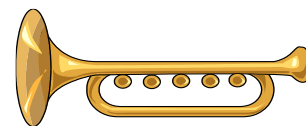




# TRINITY TRUMPET

August 2022



## Pastor's Letter

### Why is Pastor Kjersten in Columbus?

Dear Trinity,

The week of October 6-12 I will be in Columbus, Ohio for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of our church, is like a synod assembly or an annual congregational meeting, but much much larger. Every three years, people from all over the country come together to worship, pray, discuss, and carry out the work of the ELCA.

Much like how we send voting members from Trinity to participate in our synod assembly, our synod sends voting members to churchwide assembly. Each synod gets one voting member for every 6,000 members and 50 congregations. This year, that total comes to 902 voting members, 8 of whom (9 counting me) are from our synod.

The work of the Churchwide Assembly includes hearing reports and reviewing the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units, receiving and considering proposals from synod assemblies, electing officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws, establishing ELCA churchwide policy, worshiping together, adopting a budget, and conducting other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization. One important thing on the agenda for this year's assembly include electing a new Vice President of the ELCA. The Vice President is the highest lay (not clergy) office of the ELCA. The Churchwide Assembly will also consider a broad range of memorials on a wide range of topics such as reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, gun violence, welcoming LGBTQIA+ people, parental leave, the use of non-disclosure agreements, the structure of the ELCA Churchwide offices, and everything in between. We will hear reports from various ministries of the church and its leaders, elect people to national offices and committees, and approve a budget for 2023-2025. As you can see, it will be a very busy week.

This will be my second churchwide assembly. It is always a powerful experience to see the church represented in so many different people from so many different places. It always gives me a sense of what it really means to say that we are church together for the sake of the world. I look forward to sharing with you what the churchwide assembly accomplished when I return.

Peace,  
Pastor Kjersten

Dear Folks at Trinity,

It just hasn't seemed right to experience the absence of getting up at 6 a.m. on these past Sundays in order to get to Battle Creek for a Choir warm-up and a 10:30 service!

We are still knee-deep in boxes in many rooms and shoulder-deep in boxes in the 2-car garage. Luckily, a half-dozen rooms are looking much better the last couple of days. We donated many books, clothes, and items that we knew we didn't need to bring across the country into a new home. We also tossed a lot of things that we knew that NO ONE needed to add to their belongings. And still we have too much stuff. A small part of the problem is that our daughter, Emma, was living in the house to keep it from standing vacant for months. So in those months, she's filled closets and rooms with her furniture and things and now, we arrive with OUR THINGS to add to it! She's on the waiting list for several apartments, but no news yet. So until she gets that call, we're juggling some cramped cupboards and storage crannies and an excess of furniture. It's wonderful having her with us and she's got us to explore the area more as she has driven us to new locations.

But all of the painting, remodel projects and two new floors are completed and that's a great feeling when we get up and have coffee on the deck and enjoy the view of the Pennsylvania hills in the distance. The pets made the trip well and actually, the cats seem to be sorry that the height of the boxes is going down! On the agenda tomorrow is looking for a rug runner from the Bunny Room down the long hallway so they don't slip on the wood floors as they explore their new home.

Now to the main reason for this note to all of you: we can't possibly thank you enough for your kindness and generosity in the send-off party and gifts. It was just beyond anything I could have imagined. The potluck, the framed poem, the bon voyage theme with suitcases and photos and the extravagant gift are like everything else that you've shown me over these 15 years! You've been the kindest church family possible. You are just very dear friends to me. I'm already fondly remembering the wonderful music we've made together and the laughs we've enjoyed and how you've inspired me to have such a positive outlook for the future of the church in general. That has been the greatest gift — a gift of healing and optimism.

I've listened to the Facebook services and you're in good hands moving forward. My prayers and blessings will always be with you. I hope you can sense that. Please keep in touch and I'll do the same.

Here's my new address:

10 Locust Drive

Hanover, PA 17331

(or the same email or phone number as before)

Peace and Love,

David Lipps



## **Choir Starts**

### **First Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, August 24, 7pm**

It is well known at Trinity that choir is the fun place to be. On August 24th, the choir returns from summer vacation. Choir also returns to its regular rehearsal time of 7 pm on Wednesdays. The Trinity choir sings an anthem each Sunday during the offering time as well as supporting the congregation in singing hymns and liturgy pieces. All are welcome to come, no previous choir singing experience required. Come make a joyful (and beautiful) noise to the Lord.

