

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed	Jun 5	Men's Bible Study 7am Women's Bible Study 10-12
Thu	Jun 6	Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30 Theology on Tap 7-8:30pm @ Shakespeare's
Sun	Jun 9	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 Church Council 12:15 Youth Gaming event 12-3
Wed	Jun 12	Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Luncheon 11:30 Theology on Tap 7-8:30 @ Latitude 42 Oshtemo
Thu	Jun 13	Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30-3
Fri	Jun 14	Bible Dig-In 7-9pm
Sat	Jun 15	Bible Dig-In 10-12 & 12:30-2:30
Sun	June 16	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School class "The Bible for Grown-ups 9:45

Join us tomorrow and again next week for a special series of classes and events as we welcome two visiting theologians at Trinity! Fliers are available to pick up at church and these events will be posted on our Facebook page and in our emails to remind you to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to learn and grow together!

# Visiting Theologians at Trinity!

## June 12 - June 16



Tim McMinch,  
Ph.D.,  
Assistant Professor of  
Hebrew Bible at  
Christian Theological  
Seminary and co-host of  
"First Reading", a popular  
preaching podcast

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 12

- Men's Bible Study  
7 - 8AM  
*"Political Theology?" How can we read political scriptures in our political season?"*
- Theology on Tap  
7 - 8:30 PM @ Latitude 42 Brewing - Oshstemo  
*"The Bible is a Perfectly Poured Guinness"*

### THURSDAY JUNE 13

- Scripture and Sandwiches  
12 - 12:30PM  
*"Dining in the Dark" Explore the meaning of the darkness at Jesus' Crucifixion*  
Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849  
Passcode: Lunchtime
- Women's Bible Study  
1:30 - 3PM  
*"Casual Conversation about feminist interpretation of the Hebrew Bible"*

### FRIDAY JUNE 14

- Bible Dig-In - Session 1  
7 - 9PM  
*An in-depth and highly interactive exploration into the book of Ruth*

### SATURDAY JUNE 15

- Bible Dig-In - Session 2  
10AM - NOON  
*Ruth 2 - 3 - Lunch Provided*
- Bible Dig-In - Session 3  
12:30 - 2:30PM  
*Ruth 4 and wrap up*

### SUNDAY JUNE 16

- Worship at 8:30 & 11AM  
*Tim will preach and share a children's message*
- The Bible for Grown-ups  
9:45 - 10:45AM  
*A Sunday School class on how to get the most out of the Bible as adult readers*

## Worship and Faith Formation

**Men's Bible Study** - We will meet on Wed June 5, 12 and 26. 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". We're just a group of men trying to apply what we read in Scripture to our present lives and to hopefully become a light for others. Visiting Theologian Amy Allen will lead the discussion on June 5 with the topic "Generations of Fisherfolk: James, John and Zebedee" and Tim McNinch will lead the discussion on June 12 with the topic "Political Theology? How can we read political scriptures in our political season?"

**Women's Bible Study June 5 AND June 13** Join our visiting theologians for a special Women's Bible study the first two weeks in June!

Amy Allen will lead the study on Wednesday June 5 from 10 - 12pm exploring the topic "Generations of Service: Mary and Martha at the feet of Jesus.

Tim McNinch will lead the Women's Bible study the following week on Thursday June 13 from 1:30 – 3pm on the topic "Casual Conversations about feminist interpretation of the Hebrew Bible... (with a man who's doing his best to understand ;)"

**Friday and Saturday June 14 & 15 – Bible Dig-in sessions on the book of Ruth!** Join visiting theologian Tim McNinch for an in-depth exploration of the book of Ruth! On Friday, June 14 from 7 – 9PM he'll start this in-depth and highly interactive class on Ruth. We'll continue the class on Saturday June 15 from 10-noon, break for lunch and then continue from 12:30-2:30PM. Lunch will be provided Saturday June 15!

**Scripture and Sandwiches** Join visiting theologians Amy Allen and Tim McNinch online Thursdays June 6 and June 13 from 12-12:30 for a short bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch. After these two June meetings, we will be breaking for the summer and resume once again in September. Click the link in our emails or use the Zoom meeting ID and passcode to join in from wherever you are!

Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

## Service Ministries

**Blood Drive!** There continues to be a great need for blood donations, and at Trinity we are grateful to be able to help meet that need! Thank you to those of you who have given in the past and to those who will consider giving in the future! The next drive at Trinity will be on **Wednesday June 26 from 11:00AM – 4:45PM**, so be sure to get registered at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TLC> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**Sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers!** Please 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.**

**Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Pantry** - Our food 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 or similar items
- Pop tarts
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Snacks ( in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)

Also, empty egg cartons and plastic grocery bags are very useful.

**Singers, One and All!** We will have a "Pickup Choir" on two Sundays in the summer months. This is an opportunity for any and all to join us for a short, pre-service rehearsal at 9:10 a.m. and then sing a simple anthem for the service that follows. It's an opportunity to sing in the choir for one Sunday with no long-term commitment and no pressure to join in the fall. Please consider joining us for one or both Sundays: July 14 and August 4. I'll be looking for you!

**The Clothes Closet is looking for toothpaste and toilet paper** to hand out to our neighbors in need. If you can drop this off during office hours that would be very appreciated!

This summer, three of our youth are going to the **ELCA National Youth Gathering** in New Orleans. One of the tasks for some of the youth in New Orleans is to put together relief packets for those in need during/after hurricanes. Each synod was assigned to bring something different. Our synod has been assigned to bring batteries. We would like our church to help us purchase batteries, so we are having a NOISY OFFERING every Sunday in June. Please help us raise money so that we can order lots of batteries for this necessary relief kits. Thanks!

## Fellowship and Events

**Youth Ministry: Game On!!** Schools OUT so the games are ON!!

Join us after the second service on **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** from noon-3pm for some not-so-healthy gaming with your church friends. Bring your video game consoles, games, VR games, Switch games, phones, and any other gaming systems. We'll eat some pizza and veg out and play non-stop games until our eyes start bleeding. Or at least until 3pm. Sign up by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> if you can join us.

**Ladies Luncheon** The June Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 11:30 at The Blue Dolphin (502 Burdick St. Kalamazoo). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy Sherrod with questions (269-329-8570)!

### **Theology on Tap June 6 AND June 12 from 7 – 8:30PM!**

On Thursday June 6, join visiting theologian Amy Allen at Shakespeare's Pub for a relaxed time exploring "whose Kingdom is it anyway? Jesus, Little Children and the Poor." And then come out the following week on Wednesday June 12 at Latitude 42 Brewing in Oshtemo with visiting theologian Tim McNinch to explore "The Bible is a perfectly poured Guinness" – Scribal layers and stages in the Bible and why they matter to regular Bible readers like us."

**Women's Retreat!** Trinity is hosting a women's retreat with facilitator Kara Haug. Kara is highly skilled at leading healthy and loving conversations on womanhood and our relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Her goal is to help us change the narrative of negative stories we believe about ourselves and reframe them into God's positive, loving vision for us. Please RSVP to Vicar Megan ([intern@tlckzoo.com](mailto:intern@tlckzoo.com)) if you can join us! And if you'd like to learn more about Kara Haug, please visit her website: [www.reframingourstories.com](http://www.reframingourstories.com)

**Men's Retreat- Sign up and Save the Date!** This fall we'll be heading north again for the Men's Retreat at Camp Arcadia on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan! The retreat runs from Sept 27-29 with options for coming up early to take advantage of fall in northern Michigan! This is always a great opportunity to get away to relax and connect with other guys from Trinity and beyond! Trinity will be covering your deposit, so cost of registration is just \$163 with options to pay a little more if you'd like a private bath (\$35) or an extra night (\$62). To register, or for more information, go to: <https://camp-arcadia.com/attend-arcadia/mens-retreat/>  
Be sure to register for the "Arcadia Men's Retreat with Chad Bird". If you have any questions, contact the Camp Arcadia office staff.

Trinity Lutheran Church – Kalamazoo  
August 7, 14, 21 6:00-8pm

2 Timothy 4:7-8



Exercise Your Faith

OLYMPICS

Join us for a family-style VBS with  
dinner, games, crafts & songs

***Please remember that articles for the Newsletters are due by the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month; articles for the Sunday bulletins are due one week in advance, by end of day Sunday.***