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Letter from the Vicar

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Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

Worship with Holy Communion
at 8:30 and 11am

Choir at 9:25 in choir loft

All Sunday School classes 9:45 –
*Last day of classes on May 19th,
breaking for the summer!*

Parent Small Group or Infant/Toddler
Small Group 10am

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:25 Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation 9:45 Adult Bible Study 9:45 Parent small group 10 Church Council 12:15 Youth Event 12:15 VASA 2-5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Prayer Shawl 10-12</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11am</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Samarkas training</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Garden Club sale</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am <i>No Sunday School - break for Summer</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Quilters 9am Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30</p>	<p>31</p>	

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

Youth Ministry

for all youth in grades 6th-12th

Hello Everyone!!

As George Costanza's father would say, "I'm back, baby!" After a long hiatus, I'm back as the Youth Director for Trinity. Thank you for welcoming me back to your fold. We will have a lot of fun and spread lots of joy around. ~Heidi

Horseback Riding

On **Sunday, May 5th**, our youth will be going horseback riding at the Wild West Ranch in Fennville. We'll meet in the youth room for some lunch and then pile into a couple of cars to drive to the ranch. We'll go for a gentle trail ride on awesome horses for about an hour. Then we'll pile back into the cars and return to church around 4:15pm to be picked up by your parents. The cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up on the TLC Youth Facebook page or by emailing me, hmfuerst@aol.com. Sign up by Friday, May 3rd.



Game On!!

Schools OUT so the games are ON!! Join us after the second service on **Sunday, June 9th** 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 7th if you can join us.

The Gathering

Three of our Trinity youth will be going to The Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana this summer in July. We can't wait to be a part of this event, which will bring together so many young people from all over the USA and the world. Please lift up a prayer for our youth who are going and maybe a small one for their crazy youth director!

VBS

In August, Trinity will again host our Family Vacation Bible School. It will take place **August 7, 14, and 21** from 6pm-8pm. We will need youth volunteers to help us with games, drama, arts & crafts, set-up, and clean-up. Please see Heidi to sign up to help.

Youth Fundraiser:



Our next fundraiser will be selling Trinity merchandise and we'll need your help! It's high time that everyone had a Trinity t-shirt!!!!

During the last three weeks of May, we will

have a table in the Fellowship Hall with Trinity merchandise for members to order. The proceeds will benefit our youth ministry program. **Please sign up with Heidi to help man the table and sell these awesome shirts. ☺

Trinity Youth News and Events!

And take a moment to sign up for Youth emails by following the QR Code here! This is the best way to stay up to date with upcoming events and reminders!





FAMILY MINISTRY

All families with children infant through 5th grade are welcome to join us!



God Loves Flowers and So Do WE!!

Sunday, May 19th

12:30pm-2pm

This month we are doing a little service project with flowers. After we enjoy some lunch in the Fellowship Hall, we'll grab a flower pot and start painting. Then we'll plant a lovely flower in the pot. Finally, it will be your job to deliver your beautiful flower pot and flower to someone special—like your mom or dad, grandma or grandpa, a neighbor, or a favorite friend. If you are able to attend, please sign up on our Facebook page or through email by Friday, May 17th.

Join us for our Sunday Morning Opportunities in the Family Ministry room! Please note that these will be our last classes for the school year. We'll start up again in the fall. 😊

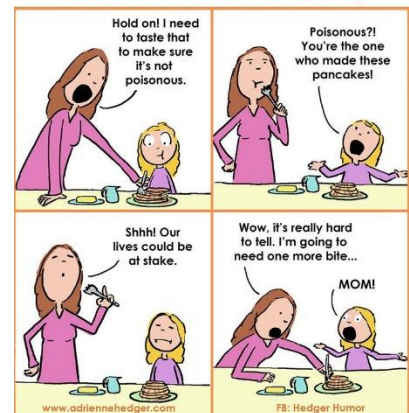
Parent Small Group:

Dates: Sunday, May 5th **Time:** 10am-10:40am

Infant & Toddler Small Group:

Dates: Sunday, May 12th **Time:** 10am-10:40am

Selfless Acts of Parenting



VBS: This summer, our Family Vacation Bible School will be August 7, 14, and 21 from 6pm-8pm. It will be an Olympic themed VBS and it'll be super fun!! Please watch our Family Ministry Facebook page to sign up to attend.

