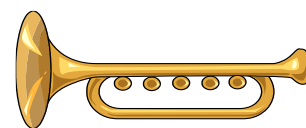




# TRINITY TRUMPET

May 2022



## Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

On **Sunday, May 22, 2022**, Trinity will hold a **special Congregational Meeting**. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new members to our church council. The meeting will be held after the **outside worship service**, and also through **Facebook Live**.

Trinity council members are elected to three year terms, and are able to serve two consecutive terms if they choose. This year, Kendra Witkowski-Lehman is completing her second council term. Kendra faithfully stepped into the role of Council President in May of 2020 (read: mid-pandemic) and has graciously led us through these last two years. Thank you Kendra, for your service and calm in this crazy time!

Wayne Walentowski and Kathy Chapman are both completing their first council term. Both have agreed to stand for re-election. Thank you Wayne and Kathy for accepting this invitation to continue on council!

To replace Kendra, a nominating committee was formed of Kendra, Teresa Momenee-Young, and Eileen Martens. The nominating committee is currently meeting to lift up nominees for council.

Please mark your calendar for May 22 to stay after worship, or stay on the Facebook Live, for this meeting.

## Pastor's Letter

Thanks to Laurie Swanson for raising it to my attention, on Monday, May 2nd, I attended an event with the Southwest Michigan Chapter of the American Guild of Organists to learn more about WK Kellogg's history in purchasing organs for Battle Creek, including visits to the organs at St. Philip Catholic Church and St. Thomas Episcopal Church. I went to meet people interested in organs in hopes of finding some potential candidates for our organist/pianist/choir director position now that David is moving to Pennsylvania.

I did meet some people. But more than that, I learned a TON about organs. It caused me to realize I needed to learn more about the incredible instrument that lives in our sanctuary. I dug through old church records and found the incredible work of our Organ Committee went through from 1987 until the organ's dedication in 1992. The result of that work is our 2 manual, 33 stop, 21 rank pipe organ built by the Lauck Pipe Organ Company out of Otsego, MI—Opus 31 (pipe organs are numbered as opuses, like classical music. Opus 31 means ours is the 31st organ contract received by the Lauck Company, not necessarily the 31st organ they constructed).

The next two pages are more than you ever wanted to know about our pipe organ. I hope you enjoy learning more about this incredible instrument as I did. Following that is a copy of the job description for a pianist/organist/choir director. Feel free to share this with others. I am so sad to say good-bye to David. But I know our next person is out there.

Peace, Pastor Kjersten

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lauck Pipe Organ (Opus 31)  
2 Manuals, 33 stops, 21 ranks**



*"Music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of men. It also drives away the devil and makes people cheerful; one forgets all anger, unchasteness, pride, and other vices. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise. As we see how David and all saints put their pious thoughts into verse, rhyme, and songs, because music reigns in times of peace."*

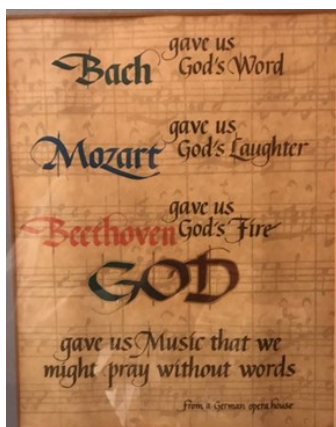
- Martin Luther

The organ at Trinity Lutheran Church was built by the Lauck Pipe Company of Otsego, Michigan in 1992. It consists of 21 ranks (sets) of pipes for a total of 1,325 pipes. The largest pipe is low C of the 16' Principal located in the center. The smallest pipe is approximately 1/8" diameter and about seven inches long (for comparison, that is a little less than the width of the text on this page). The organ consists of three divisions: a Great division (whose pipes are located behind the façade of the organ on the left side), a Swell division (pipes behind the façade on the right side), and a Pedal division (pipes are in the central portion and much of the façade itself).

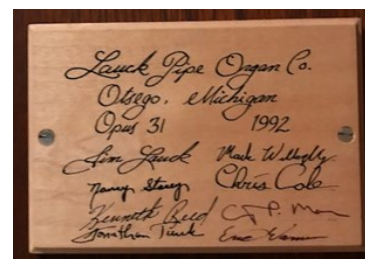
The organ is controlled from a two manual and pedal drawknob console crafted of solid white oak with walnut trim. The keyboards are handmade from basswood with the natural keys covered in ebony. The drawknobs for the 33 stops are also handturned from ebony. The console is equipped with a 32-channel solid-state combination action (memory) to assist the organist in stop changes.

