it's time to start planning for the Trinity plant swap on May 18! Get your seeds, seedlings and plants ready. Tables will be available in Fellowship Hall between services.

**Ladies Lunch will be May 14 at 11:30am at Four Roses Cafe in Plainwell, MI** (663 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainwell) This is a fun way to meet with old friends and make new connections with each other. All women are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Jan Forsberg with questions; hope to see you there!

**Men's Bible Study** - We will meet next on Wednesday May 14 & 28. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary".

**Youth and Family Ministry Potluck and Movie Night Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-8:30pm** Please bring a dish to pass (main dish, side dish, or dessert) and camping chair or pillow to sit on. First we'll eat some dinner at 5:30pm and then we'll start the movie. We'll vote on the movie that evening. It's the end of the school year and we need a night to relax! Sign up by Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> by emailing me ([hmfuerst@aol.com](mailto:hmfuerst@aol.com)) or on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry or TLC Youth Ministry).

**Emergency Food Box:** Trinity is partnering with people in our neighborhood to stock the emergency food box located on Oak Street between Cedar and Lovell. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods such as cans with a flip top lid, ramen, granola bars, crackers, protein shakes etc. should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) with any questions.

**Faith Refugia Readers!** We have another date to get together and discuss the book. We will probably be at different points in the book but there is much that can be discussed. The second discussion will be Sunday June 8th at 9:45 in between the services. Keep me posted if this date works for you. Maryann Hubbell ([mahubbell1@gmail.com](mailto:mahubbell1@gmail.com)) 269-341-2056

**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. 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](http://www.tlckzoo.com).

**Quilting supplies and donations needed!** Have you recently discontinued a quilting or seamstress hobby? Have a stash of fabric looking for a home? The Trinity Quilters would happily accept a donation of your fabric to use in the construction of mission quilts. You can drop off fabric at church (just label it for the quilters) or, if you would like a pick-up, contact Teri Koretsky at 779-5632. Thanks!!



### Trinity Picture Directory!

A Picture Directory proof is available in the Fellowship Hall or Church Office. Please take a moment to review your personal information and correct in the margins any information that needs updating! If you do not have a picture included or wish

to change your picture, please submit one to the church office to be added into the directory. We hope to publish the final picture directory by the beginning of June, so please provide updates by May 18.

**Refugee Families in Need!** Trinity is working with our local refugee services to help provide for new refugee families in Kalamazoo. If you wish to contribute financially to our Kalamazoo Refugees, scan the QR code to make a donation. And if you would like to volunteer time to help our refugee families, please contact Bess Fitzgerald ([bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com)) or the church office.



**The Christ Clothes Closet** is in need of donations of men's and women's socks of all sizes. Donations may be dropped off in the box located next to the elevator or outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Personal Care Item Donations Needed** As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet has expanded its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are:

- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper
- lotion
- razors/shaving cream

### **Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Pantry Requests:**

Although basic food needs are being met, our pantry clients are most grateful for extras that are not often included in our Loaves and Fishes orders. Adding any of these items to your grocery cart would be appreciated. They can be dropped off in the church office.

- Granola bars, pop tarts, and similar items
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Snacks (in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)
- Plastic grocery bags

**Please sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers!** 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***

**CROP Hunger Walk Update:** Thanks to the entire Trinity family- you were a big part of making the 2025 Kalamazoo Valley CROP Hunger Walk on April 27 a big success! Our team raised more than \$2000 for Loaves & Fishes and Church World Services, and the walk total is currently over \$15,000! There were 123 participants, including over 30 volunteers from Trinity who walked, served as route monitors, bagpiped, and held down the fort. It was a great day to walk in community, to show & share love for our neighbors in Kalamazoo and globally!