Picnic at the Zimmermanns!!

As a final farewell to summer, our good friends Sarah and David Zimmermann, along with Emma, Jacob, and Joseph, are inviting our Family Ministry and Youth Groups out to their home for swimming, fishing, and a picnic. We'll meet out there at 2pm to swim and fish. They have a pond on their property that is safe for swimming. Then we'll have

dinner between 5-5:30pm and be done between 6:30-7pm. Watch the News & Notes and our Family Ministry Facebook page for more information.



When: Saturday, August 24

Where: Zimmermann's House, 04240 22nd St, Otsego

Time: 2pm-7pm



Worship and Faith Formation

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
May 5	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Paula Sportel, Debbie Harding	Jen Gatz	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Julie Peterson	Karen Jachym, Pat Mason	Julie Peterson	Elyse Albertson, Emma Zimmermann
May 12	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Jeannie & Dave Grubaugh	Arlen Gullickson	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Holly Wohlfert	Joy & Tom Kuhs	Heidi Albertson	Kiley & Calico Morris
May 19	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Janet & Arlen Gullickson	Carol Knoch	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Gary Kent- Bracken	Greta Decker, Connie Ruch	Sheree Sorensen	Miryam Greenman, Evelyn Sutherland
May 26	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Jen & Tim Gatz	Nicole Shugars	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Nancy Diment, Carolyn Kana'an	Liz Morison	Kaitlyn Albertson, Jacob Zimmermann

Back to the Hymnals starting in May! To be better stewards of creation and the many gifts that we've been given, beginning in May, we will stop printing the hymns in the bulletin and will go back to using the red ELW Hymnals that are in every pew. If you need the hymns printed out for you for any reason, we will have a few large print copies available each week. Also, if you borrowed a hymnal from the sanctuary at any point during the pandemic, please return that to the church. Thank you!



Children's Sunday School wraps up May 19 with our annual end of the year party. Parents and friends are invited to join us for songs, games, and treats in the courtyard at 9:45. We will also celebrate the 5th grade students who are moving on to Confirmation Class next year!

Scripture and Sandwiches Join Vicar Megan online each Thursday from 12-12:30 for a short bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch. Click the link below or use the meeting ID and passcode to join in from wherever you are! Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

Men's Bible Study - We will meet on Wed May 1, 15 and 29. 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.

Rebecca Circle Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? Rebecca Circle is an excellent chance to make some new acquaintances while studying God's word. The next Circle meeting will be at Trinity on Wednesday, May 22 at 10am.

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

Service Ministry

Personal Care Item Donations Needed As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet is expanding its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are dish soap, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent (both single and multi-load containers), feminine care products, deodorant and other like items. Donations can be brought to the church weekdays during office hours or Sunday mornings.

SCRIP Gift Card Table - we would like to remind Trinity members and friends to think of purchasing a few cards to have on hand for teacher gifts, Mother's Day and Father's Day, or graduations not that far off, and Amazon works for almost everyone! We encourage you to stop by and look over our retailer list so you can be part of those helping us help others!

From Trinity's Service Ministry Team - A fellow member has made a generous gift to Trinity's Service Ministry Team (SMT). It is a win-win for the SMT since it was designated for three of our areas: Quilters, Christ Closet, and former foster kids now In the Samaritas Independent Living Plus program. (These are young people who have aged out of the foster care system but live with supervision in ILP homes while working or going to school.)

What's the win-win part? The donor directed that the funds must be used to purchase gift cards from Trinity's SCRIP table appropriate to the three areas designated. We are most grateful for this gift!

The Welcome Team would Welcome New Members! We have Welcome Team members assist at each of our services at Trinity! Do you like to say "Hello!"? We would love to have you join us. Contact Julie Peterson at jtpeterson55@comcast.net to join and let her know which service you attend.