Most of the pipes are made of 50% spotted metal, an alloy of tin and lead. Some of the larger pipes are zinc, others are wood. The façade pipes are polished zinc with raised Roman style pipe mouths.

This organ was selected for Trinity by a committee of people who worked four years on this task, traveling all over the Midwest to learn about and visit different organs by different makers to determine what would best serve the needs of our congregation. At the dedication of this instrument, the committee wrote:



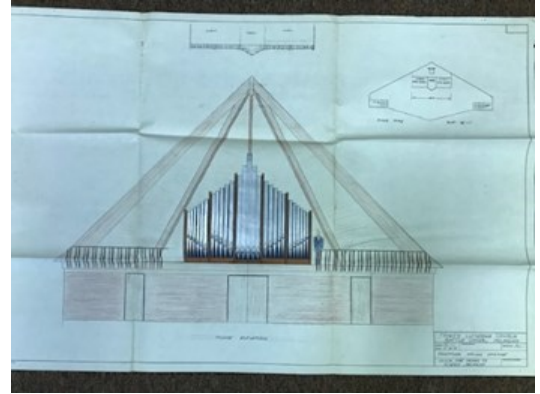
*"[This organ] has been planned especially for worship. It will serve this congregation for generations through every mood of the liturgy and every season of the church year. None of us fully know how music will feed the souls of people within this church and send them, nourished, into the world. Indeed, this may not be the end of the odyssey, but the true beginning of many others."*



## Organ Specifications

### GREAT

8'	Principal	61 pipes, 1-16 in façade
8'	Rohrflute	61 pipes 1-12, wood
8'	Spitzflute	extension of 4' Blockflute, common bass with 8' Rohrflute
8'	Viola	from Swell
8'	Voix Celeste	from Swell
4'	Octave	61 pipes
4'	Blockflute	61 pipes
2'	Superoctave	61 pipes
III	Mixture	183 pipes
8'	Trumpet	61 pipes
	Chimes	25 tubes
4'	Great to Great	
16'	Swell to Great	
8'	Swell to Great	
4'	Swell to Great	



### SWELL

8'	Gedeckt	61 pipes, wood (oak)
8'	Viola	61 pipes
8'	Voix Celeste	49 pipes
4'	Principal	61 pipes
4'	Koppelflute	61 pipes
2 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> '	Nazard	61 pipes
2'	Octave	12 pipes, extension of 4' Principal
2'	Spillflute	12 pipes, extension of 4' Koppelflute
1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>5</sub> '	Tierce	49 pipes
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III	Plein Jeu	166 pipes
16'	Bassoon	61 pipes
8'	Oboe	12 pipes
4'	Clarion	12 pipes
	Tremulant	
16'	Swell to Swell	
4'	Swell to Swell	



### PEDAL

32'	Untersatz	resultant
16'	Principal	32 pipes, 1-15 in façade
16'	Subbass	12 pipes, extension of Great Rohrflute
8'	Octave	12 pipes, extension of 16' Principal
8'	Rohrbourdon	from Great
4'	Chorbass	12 pipes, extension of 16' Principal
16'	Bassoon	from Swell
8'	Oboe	from Swell
4'	Clarion	from Swell
8'	Great to Pedal	
4'	Great to Pedal	
8'	Swell to Pedal	
4'	Swell to Pedal	



# Organist/Pianist/Choir Director, Part Time

## Job Description

Do you love to gather people together in song? Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for a part-time Organist/Pianist/Choir Director to provide inspiring music.

## Responsibilities

- Provide quality organ and piano music and direct the choir for our 10:30am Sunday worship services. Expected Sunday time commitment is 10:00-noon.
- Accompany hymns and provide prelude, postlude, offertory, and meditative/ background music for Sunday services
- Select engaging music that reflects and supports the message of the Sunday service
- Be available to perform for additional church events as necessary (ex. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Also provide musical leadership for Vacation Bible School, one week during the summer, Weddings and Funerals)
- Manage the Music Budget
- Attend worship planning meetings with Pastor and/or the Worship Committee as needed
- Coordinate with other musicians (i.e. Trumpet, Flute...) during special services like Easter and Christmas Eve.
- Arrange for special music during the summer when the choir is not in session.
- Purchase music and musical supplies, within the congregational budget
- Facilitate the proper care and maintenance of the church organ and pianos

## Experience

Be proficient in playing both pipe organ and piano

- Have a basic understanding of a liturgical service (or be willing to learn)
- A love of music and ability to work well with people
- Embrace music and musicians as servants of God, of God's Word, and of the people
- Understand that teaching and performing are a part of leading worship
- Work with the Pastor and in close cooperation with the Worship Committee

## Job Type

Part-time, 10-15 hours/week

## Compensation

Compensation will be established by qualifications and experience, ranging between \$850—\$1,250 per month.

