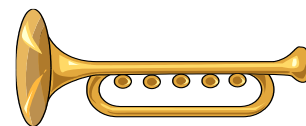




TRINITY TRUMPET

July 2022



Pastor's Letter

Hi Trinity,

This Sunday, July 3rd, our Gospel reading is Jesus sending seventy disciples out ahead of him to share the Good News of the Kingdom of God. This passage is a master class on how to carry out the mission of the church in just a few verses. The commentary I was reading this week drilled this passage down to ten key principles.

- 1) The world needs the church's mission – "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."
- 2) Prayer is an important part of the church's mission – "Ask the lord of the harvest..."
- 3) Everyone needs to be an active participant. The work of the church is not for just a select few – "Go on your way."
- 4) There are dangers, Jesus offers guidance, a call to innocence and sincerity, vulnerability and non-resistance to turn aside anger and danger – "I am sending you like lambs in the midst of wolves."
- 5) Keep a singular focus on the purpose – "Greet no one on the road."
- 6) Purpose of the mission is clear; disciples are to declare what God is doing and bring God's peace to whoever receives them – "Say 'Peace to this house' and 'the Kingdom of God has come near to you.'"
- 7) The host, not the guest, sets the context for the disciple's witness, don't impose your own cultural understanding on others – "Eat what is set before you."
- 8) Recognize that you will not always succeed, you will meet resistance and rejection – "[When] they do not welcome you..."
- 9) Perseverance is key – "Shake the dust from your feet and move on."
- 10) Trust that in your work, you are fulfilling God's mission – "Know this, the Kingdom of God has come near."

This is what it's about, team. The world needs our work. Sometimes it feels like we're not making a difference, we're so small and the world and its problems are so large. But the world needs what we have, to know that they are loved unconditionally by God. Our work matters, not because it is our work but because it is God's work.

The other thing I like about this passage is that it recognizes that we will fail and that our failure does not stop God's work from being done. Sometimes it means that it was someone else's work, that the time was not right for that work. In the end, whether we succeed or someone else does, the work will get done, because it is God's work.

Peace,
Pastor Kjersten



News to Know

New Organist/Choir Director Starts Sunday, July 3rd

As you know, we bid a fond farewell to David Lipps on June 19th. David reported that he, Lynne, Emma, and all of the cats and bunnies safely made the trip to Pennsylvania. They are now busy unpacking and settling in. Thanks to the hard work of the Organist Search committee, we are excited to welcome Will Canfield to Trinity as our next Organist/Choir Director. Will has a lot of experience in church music, having served several congregations on the east side of the state. Will's first Sunday with us will be this Sunday, July 3. Welcome Will!

New Council Officers

At our June Council meeting, the council selected its officers for the term. Jeff Andert will serve as President, Laurie Swanson will be Vice President, and Connie Everson will be Secretary. Jeff was deemed "very presidential" by the council, Laurie was lifted up as someone who can always be counted on to get things done, and Connie was at point a professional stenographer (which your millennial pastor did not even know was a thing). So clearly, council found the right people for these jobs. Thank you to all three of you for stepping into these important leadership roles.

Masks Optional for Worship

Since we have been back in worship we have been encouraging all attending worship to wear masks during the service. We have assessed this decision at every council meeting, following covid levels in our area and CDC guidelines. As case counts continue to drop in Calhoun County and we remain a Low Risk area under the CDC's guidance, council made the decision at our council meeting to make masks optional in worship going forward.

One of the things I have so appreciated about our congregational covid response since we started making decisions about how to respond to the pandemic back in March of 2020, is that our decisions have always been made with an eye to the comfort and safety of others. This decision is no different. Anyone who still feels most comfortable masking is welcome and even encouraged to do so. We still have masks available in the entryway for anyone who needs or wants one. We discussed during the council meeting that social distancing is also still an option and would be honored and supported. Per the CDC's recommendations we ask that anyone feeling ill or who has been exposed to Covid to please either stay home entirely or wear a mask while at worship. I have always been an "it's not that bad, I can take DayQuil and tough it out" sort of a sick person, and I am trying to be much better about that going forward. The pandemic has taught me that while, yes, it's not that bad for me, it could be bad for someone else. Or just, annoying, because even if it's not a big deal, being sick is annoying.

All this to say, we continue to walk through this uncertain future together, with an eye to the needs of each other. Thank you, from your very grateful pastor, for how you have supported each other, council leadership,

and me, through this incredibly complex and confusing time. Whatever each person needs to be comfortable and feel safe in worship is our goal.