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El Sol Elementary Outreach: El Sol Elementary School is just a few blocks away from Trinity and as their partners in serving the neighborhood, we want to show our support for their teachers, students and families! We will be collecting all the items listed below at Trinity; please drop off during the week (M-Th, 9-2) or on a Sunday! Thanks for your help in building a stronger connection with our neighborhood school!

Kids Clothes Needed - It's time to clean out your kids' closets! El Sol Elementary has asked for help with supplying some of their students with winter clothes and gear, new socks and underwear, sweatpants and leggings. Will you consider helping us spread the word and donating your kids' clothes here?

School Supplies - Backpacks, crayons, standard washable school markers (Crayola) and plastic two pocket folders. These donations will be collected at Trinity.

Teachers Breakroom - non-perishable items like chips, candy, granola bars, microwave popcorn, drinks, ground coffee, and K-cups.

Volunteer Opportunities

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY – TIME AND TALENT

The Stewardship and Finance and the Facilities committees are looking for several volunteers to perform a small number of indoor repair, maintenance, housekeeping and, weather permitting, general outdoor clean-up projects to our church and its grounds. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 to 4:00. The projects to be completed this day include replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary, removing pews and floor adjustments to the choir loft, installing window air conditioners in various rooms, setting up the benches in our beautiful courtyard, and moving the planters to the parking lot. All required tools and equipment will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Shaun Wright (269-364-5486, swright@heskzoo.com) or Steven Morris (269.569.4226, sleddog76@hotmail.com).

And remember, "Many hands make light work." Nehemiah 3.



Trinity Youth Fundraiser! After both Sunday services on May 12, 19 and 26 we will have a table in the Fellowship Hall with Trinity merchandise for members to order. The proceeds will benefit our youth ministry program. Please stop by and grab your Trinity gear! **Youth, please sign up with Heidi to help man the table and sell these awesome shirts.

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets May 6 at 10am We gather the first Monday of each month in the lounge at 10:00 to receive and pray over completed shawls, encourage one another as we work on new shawls, reflect on the gratitude of prayer shawl recipients, and, yes, socialize! Don't know how to knit or crochet? Here's your chance to learn—instruction will be provided! If you would like more information, please call Sidney Mueller at (269)806-0023.

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.**

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Cliff Davidson, Sandy Eschelbach, Ruth Krueger, Debbie Roach, Matt Jaeky, Linda Ward, David Mason, Jo Ellen Lampos, Nick Karasch, Darcey Stevens, Jo Brinker, Vicky Phillips, Rob Broad.

**The runners are coming! *The runners are coming!*
MAY 5, 2024**

Have you heard? The Zeigler Kalamazoo Marathon is scheduled to return as a two-day event, Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 2024.

The Marathon starts at 7:00 AM, followed by the Half Marathon at 8:30. The 10K Run begins at 8:50 AM followed by the 5K Walk/Run at 9:00 AM. All runners and walkers should be off all courses by 1:30 PM. Roads around the church and in the neighborhood will be open but for safety reasons, runners will have the right of way. There will be delays as police protection and course monitors will be holding traffic until there are big enough breaks in the groups of runners and walkers.

Please allow extra time when traveling to and from church on May 5.



We apologize for the shortage of Easter Flowers available for pick up this year after the final worship service. There was confusion surrounding which flowers were available to pick up. This is something we hope to clarify next year.

Fellowship and Events

Women's Retreat! Please save the date: Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 9 AM – 4 PM. 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. If you'd like to learn more about Kara Haug, please visit her website: 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/rkd-mens-retreat/>.

Be sure to register for the "Arcadia Men's Retreat with Chad Bird". If you have any questions, contact Pr. Jake or the Camp Arcadia office staff.

Youth Event on Sunday, May 5th from 12:15pm-4:15pm -Horseback riding at Wild West Ranch in Fennville, MI. We'll eat some lunch in the youth room after the 2nd service. Then we'll pile into cars and carpool over to the ranch for a fun hour-long trail ride. The cost is \$10 per person. After the ride, we'll drive you back to church to be picked up by your parents. Please wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Depending on how many youth go, I will need at least one or two other drivers. Youth and potential drivers, please sign up if you can go by email (hmfuerst@aol.com) or the Youth

Facebook event page. Thanks! *Drivers can ride with the youth or just hang out and take nap!