## About Us

Trinity Lutheran Church is a friendly and accepting church. Whatever your gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, income, mental or physical ability, age, religious background, nationality or political ideology, you are welcome here.

Interested applicants should email a resume detailing musical experience, to the church office at: [pastor@tlcbattlecreek.org](mailto:pastor@tlcbattlecreek.org) (subject line: Worship Position)

## FERMATA

Fermata, an Italian musical term used in music across the globe, means to hold the note a longer amount of time than you would normally do. It's indicated in the music with a rainbow-shaped curve above the note with a dot on the inside of the rainbow (the sign itself makes you want to stick around awhile and look at the scenery). Some music teachers call it a "bird's eye" (which I always found totally unnecessary since it had nothing to do with a bird OR a bird's eye and why not learn the correct name from the beginning? Children have no problem learning the word "fermata"). Long ago, I saw a wonderful T-shirt with the design of a picture of a fermata on its front and underneath it, read the words, "I'm a fermata — Hold Me!"

As Lyne and I are about eight weeks from the time that the movers will come to transport our many pounds of "stuff" to Pennsylvania, I think a fermata is what I need to observe here and now. I want to reflect and hold on to the wonderful memories of Trinity.

So here we go with a few as they come into my head:

In rehearsals, our most cooperative Choir, listening to me rattle off something that the music reminded me of — I look up and see some confused expressions undoubtedly thinking, "What's he talking about?" And then, often Laurie would jot down some off-the-wall quote that I had just made! We'd all laugh and go back to rehearsing a tricky moment in the anthem for Sunday.

The fun of practicing the Lauck pipe organ into the wee hours of the morning after everyone had left our Wednesday night rehearsal, making music with its 1,325 pipes, ranging in size from that of a tiny 2-inch whistle to 16-foot pipes for the lowest of the foot pedal notes. I'm sure there were times that the neighbors from Georgetown Apartments could hear the postludes being practiced!

A field trip concert to Chenery Auditorium in Kalamazoo to hear the St. Olaf Choir on tour from Minnesota. Another trip to Miller Auditorium to hear Garrison Keillor on a concert tour.

Pastor Erick Johnson arranged to borrow the Synod's huge vinyl world floor map to use for a special service highlighting our part in global ministries.

Vivian and Linda joke about "chicken fat" added to knees (by injection) that were down to bone-on-bone rubbing. Jeff came into the choir room in the middle of the conversation and I'll never forget his horrified expression as he heard the comments as he entered! I laughed so hard until I was physically crying.

Trumpets and trombones and oboes and saxophones and flutes and violins adding glorious sounds to our services.

The use of contemporary music videos as one of the hymns, and our small group of Praise Singers and guitar/piano accompaniment.

Worship planning sessions that got creative juices flowing and developed into a "Waiting Room" for Advent (in the Church Parlor), or pathways of stones in Lent that sent us on our Lenten journey, or dozens and dozens of doves for Pentecost that stretched from the organ balcony to the Communion Table.

Planning "stations" around the Sanctuary with Pastor Colleen that changed each week of Lent and congregation members could do a hands-on activity at each station as a centering time during worship.

Family Camp in the summer with puppets and outdoor recreation and art projects and fun opening and

closing times with music and percussion instruments.

Andrea Andert singing “O Holy Night” a cappella from the balcony at the Christmas Eve service.

The “sending off” blessing to Rob Bork as he started Seminary and the choir sang “Lord, Here Am I, Send Me”.

Guitar accompaniments with Pastor Kjersten and our annual “God’s Work — Our Hands” Sunday in the Fall.

The multitude of Choir parties (off-site at Swanson’s, Martens’, Millard’s and even a couple of trips to Potterville to the Lipps’ as well as dozens after rehearsals for any & every reason you can think of!!!).

The list could go on and on.

I HOLD you all dear.

David Lipps

Director of Music



## **Roadrunners on the Road to Trinity**

**11:30 am, Thursday, May 19**

**Social Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church**

**2055 E Columbia Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017**



The Roadrunners Club (An “exclusive” club consisting of members and friends of Trinity who like to eat lunch and enjoy fellowship.