New Directories Are In

The newest edition of the Trinity Directory is now out! There are printed copies in the back of the sanctuary for you to pick you. If you aren't able to come pick one up, let Pastor Kjersten know and she is happy to put on in the mail for you. Make sure to get your directory so you can keep up with all your Trinity friends.



Marshall Community Band Concert



Several Trinity members traveled to Marshall to hear the Marshall Rotary Band. This group of local musicians, including our own Tish Gancer, play concerts at Frances Stevens Stuart Band Shell at Stuart's Landing in Marshall. We went to hear Tish and ran into some other great friends of Trinity! If you're looking for a lovely evening, check out the Marshall Rotary Band on Wednesdays at 7 pm. It's a great venue, the music is fun, and you never know who you might meet!

Trinity at BC Pride

Saturday, July 16, 1 pm to 7 pm

Fantasy Forest—Leila Arboretum

BC Pride is bringing back PrideFest this year, and Trinity will once again be there to boldly proclaim that God loves all of God's children and everyone is welcome, exactly who they are and as they are, in the Kingdom of God. We will have a table at the Pride Festival and will be passing out prayer beads and information about Trinity. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway to volunteer for part of the day. See Pastor Kjersten for more information.



Woman's Co-op Graduation

5:30 pm. Thursday, June 30, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Church

Come celebrate the latest class of Co-op Graduates!

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

Family Camp Returns!

Next Planning Meeting Tuesday, July 12, 10 am



After two years, we're finally able to bring back another favorite summer tradition, Family Camp! Family Camp is an all-ages Vacation Bible School experience. Families travel together through stations to play games, make crafts, and learn about God's work through the ELCA around the world. This year's theme is Tree of Healing, and it looks at various forms of health, physical, mental, emotional, in all different forms.

We are starting to recruit for volunteers to help. We need wranglers—people to lead a small group through the rotations, small group station helpers—the stations are crafts, games, and puppets, kitchen helpers, and general havers of fun. We also need kids and families to come participate. So mark your calendar. There is a flyer on the next page for you to share with whoever you want to invite. Bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring your neighbors' friends and your friends' neighbors.

Our next organizing meeting is Tuesday, July 11 at 10 am. Not available on July 11th but want to help? No problem! Tell Pastor Kjersten and she will make sure you are included in future planning.

Family Camp

August 15th-18th

3:45pm to 6pm

At Trinity Lutheran Church, 2055 E Columbia Ave.

Join us for Family Camp 2022, a fun, FREE, program for kids and their parents/guardians to experience God's love together through games, crafts, music, and fun.



Snacks begin at 3:45pm with programming starting at 4pm. Each day ends with a meal at 5:15pm.

To register call
Woman's Co-op (966-8988),
St. Peter (963-4170) or
Trinity (963-5356).



Parents/Guardians are encouraged to come with their children. If for some reason you cannot attend, there are surrogate grandparents available, please let us know ahead of time



Freeze Pop Tuesdays

Starting June 7!!!

Every Tuesday, 2 pm to 4 pm

It's time once again for the return of everyone's favorite summer tradition, FREEZE POP TUESDAYS!!! Starting this Tuesday, June 7th, come by Trinity every Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm to enjoy a Freeze Pop, play some yard games, color with chalk, and enjoy the beautiful Michigan summer.



Summer Neighborhood Walks with Pastor

Michigan summers are amazing, and Pastor Kjersten is always looking for excuses to get out of the office and enjoy the sunshine. Come take a walk with her. We will walk as long or as short as you want, dog / kids / etc. invited. We can pick up trash, meet neighbors, or just stretch and enjoy the sunshine. Catch her with her calendar (phone) to pick a time that works for you.



Roadrunners on the Road 11:30 am, Thursday, July 21

Bob Evans

5421 Beckley Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49015

After a couple months of enjoying food and fellowship in the Social Hall, the Roadrunners are back on the road again. In June we're headed less than a mile up Michigan Ave to the R&R Grill. This nondescript little blue building boasts classic diner favorites in a friendly and comfortable setting. Come check it out and enjoy lunch with some Trinity friends.

2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule

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



This is the plaque that was delivered to David in gratitude for his faithful ministry to this congregation.
Thanks David for sharing your gifts and love with us. We will miss you.

The Choir Master

At Halloween, he's planning Christmas.
At joyous Christmas time, he's thinking "Holy Week."
Even at Easter he has to think "Summer"...
 though there's still snow in the parking lot.
He always has his head in a different world,
 But then, don't all musicians???

As to "musicians" he thinks "Juilliard" and
 instead gets Sesame Street.
He thinks "*ff*" and hears "*pp*".
He thinks "harmony" and hears unison.
He thinks $\frac{3}{4}$ rhythm, and hears $17/16$.
He thinks "sharps" and "flats"
 but folks ask about "*little b's*" and "*hookers*"!
Fourteen people appear for rehearsal;
Nine show up on Sunday; none of them altos.