Plant Swap Sunday May 19 after both services!

Join us to swap advice, seeds, and plants with other plant enthusiasts! Bring a pest-free, healthy indoor houseplant or outdoor garden plant or two (or more!) for trade; they can be potted, cuttings, or bare root--as long as you're prepared to part with them! You do not have to be a plant expert to participate; plant swaps are a fantastic way to learn more about plants both inside and out!

Ladies Luncheon The May Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30 at Latitude 42 in Oshtemo (6101 West Main St.). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

Meeting of the Men - Meeting of the men is an "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We typically meet on the Third Thursday of each month and this month is no different, so look for us at the Old Dog Tavern on Thursday May 16 from 5-6:30.

About the visiting Theologians at Trinity!



Amy Lindeman Allen is Associate Professor of New Testament at Christian Theological Seminary and Book Review Editor for the seminary's journal, *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship*. She is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has served in congregations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Indiana. She is currently serving as President for the professional organization, Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies and preaching part-time at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, IN.

Allen is passionately committed to the transformative power of the gospel at the intersection of the church and world. She seeks to advance a scriptural vision for equality and justice for all people in both her professional and personal life and celebrates CTS' commitment to this vision as a central tenet of her teaching philosophy. Full of questions from an early age, Allen went to graduate school seeking answers, only to discover that there are few "right" answers, but an infinite supply of questions. Her greatest joy in teaching is exploring these questions together with students and, in the process, learning together the gift of mutual respect and compassion amidst difference.

Presently, much of Allen's work continues to focus on this burgeoning field within ideological criticism called childist criticism, seeking to locate and reclaim the voices of children from the New Testament texts. She is an active member of the Children in the Biblical World unit of the Society of Biblical Literature and has published numerous articles, book chapters, and bibliographies on children and the New Testament.



Timothy McNinch serves as Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Christian Theological Seminary. He earned his PhD in Hebrew Bible from Emory University, where his dissertation focused on the compositional history of 1 Samuel 1–8. Prior to his academic career, McNinch was a church planting pastor in Michigan with the Association of Vineyard Churches (USA). He is now certified for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Dr. McNinch's scholarship has appeared in *Vetus Testamentum*, *Bible and Critical Theory*, and *Encounter*. He is the series editor of the "Politics of Scripture" blog at the Political Theology Network (politicaltheology.com), and series editor of the *Illustrated Biblical Texts* series from GlossaHouse Publishers (glossahouse.com). He is also the creator and co-host of the popular weekly preaching podcast, "First Reading" (firstreadingpodcast.com), and curates a biblical languages YouTube channel (youtube.com/timmcninch).

"In my capacity as a regular contributor and editor for the "[Politics of Scripture](http://politicaltheology.com)" blog at *The Political Theology Network*, I work as part of a multiethnic and interdisciplinary team of scholars who regularly challenge me to expand the limitations I sometimes place on biblical scholarship through my own inherited lens. Working this out in another project, part of the vision for the popular podcast I co-founded, "[First Reading](http://firstreadingpodcast.com)," is to provide a platform where the work of underrepresented biblical scholars can be heard and utilized in the church world. These steps represent my intent to seek diverse mentors and steward my own privilege to transform the dynamic in my field."

VISITING THEOLOGIAN AT TRINITY!



