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Trinity's Sunday Schedule:

***Worship with Holy Communion
at 8:30 and 11:00am***

Choir at 9:25 in choir loft

Children's Sunday School classes 9:45

Confirmation 9:45

Youth Sunday School 9:45

Adult Bible Study 9:45

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00am	2	3 Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11am	4 Men's Bible Study 7am	5	6	7
8 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:25 Sunday School Rally Day 9:45-10:45 Youth presentation 9:45 Church Council 12:15 VASA/Sons of Norway 1-5	9 Sacred Harp 7-8:30	10 Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11am	11 Ladies Lunch 11:15	12 P.E.O. 10-3	13	14 Megar Afazel & Jon Barnes Benefit Concert 6:30
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22 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:25 Sunday School classes 9:45 Oktoberfest 12-2pm	23 Sacred Harp 7-8:30	24 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11am	25 Rebecca Circle 10am	26 Quilters 9am	27 Men's Retreat	28 Men's Retreat
29 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:25 Sunday School classes 9:45 Family Ministry 12:30-2	30	<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.</p>				

Youth Ministry

For all youth in grades 6th – 12th

Welcome Back Fall!!

It's been a long summer (not long enough actually!) and it's now time to settle into our Fall routines. With lots of fun sprinkled in! We have some exciting things planned for this year and we need all of our 6th-12th graders participating. See you in church!! ~Heidi

The Gathering

Kaitlyn, Emma, Elyse, and I all went to The



Gathering in New Orleans this past summer. We experienced and learned a lot and we can't wait to tell you about it!! Join us on

Sunday, September 8th at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall to hear about our trip. This is the first day of Sunday school, so all of our middle and high school youth are invited to listen. You might even get a beignet to munch on!! Yum!!!



Youth Group Fundraiser— T-shirts!!

This past spring, our youth group designed and sold t-shirts and sweatshirts. A bunch of church members ordered and paid for them. Because it was cheaper to order more than the exact amount needed, we have a lot extra. On Sunday, **September 8th**, we will be selling our shirts and sweatshirts to you and other church members. We will make a total profit off of these shirts, so come help us make some money for our youth group!!



Youth Group Planning Meeting



On **Sunday, September 15th**, both our Middle and High School youth will gather for a Youth Group Planning Meeting from **5:30pm-7:30pm**. We will meet at

church for dinner at 5:30pm. Then our meeting will last from 6:15pm-7:30pm. And don't worry, you'll have some run-around time at church!! ☺ Parents are welcome to stay and hang out or drop off/pick up.

Oktoberfest

This year, Trinity's Oktoberfest is following the true spirit of the event and hosting it in September, like they do in Germany. Our Oktoberfest is **Sunday, September 22nd** and we will need all of our middle and high school youth to help with setting up tables, games, and decorating. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am and we'll get you to work. ☺



Charge!!!

Our big youth group retreat for middle and high school youth will be **Friday, November 8th-Sunday, November 10th at Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City**. This is an incredible weekend filled with music, games, mass gatherings, speakers, and of course the water park! To secure your spot, bring in \$50 in cash or check

(made out to Trinity, memo: youth fund) by the end of September. Spots fill up quickly, so don't delay!! And parents, I will need at least one or two of you to join us, so let me know who is willing and available!! ☺



FAMILY MINISTRY

Our Family Comes Together: Fun and Games

Sunday, September 29th from 12:30pm-2pm

We have so many families, but how well do we know each other? Let's find out while we get together and play some fun games. First we'll eat some lunch, provided by Family Ministry, and then we'll play our fun and silly games. Watch out—you might just catch a case of the giggles!! 😊



Sunday Morning opportunities coming in October:

Our Infant & Toddler Small Group and our Parent Small Group sessions will begin again in October. Mark the dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

Parent Small Group: All parents are invited to hang out together, discuss the joys & concerns of raising faith-filled children, and how God helps us with the adventure that is parenting.

Dates: Sundays, Oct. 6th & 20th **Time:** 10am-10:40am **Place:** Family Ministry Rm

Infant/Toddler Small Group: All infants and toddlers (along with their parents) are invited to hang out together and enjoy some fun infant/toddler activities, while their parents discuss the craziness of parenting these amazing and unique individuals.

Dates: Sundays, Oct. 13th & 27th **Time:** 10am-10:40am **Place:** Family Ministry Rm



2024 Family Vacation Bible School at Trinity

This past summer, Trinity hosted an awesome Family VBS!! Our theme was "The Olympics" and we had so much fun singing, eating, listening to and acting out bible stories, crafting, and of course, playing games!! So many thanks to Ashley, Sally, Jim, Joyce, Jen, Maryann, Kristina, Kathy, Deb, Bill, Vicar Megan, and some of our youth group members!



Worship and Faith Formation



Sunday School Rally Day, September 8: Everyone is encouraged to join us for the kick-off of Sunday school on September 8 from 9:45-10:45. The youth will be doing a presentation of their trip to the National Gathering and children can meet their teachers and enjoy games and snacks!