“Exclusive” in quotation marks because the only requirement for membership is an appreciation for food and fellowship) is in for a

special treat again this month. Once again we are gathering at Trinity, this time to enjoy a pizza feast prepared by Doug Markusic! Homemade crust, toppings galore, make sure to mark your calendars for this fun and delicious meal! There will be a basket set out for donations. We hope to see you there for great food and conversation.

### **2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule**

May 19-TLC (Pizza!)

June 16- R&R

July 21- Bob Evans

August 18- Lucky Rooster

September 22-J B Whiskey

October 20- Turkeyville

November 17-TBA

December 15- Clara's on the River (6:00pm)

Wayne Walentowski

### **Collecting Family Fare Receipts**

Pastor Kjersten is cutting in on Wayne’s normal Family Fare receipts update to say that, while I don’t have an exact idea of where we are at right now, I know we are VERY CLOSE to the \$150,000 goal. With that, it is time for us to pause and thank Wayne for all his work on this project. When Wayne took on the goal of gathering \$100,000 in Family Fare receipts in order to earn Trinity \$1,000 from SpartanNash, it seemed like a lofty goal. But Wayne went at it with the determination he always gives to service around the church. Then, when he had almost reached that total, SpartanNash moved the goalposts to \$150,000, Wayne responded not with discouragement but with renewed focus. Thank you to everyone who had saved and contributed Family Fare receipts to this project. But, an especial thanks to Wayne, who has organized, recruited, saved, and gathered all these receipts!

- Pastor Kjersten Sullivan



**Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther  
Indoor Walking and Prayer Group  
Tuesdays, May 10 and 24 at 1 pm**

Are you someone for whom walking is the best form of exercise? Have you always wanted to study the bible while reflecting on the beautiful and unique qualities of our Lutheran faith? If you answered yes to either question, please join Tresa Tulley for a new walking group, Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther.

The purpose of the group is simply to maintain or increase or physical mobility by walking or rolling inside the church. We will meet together at 1 pm to walk inside the social hall at your own pace and distance. At the start of our time together, we will read a Psalm. The hope is that meditating on the Psalm will strengthen our hearts in the same way that walking/rolling through the church will strengthen our muscles. I hope you will join Jesus, Martin Luther, and me (Tresa) as we meditate on the Psalms and maneuver through the church.

**Woman's Co-op Graduation  
5pm. Thursday, June 30, 2022  
Trinity Lutheran Church**

Dear Trinity Family,

Our 2022 Graduation theme is "a house with a crowded table." With room by the fire for everyone. The door is always open. Your picture is on my wall, everyone is a little broken but everyone still belongs. As we were planning the event, we couldn't help but reflect on how Trinity Lutheran Church and its congregation has been the house for our crowded table for nearly 20 years. An you have managed to do it with such beauty and grace, that we have become one family at a crowded table.

Thank you!  
Love, Co-op



Come and see what  
you have made possible with  
your generosity and support.

Annual Graduation  
**Thursday, June 30th**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Woman's Co-op  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
2055 E. Columbia  
Battle Creek, MI  
269-966-8988





## **Memorial Service for Marilyn and Mark Marzolf**

Trinity Friends, we have lost two of our former members Marilyn and Mark Marzolf this year. Marilyn on January 15th, and Mark April 10th. A Memorial service for both will be May 14 at 11:00 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Reed City, MI. You are invited and encouraged to attend to share in a time of remembering by James Ditchman their son. Peace, Eileen Martens

## **St. Thomas Breakfast Program Saturday, July 9**

Next Dates: August 13, October 8, Nov. 12

Trinity and St. Peter are once again partnering up to serve our neighbors by helping out at the St. Thomas Breakfast Program. In the winter, breakfast is served on Saturday mornings. St. Thomas is transitioning back to an in-person meal inside the social hall. This means more volunteers will be needed for each shift. I believe it is still 3-4 starting at 7 am, but then closer to 6-8 starting at 8 am. Breakfast is served until 10 am, with some clean up after. Masks will be optional for both volunteers and guests. Linn Kracht from St. Peter is organizing the effort. Contact Linn at [ldkracht@gmail.com](mailto:ldkracht@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## **Be sure to....KNOW WHAT YOU'RE VOTING FOR**

In the interest for full disclosure, I have recently become a member of The League of Women Voters....a group started over 100 years ago when women first were allowed to vote. From its first day, the organization was and is non-partisan. They adhere to that principle and are well respected for their work educating and informing voters. We now have a chapter in Calhoun County!

What you need to know right now is that you will meet people asking you to sign two different petitions. They promote two very different ideas and you need to learn the differences so you can decide what you might really want to support.

