



# Trinity Trumpet

July 2023

## Pastor's Letter

I told this story at worship a couple weeks ago, but it bears repeating for those of you who missed it. Let me also add, I did ask permission before sharing this story. Some of you were in worship maybe a month ago, when there kept being a random, pleasant, chime noise going off during the service. The chime noise was Tresa's phone. She got a fancy new phone and hadn't learned how to silence it yet. Which normally is fine, how many calls do any of us get on a Sunday morning? But her phone is hooked up to their Ring doorbell. And, you may also remember, Tresa has a beloved, and very active dog named Auggie. And every time Auggie runs by the door, which is all the time, the Ring doorbell thinks someone is in Tresa's backyard and alerts her to Auggie's presence. So this is a less helpful feature, because of course she knows Auggie's in the backyard, she put him there. But anyway, she and I were chatting about the new phone, and learning to silence it, and Auggie, a couple weeks ago, and she made a comment to me that was so neat I asked permission to share the whole story. She talked about how, even though it was annoying to have the phone dinging all the time, it was also kind of neat because it reminded her of Auggie and how much she loves him. Then she mentioned, "I got to thinking, wouldn't it be neat to have like a Ring doorbell for the Holy Spirit. Like, if your phone dinged every time the Holy Spirit was around, so you could pay attention and look for its movement in the world."

That, my friends, is why we are sharing God Sightings at the beginning of worship throughout the summer. So we can tune our internal Ring doorbells to God's presence, and be that little chime noise for each other. We've been doing this project for about a month now, and I don't know if you've noticed a difference in your lives, but I've noticed a difference in mine. I've noticed I'm paying closer attention to the things around me, looking for God in places I hadn't looked before, noticing the small details of creation, moments of joy, moments of wonder. And, I've loved hearing you all share your own observations with me. Oftentimes if someone stops by the building during the week, as part of the conversation, we'll share our God Sightings from the day. It's been neat seeing where you all are seeing God not just on Sundays, but throughout the week.

So, keep those God Sightings coming. Listen for the chimes of the Spirit blowing all around us.

Peace, Pastor Kjersten

## Road Runners

The July meeting of Road Runners will be held on **Thursday, July 20, 11:30, at Cracker Barrel** on Beckley Rd. In July we celebrate a “trinity of colors” (Red, White & Blue) – come join your Trinity friends for lunch!



## Freeze Pop Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, 2 pm to 4 pm

**Freeze Pop Tuesdays** are underway!! Children & adults come, games are played and freeze pops are enjoyed!! Stop by for a freeze pop and some fun!!



## Summer Neighborhood Walks with Pastor



Pastor is still ready to walk the neighborhood. A trek is already planned to distribute fliers for Family Camp. Let her know if you're up for a walk too!

# Family Camp

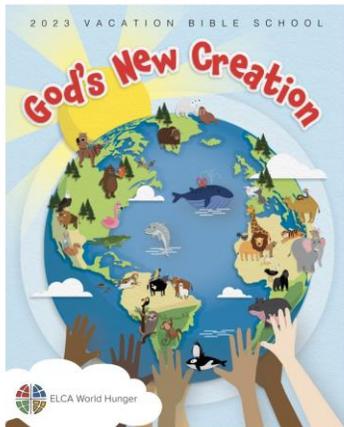
July 24-26

5pm to 7pm

At Trinity Lutheran Church, 2055 E Columbia Ave.

Join us for Family Camp 2023, a fun, FREE, program for kids and their parents/guardians to experience God's love together through games, crafts, music, and fun.

We end with a **meal** at 6:15pm and a special after dinner guest.



Monday-Chicks and ducks

Tuesday-TBD

Wednesday-Wade the Bee Guy

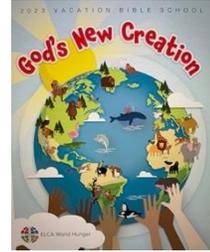
To register call Woman's Co-op (966-8988), St. Peter (963-4170) or Trinity (963-5356).



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

## FAMILY CAMP 2023

### God's New Creation July 24 - 26



Family Camp will be held July 24 to July 26 from 5 – 7. The excitement in our building during Family Camp is contagious! The camp is free to participants necessitating donations of food. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex for you to indicate what you can supply. Thanks!!

## Property Committee

The next meeting of the Property Committee is **Sunday, July 30**, after church. Please consider joining this important committee.



## WooHoo

Our own Pastor Kjersten won the Cereal City Classic Women's 10K on June 11!! How lucky are we to have such a talented pastor and to also live in the same city as Tony the Tiger!!!



## Wall Art



Our wall art of the sick man being lowered into the crowd has been returned to our narthex. Take a minute to stop and enjoy seeing it on display again.

## New Piano In The Choir Room

After checking out the wall art in the narthex, head down to the choir room to see the new piano! Will purchased a new grand piano from Market Masters Group in Sturgis and, with that purchase, they donated a new Boston studio console piano to Trinity on May 30 of this year! Thanks Will for directing this very generous donation our way!!



## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour has returned to the Fellowship Hall allowing us to sit and chat for a bit! There's a calendar on the table near the goodie table to use to sign up to donate treats (cookies, cake, muffins, coffee cake, etc.). Please feel free to sign up for as many dates as you wish! If you're donating to celebrate a special occasion, please indicate the reason for celebrating on the calendar. Here Tresa & Art were celebrating their son Daniel's birthday!