Ah...but the sanctuary fills with a sound Devine
 When he takes his place at the organ.
The chandliers sway ever-so slightly
 As he pulls out the 16 foot stop.
People smile; the people sing with one voice..
 And JOY builds and builds!
Music surrounds the entire room
 And spills into the hallways and even the yard.
And as to the choir? They actually make him proud !



In honor (?) of Mr. David Lipps,
Choir Master, Trinity Lutheran Church
Battle Creek, Michigan 2008 - 2022
14 years of Pure Joy!!!



**Woman's Co-op Mommy and Me Playgroup Starting
Every other Tuesday, June 7 through August 11
11 am to 1 pm**

Woman's Co-op is start a playground on Tuesdays this summer for moms and their babies to social and support each other. Each session will have an activity for moms and kids to do together as well as a snack and plenty of time for fellowship. Trinity members are invited to come, lead an activity, or just hang out, snuggle babies, play with toddlers, and offer a listening ear to new mommies. Contact Woman's Co-op for more information: 269-966-8988.

**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 to volunteer.



Trinity Community Garden



Once again Trinity's Outreach Team has planted a community garden. The garden will provide fresh vegetables for the St. Pete food pantry, our neighbors at GeorgeTown Estates, the Woman's COOP and to members of our congregation. New this year, we have also entered into a partnership with members of the Congolese refugee community who have recently settled in Battle Creek to share space with their community garden. You won't see much action out there yet. They want to plant food they are familiar with, and are waiting on shipping for seeds from Africa. But in the next couple of weeks, things should get buzzing. They have the two western-most plots, while Trinity's garden is the eastern one. There is also a Co-op member working a newly created small bed on the south end where the pavers used to be. Come around back and see what sorts of things are coming up. Want to work the garden? Doug Martens and John Kolodizieyck are out there Tuesdays and Thursdays. Talk to either of them to lend a hand.



**Wednesday Bible Chats
10:30 am and 5 pm in the Lounge at Trinity
On Facebook Live Tuesdays at 1 pm.**

The feedback has been received and Bible chats are going to try going in-person. There are two opportunities to join the conversation, a morning conversation at 10:30 am on Wednesdays and an evening one at 5 pm on Wednesdays. I will continue to post an overview of the texts on Facebook Live on Tuesdays at 1 pm.

What is Bible chat? Exactly what it sounds like, it's a chat about the Bible text for the coming Sunday. When I moved to Michigan from California, I left behind a text study group that I loved, so I turned you into my new text study group. The format of these chats is simple, we start by reading the text aloud together, and then we talk about what we heard, insights we noticed, questions the text raised. I bring some introductory background information and research, but the conversation really goes wherever the group takes it. Come join the conversation.

**Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther
Indoor Walking and Prayer Group
Tuesdays, July 12 & 26 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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

July 3— Scott Schindehette
July 10—Mary Conklin
July 17—Chase Lehman
July 24—Tish Gancer
July 31—Tresa Tulley

Sound Volunteers

July 3—Ellis Cutler
July 10—Don Boulton
July 17—Ellis Cutler
July 24—Don Boulton
July 31—Ellis Cutler

Streaming Volunteers

July 3—Travis Sullivan
July 10—Chase Lehman
July 17—Travis Sullivan
July 24—Chase Lehman
July 31—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 July

Sunday, July 3

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 10

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 24

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, July 31

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 543
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

July Birthdays

7/6 – Sonya Bruns
7/11 – David Herdman
7/17 – Rose Walentowski
7/22 – Victoria Walentowski
7/25 – Kjersten Sullivan
7/26 – Michelle Tooker
7/28 – Wayne Walentowski



July Anniversaries

7/25 - Ned & Joyce Davis

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 Pastor Kjersten at pastor@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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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)
Mark (Vicki's friend)



JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 31 10:30 am Worship Gloria Kolodziejczyk preaching Pastor Kjersten on vacation	August 1				1	2
3 10:30 am Worship	4 Office Closed— Happy 4th of July!	5 1pm Facebook Live Bible Chat 2-4pm Freeze Pop Tuesday	6 10:30 am Bible Chat in the lounge 5:00 pm Bible Chat in the lounge	7	8	9
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24 10:30 am Worship	25 Trumpet articles due	26 1pm Facebook Live Bible Chat 1 pm Walking 2-4pm Freeze Pops 7 pm Council Meeting	27 10:30 am Bible Chat in the lounge 5:00 pm Bible Chat in the lounge	28	29	30
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