The League of Women Voters is backing a petition designed to make voting, especially absentee voting, simple and easy. This would create a Constitutional Amendment to the Michigan Constitution that cannot be changed by elected officials or politicians. It could be changed by creating another amendment if something proved to be a problem. It has the backing of a whole slew of organizations such as the NAACP, and it does not require a social security card or driver's license number.

(More full disclosure: I support this amendment. My mother was a polio victim and was unable to drive or to walk long distances. I know how difficult getting downtown for legal requirements was for her. Often I was sent in her place, traveling around Chicago alone by age 12. Later, as a member of the Lions Club I picked up mail every single day for 12 years and brought it to a blind neighbor. In Athens where I now live, you do not get mail delivery if you live less than 6 blocks from the Post Office. Think about what we had to do to get a photo ID for her. It would have been impossible without people to volunteer to drive and do a ton of paper work.) What should be easy becomes a nightmare for many perfectly fine citizens.

The other petition is completely different in important ways. First of all, it is NOT for a Constitutional Amendment. It is simply a direction to members of Michigan's Legislature to pass new absentee voting requirements. That means, politicians could change anything they wanted on the requirements and THEN pass whatever they decide. It could easily be changed at a later date the same way.

FYI: If you receive mailings from AARP, you probably have received warnings to not sign the second petition because one of the problems is that this "legislative directive" would ask for the last 6 numbers of your Social Security Card or Driver's License. AARP says to absolutely not sign that petition as it would put your identity information at risk.

So you see it will be very important to do your homework before you sign any petitions concerning elections.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Swanson

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### Worship Assistants

May 1— Mary Conklin  
May 8—Tresa Tulley  
May 15—Ellis Cutler  
May 22—Tresa Tulley / Teresa Momenee-Young  
May 29— Jeff Andert

### Sound Volunteers

May 1—Ellis Cutler  
May 8—Don Boulton  
May 15—Don Boulton  
May 22—Ellis Cutler  
May 29—Don Boulton

### Streaming Volunteers

May 1—Chase Lehman  
May 8—Travis Sullivan  
May 15—Chase Lehman  
May 22—Travis Sullivan  
May 29—Chase Lehman

### Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild volunteers set up for communion and clean up after. Benefits include a fun-filled lesson from Pastor Kjersten on what all the things are called and getting to take part in the sacramental ministry of the congregation. See Wayne Walentowski or Diane Andert to be added to the schedule.

### Readings for May

#### Sunday, May 1

Acts 9:1-20  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

#### Sunday, May 8

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

#### Sunday, May 15

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

#### Sunday, May 22

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

#### Sunday, May 29—

#### Celebrating the Ascension of our Lord

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

### May Birthdays

5/10 – Kwame Robinson  
5/18 – Linda Grubaugh-Buckner  
5/21 – Jeff Andert  
5/25 – Teresa Momenee-Young



### May Anniversaries

5/29 - Jeff & Diane Andert

## OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH TRINITY

### FACEBOOK

Trinity's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/trinity.church.581>

"Like" the Trinity Facebook page to follow events and activities.

### WEBSITE

Trinity website: <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org>

Check out the **What's New** tab to see the latest events going on at Trinity. You can also find transcripts of Pastor Kjersten's sermons under the **Worship** tab.

### TRUMPET

To update your newsletter email/mail preferences, contact the church office at [office@tlcbattlecreek.org](mailto:office@tlcbattlecreek.org) or 963-5356.

Let us know if you would like to be added our quarterly mailing list to receive a color brochure of what's new at Trinity.

### ONLINE GIVING

Trinity now has online giving. Simply go to Trinity's website, <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org> and click on the yellow button that says "Donate" on the bottom left corner of the page. Or go to Trinity's Facebook page and click on the blue button that says "Donate" on the right side of the page.

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Laurie Swanson, Secretary	729-5464	Wayne Walentowski	830-5094
Jeff Andert			

### COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler  
Pam Ellison-Krings  
Maxine Hammond  
Linda Hermann  
Rose Walentowski

### IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Lanny Johnston, Jr. (Sharon's son)  
Jim Himes (Maxine's nephew)  
Mary (Tish's friend)  
Karen Rambadt (Ellis's niece-in-law)



# MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	2	<b>3</b>	4 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	5	6	7
<b>8</b> 10:30 am Worship	9	10 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther	11 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	12	13	14 North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly on Zoom
<b>15</b> 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	19 11:30 am Roadrunners @ Trinity	20	21
<b>22</b> 10:30 am Worship Council Election Special Mtg after	23	24 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther 7 pm Council Meeting	25 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	26	27	28
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