**Trinity at BC Pride**  
**Saturday, July 22, 1 pm to 7 pm**  
**Fantasy Forest—Leila Arboretum**

It's July, that means it's time for the Battle Creek Pride Festival. 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 with information about Trinity and Family Camp, bouncy balls, candy, and other goodies.

Want to sign up to help be a witness of God's love for ALL PEOPLE? There is a signup sheet in the entryway. It is broken into 1-hour intervals, so sign up to come for an hour or two, or six. Whatever works in your day is great! See Pastor Kjersten for more information. We are also in need of a pop-up canopy tent to borrow for shade.

**Joint Worship with St. Peter**  
**July 23 @ Trinity and September 10 @ St. Peter**

We have two joint projects we are working on with St. Peter this summer, and we're going to celebrate those activities with some joint worship. On **Sunday, July 23**, St. Peter will be coming to worship with us at Trinity. Pastor Kjersten will preside, and Pastor Ed will preach. Afterward we will work together to do some set-up for Family Camp starting the next day (prepping crafts, moving tables in the social hall, etc.).

On Sunday, September 10, we will travel to St. Peter to join them for worship at their place. Pastor Ed will preside, and Pastor Kjersten will preach. **September 10<sup>th</sup>** is God's Work Our Hands Sunday, and St. Peter will have some service projects for us to help with. More information on that is coming later in the summer.

## **Special Congregational Meeting – Mark Your Calendar**

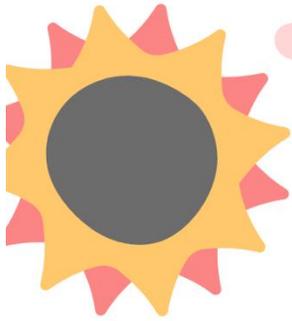
A special congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, September 17**, immediately after church to discuss & update the congregation on our progress towards becoming a community center. Please plan on attending either in person or via our Facebook Live feed.

### **From Bishop Satterlee's June Newsletter:**

#### **Empowering Our Buildings to Share the Story of Jesus**

On **November 4, 2023**, Pastor Sprang will hold an event at **Trinity in Battle Creek** to help us to empower our buildings to share the story of Jesus. This event is an opportunity to explicitly name ministries that bring people into our congregations as extensions of Jesus's own ministry and is designed for rostered ministers, congregation leaders, and anyone else who would like to attend. Registration information will be available soon!

Join our Co-Op Friends for a fun afternoon and great food!!



woman's co-op

CHILL WITH US

# ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC



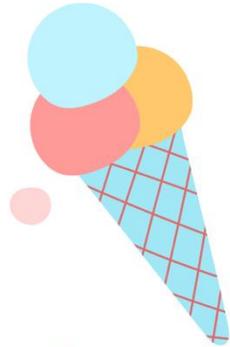
## JULY 15TH

START AT 1 P.M.

BRING A DISH TO PASS  
IF YOU CAN

### ACTIVITIES

MUSIC, DANCE, GAMES  
AND MORE!



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PLAYGROUND  
FOLLOW THE SIGNS



## July Prayer Partners

We are praying weekly for Lutheran Congregations in our Synod. Our prayer partners for July are:

- July 2** – Calvary Lutheran Church, Elk Rapids, Rev. Zachary Nelson  
**July 9** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Rev. Richard Stieve  
**July 16** – Zion Lutheran Church, Freeland, Rev. Andreas Teich  
**July 23** – Edgewood Lutheran Church, Fruitport, Rev. Len Dahlgren  
**July 30** – Peace Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Rev. Megan Crouch



## Worship Volunteers & Readings for July

### Lay Assistants, Sound Board

July 2 – LA: Mary Conklin  
Sound: Ellis Cutler

July 9 – LA: Kendra Witkowski-Lehman  
Sound: Don Boulton

July 16 – LA: Chase Lehman  
Sound: John Kolodzieizyck

July 23 – LA: Gloria Kolodzieizyck  
Sound: Ellis Cutler

July 30 – LA: Tresa Garver  
Sound: Don Boulton

### Readings

Genesis 22: 1 – 14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6: 12 – 23  
Matthew 10: 40 – 42

Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – 67  
Psalm 45: 10 – 17  
Romans 7: 15 – 25a  
Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – 30

Genesis 25: 19 – 34  
Psalm 119: 105 – 112  
Romans 8: 1 – 11  
Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23

Genesis 28: 10 – 19a  
Psalm 139: 1 – 12, 23 – 24  
Romans 8: 12 – 25  
Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

Genesis 29: 15 – 28  
Psalm 105: 1 – 11, 45b  
Romans 8: 26 – 39  
Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

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



### Anniversaries

7/25 Ned & Joyce Davis

## *Prayer Requests*

### COMMUNITY

Sharon Cutler  
Pam Ellison-Kring  
Millie Sullivan  
Linda Hermann  
Rose Walentowski  
Tish Gancer

### IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Lanny Johnston, Jr. (Sharon's son)  
Jim Hines (Maxine's nephew)



## **OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH TRINITY**

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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour			10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat			
<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
10:30 Worship Coffee Hour	8:30am-4pm Woman's Co- Op Monday Mixer	1:00 Bible Chat FaceBook Live <b>11 Worship &amp; Music</b> 2-4 Freeze Pop Tuesdav	10:30 & 5:30 Bible Chat <b>1:00 Family Camp Meeting</b>			
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