## **Worship and Music Planning Meeting**

### **Wednesday, August 17, 1 pm**

The worship and music team will be meeting on Wednesday, August 17th to plan worship for the fall. What is the worship and music team? It is anyone who is interested in brainstorming for our worship life together. We think up a theme for the season, then create the parts of the service, including music and decorations. Everyone is welcome to come brainstorm and help dream up what our fall worship will be like.



## **Collecting Stamps for St. Peter**

Our friends at St. Peter Lutheran Church are collecting cancelled postage stamps to support the creation of Spanish language Sunday school material and they are looking for our help. Cut cancelled stamps from envelopes, leaving 1/4 to 1/3 inch margins, and place the stamps in the box in the table in the entryway. For more information on the program, check out the flyer in the box.



**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, August 13**

Next Dates: 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.



**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.

# Summer Fun



## Family Camp Returns!

**Mark your calendars for August 15-18, 3:45 to 6 pm**

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.

Make plans to come, there is fun for all ages. Bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring your neighbors' friends and your friends' neighbors. Or don't bring any kids at all, just come and hang out. 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. There is a flyer on the next page for you to share with whoever you want to invite.

## Freeze Pop Tuesdays , 2 pm to 4 pm

**Last Day: August 16**

Summer vacation is drawing to a close, and with it marks the end of Freeze Pop Tuesday. The last opportunity to enjoy this great summer tradition is Tuesday, August 16th. Pop by before you have to wait a whole year before you can enjoy a sweet treat, yard games, and chalk in 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.



# 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



# Growing in Faith and Fellowship

## **Roadrunners on the Road**

**11:30 am, Thursday, August 18**

### **Lucky Rooster**

**1299 E Columbia Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014**

The Roadrunners are keeping it close to home this month, traveling just a few blocks up Columbia to Lucky Rooster. Featuring scratch-made Italian food with locally sourced ingredients, you're certain to find something delicious. Come check it out and enjoy lunch with some Trinity friends.



### **2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule**

August 18- Lucky Rooster

September 22-J B Whiskey

October 20- Turkeyville

November 17-Soup and Sandwiches Potluck at Trinity

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

Wayne Walentowski

### **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.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### Worship Assistants

August 7— Scott Schindehette

August 14—Doug Martens

August 21—Tresa Tulley / Teresa Momenee-Young

August 28—Laurie Swanson

### Sound Volunteers

August 7—Don Boulton

August 14—Ellis Cutler

August 21—Don Boulton

August 28—Ellis Cutler

### Streaming Volunteers

August 7—Chase Lehman

August 14—Travis Sullivan

August 21—Chase Lehman

August 28—Travis Sullivan

### 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 August

#### Sunday, August 7

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

#### Sunday, August 14

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

#### Sunday, August 21

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

#### Sunday, August 28

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### August Birthdays

8/17 – Mary Conklin



### August Anniversaries

8/1 – Dick & Connie Everson

8/6 – Louis & Teresa Young

8/12 – Steven & Kathleen Millard

8/24 – Ellis & Sharon Cutler

8/24 – John & Gloria Kolodzieizyck

8/28 – Art & Tresa Tulley



## 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](mailto: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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		Wayne Walentowski	830-5094

### COMMUNITY

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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)



# AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pastor Kjersten on vacation					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>10:30 am Worship</b> Gloria Kolodziejczyk preaching	9 1pm Facebook Live Bible Chat 2-4pm Freeze Pop Tuesday	No Bible Chat				Trinity & St. Peter at St. Thomas Breakfast Program
Pastor Kjersten at ELCA Churchwide Assembly						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>10:30 am Worship</b> Pastor David Sprang preaching	1pm Facebook Live Bible Chat 2-4pm Freeze Pops	17 10:30 am Bible Chat in the lounge 1 pm Worship Mtg. No 5 pm Bible Chat		11:30 am Roadrunners @ Lucky Rooster		
Family Camp 3:45 to 6 pm						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>10:30 am Worship</b>	1pm Facebook Live Bible Chat 7 pm Council Meeting	24 10:30 am and 5 pm Bible Chat in the lounge 7pm Choir Practice				
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