All Sunday School classes being in full on September 15 from 9:45-10:45!

- **Adult Bible Study** will be in the Lounge with Pr. Ken. The class will be based on the writings and teaching of Tyler Staton, "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: A Bible study on learning to pray like Jesus".
- Confirmation will begin with Pr. Jake on the second floor of the education wing. Confirmation is for all youth 5-8 grade!
- **High School Sunday school** will be in the Youth Room with Mr. Grubaugh.
- **Elementary Sunday School** will be for K-4th grade students on the second floor of the Education Wing with Mrs. Wineland.
- **Preschool Sunday School** will be in the nursery with Mrs. Wright.

Choir will start up again on Sunday, September 8 at 9:25 a.m. in the choir loft. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Nate Mattson (nathan_mattson@hotmail.com)

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
Sept 8	8:30	Joyce Magerlein	Dave & Jeannie Grubaugh	Arlen Gullickson	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Gary Kent-Bracken	Sheree Sorensen, Rasma McMullen	Marianne Fuerst	Kaitlyn Albertson, Jacob Zimmerman
Sept 15	8:30	Karn Erlandson	Tim & Jen Gatz	Janet Gullickson	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Sheree Sorensen	Tom & Joy Kuhs	Sheree Sorensen	Miryam Greenman, Evelyn Sutherland
Sept 22	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Beth Belleville, Teri Koretsky	Jen Gatz	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	11:00	Holly Wohlfert	Pat Mason, Greta Decker	Liz Morison	Frederick Thurn, Edith Wright
Sept 29	8:30	Teri Koretsky	Jason Grubaugh, Trudi Giffin	Suze Breischafft	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Holly Wohlfert	Keith & Julie Peterson	Pat Mason	Kiley & Calico Morris

New members: If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. We will be having a New Member Orientation and Reception in early autumn!

Men's Bible Study - We will meet on Wed September 4, 18, and October 2, 16 and 30. 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, September 25 at 10am.

Service Ministry

Personal Care Item Donations Needed As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet has expanded its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are:

- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Toothpaste

If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase these items too! Donations can be brought to the church weekdays during office hours or Sunday mornings.

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 and will deliver to El Sol in the fall when school starts back up! Please drop off during the week 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. Look for sales this summer!
- Teachers Breakroom - non-perishable items like chips, candy, granola bars, microwave popcorn, drinks, ground coffee, and K-cups.

Clothes Closet Coat Giveaway - Winter Coats and Gear Needed immediately!! The Clothes Closet will be collecting all donations of gently used clothing and are looking especially for blankets and winter gear—coats, boots, hats, gloves etc. for a Winter Gear Giveaway on October 29.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes: We have received a \$250 grant from Thrivent for shoeboxes! Because the shipping and handling is \$10, that limits the number of boxes we can fill. If we could get donations to cover the handling fee we could do almost twice as many boxes. If you would like to show your generosity in this way, please see Linda Ward at Sunday second service or call 344-8684 or email her at thelaw1944@aol.com.

Trinity's Loaves and Fishes 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)
- Empty egg cartons and plastic grocery bags

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:
Ruth Krueger, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Vicky Phillips, Linda Ward, David Mason, Judy Morison, Jim Allen, Maggie Lamson.

Fellowship and Events



Oktoberfest! Sunday September 22 12-2pm

Dust off your lederhosen and dirndls! Trinity is once again hosting our traditional Oktoberfest celebration! On Sunday, September 22 from 12-2pm, everyone is invited to join us outside for delicious hot food, cold brews, and traditional German games, live music and fellowship! If you are able to help with food prep, set-up, provide a pop-up tent, organize games or clean up, please let either Paula Sportel or Jennifer Gougeon-Catarino know!

Last Call for Men's Retreat at Camp Arcadia: Sept 27-29!

There will be options to arrive early and take advantage of fall in northern Michigan! This is always a great way to relax and connect with other guys from Trinity and beyond. Trinity will cover your deposit, so registration is just \$163. To register go to:

<https://camp-arcadia.com/attend-arcadia/mens-retreat/>

Be sure to register for the "Arcadia Men's Retreat with Chad Bird."

Ladies Lunch will be September 11 @ 11:15 at Sumer Thyme Café (3928 Portage St.).

Please note the time change! This helps to beat the lunch rush and allows us to be seated together. There is additional parking available next door where the brick office building is located. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Greta Decker with questions: 269-381-1537.

A Night of Bach's Music: September 14 at 6:30PM at Trinity Lutheran Church

Negar Afazel (violin) and Jon Barnes (cello) will be hosting an evening of music at Trinity! "Deep dive into tranquility with Bach and let his heavenly melodies guide your meditation and awaken a state of mindful peace" This concert is free admission and a free will offering will go to benefit Trinity's Clothes Closet and Loaves and Fishes pantry. All are encouraged to come and invite your friends!



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!