**Amy
Lindeman
Allen, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor of
New Testament and
Director of Master of
Divinity program at
Christian Theological
Seminary*



**Tim
McNinch,
Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor of
Hebrew Bible at
Christian Theological
Seminary and co-host of
"First Reading", a popular
preaching podcast*

Sunday June 2
8:30,11:00am

Worship
*Amy will preach and share a
Children's message with youth*

Sunday June 2
9:45-10:45am

Christmas in June
*A special intergenerational
Sunday School class based on
Luke chapter 2*

Monday June 3
1-3 pm

**Reading the Bible with
and for Children**
*For teachers, parents,
grandparents, and anyone who
works with kids!*

Tuesday June 4
5-7pm

Family Theology on Tap!
*Ice Cream bar, Root Beer floats,
and Pizza over the topic, "Whose
Kingdom is it Anyway? Jesus and
the Little Children"*

Wednesday June 5
7-8am

Men's Bible Study
*"Generations of Fisherfolk: James
John and Zebedee"*

Wednesday June 5
10-12pm

Women's Bible Study
*"Generations of Service: Mary and
Martha at the Feet of Jesus"*

Thursday June 6
12-12:30pm
*Zoom Meeting ID
821 5743 3849
Passcode: Lunchtime*

Scripture and Sandwiches
*"Children in the Bible and it's
Contexts*

Thursday June 6
7-8:30pm
At Shakespeares Pub

Theology on Tap!
*"Whose Kingdom is it Anyway?
Jesus, Little Children and the
Poor"*

Wednesday June 12
7-8am

Men's Bible Study
*"Political Theology?:" How can we read
political scriptures in our political
season?*

Wednesday June 12
7-8:30pm
**At Latitude 42 Brewing
Co. - Oshtemo**

Theology on Tap
*"The Bible is a Perfectly Poured
Guinness" Scribal layers and stages in the
Bible and why they matter to regular
Bible readers like us.*

Thursday June 13
12-12:30pm
*Zoom Meeting ID
821 5743 3849
Passcode: Lunchtime*

Scripture and Sandwiches
*"Dining in the Dark" Explore the
meaning of the darkness at Jesus'
Crucifixion*

Thursday June 13
1:30-3pm

Women's Bible Study
*"Casual Conversation about feminist
interpretation of the Hebrew Bible...
(with a man who's doing his best to
understand 😊)"*

Friday June 14
7-9pm

Bible Dig-In - Session I
*An in-depth and highly interactive
exploration into the book of Ruth*

Saturday June 15
10am-noon

Bible Dig-In - Session II
Ruth 2-3 - LUNCH PROVIDED

Saturday June 15
12:30-2:30pm

Bible Dig-In Session III
Ruth 4 and Wrap up

Sunday June 16
8:30, 11am

Worship
*Tim preaching and sharing
children's message*

Sunday June 16
9:45-10:45

"The Bible for Grown-ups
*How to get the most out of the
Bible as adult readers*

All events are at Trinity unless otherwise listed.

Be sure to take advantage of these tremendous opportunities to learn and grow together.



“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

-2 Corinthians 5:17

As the April showers bring forth May flowers, we cannot help but lean into the promise of new life that the season of spring brings. This is the cyclical covenant of Creation, that from death, we have new life. The buds on the trees and the daffodils are here to declare that spring is finally here!

May also brings the conclusion of Eastertide – the extended celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We rejoice and declare that Christ is Risen, and we look to the new life that is made possible because of our risen Lord, not only for our world but for us. What is new in you this season – what new possibilities, new growth, new opportunities to share Christ's love will you encounter this day? Christ is risen and now lives in you – we are Christ's body! What is possible because you carry the light of Christ?

Eastertide ends on Pentecost, when we celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit that rested on those first disciples and now accompanies us always. From this event, the church was born as a way for the faithful to live and grow together, to learn together, and to encourage each other in our relationship with God. To live this life of faith together is our joy!

I hope you will read through the newsletter carefully because, in this season of leaning into new life and growth, you will find many opportunities here at Trinity to do just that. I encourage you to sign up for something new – a new service opportunity, a new bible study, a new fellowship opportunity... anything! And be sure to save the dates in your calendars for the wonderful events that our visiting theologians will bring to us in June, the Bar-b-que in July, and the Women's Retreat and our Vacation Bible School in August.

God is doing a new thing in you this season, let us rejoice and give thanks!

Peace,
Vicar Megan



Trinity Lutheran Church sends out weekly emails to update our congregation on upcoming events, ongoing projects, volunteer opportunities, changes to our schedule, and links to our online services. Sign up with our QR code for the most up to date information available!