

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed	Jan 8	Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Lunch 11:30
Thu	Jan 9	Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30
Fri	Jan 10	Women's Game Night 4-6
Sun	Jan 12	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 Choir 9:25 All Sunday school classes 9:45-10:45 Church Council 12:15 Middle School Youth meeting 12-2:30
Tue	Jan 14	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Jan 15	Blood Drive 11:30-4:30
Thu	Jan 16	Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30
Sun	Jan 19	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 Choir 9:25 All Sunday school classes 9:45-10:45 High School Youth meeting 12-2:30

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Game Night Friday January 10th from 4-6. All ages are encouraged to come! Bring a snack to pass, a favorite game(if you have one) and a White Elephant gift!

Personal Care donations for the Clothes Closet: Feminine hygiene products, soap, toilet paper & toothpaste.

Christ Clothes Closet: The Closet needs donations of men's and women's socks and winter coats for all as they continue to give away cold weather gear throughout this season.

If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase needed items and supplies for church outreach and events! Contact the church office if you are looking to find out more.

Campbell Soup Labels - To all our loyal label savers, I regret to inform you that Campbell's is no longer collecting labels for schools. We thank you for your past continued support and request that you no longer save them.

**The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 2
Following the 8:30 service (9:45-10:45) In Fellowship Hall**

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting to hear about the many accomplishments that have taken place in the past year at Trinity and voice their vote for council positions.

Blood Drives: We are hosting American Red Cross blood drives once again at Trinity in 2025. **The next date is Wednesday Jan 15, 2025!** **Everyone that comes to donate on January 15th will be entered to win a trip for 2 to THIS YEAR'S Super Bowl!** Be sure to get registered at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> (Sponsor Code: TLC) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

We are asking for volunteers to become part of the team to help with registrations/hospitality, some set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. If you are interested/able to do this, please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

Scripture and Sandwiches Online Bible study is Back! Due to popular demand, Pr. Jake is bringing back Scripture and Sandwiches for an eight week walk through the Sermon on the Mount! We'll meet each Thursday from 12-12:30 beginning on January 9th for a bit of bible study and conversation over lunch. The meetings happen via Zoom so you can join in from wherever you are! Use the Zoom info below or follow the link provided in the weekly emails to join!
Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

Middle School and High School Youth Meetings:

For our next Youth Meetings, we will be taking an adventure, but on different days. We'll meet in the youth room for lunch and then drive over to Airborne Adventure Park in Portage. We'll jump from 1pm-2:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Parents: Please pick up your youth at Airborne. I will need one parent to drive with our middle schoolers and possibly our high schoolers. Let me know if you can help. Please also fill out a waiver form for your youth. Sign up by emailing me or on our Facebook page by the Friday before your meeting.

Middle School Youth Meeting: Sunday, January 12th

High School Youth Meeting: Sunday, January 19th

Stew and Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew Competition! Save the date of Saturday February 22 from 4:30-6pm for Trinity's second annual Stew & Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew competition! Bring your favorite homemade chili, cornbread, show off your homebrewing skills or just come out and enjoy some warmth and fellowship on a cold winter day! Cooks and brewers are invited to arrive around 4:15 with the tasting beginning around 4:30. This will be a people's choice competition, so all styles of chili and home-brewed beverages are welcome! Contact Harry Jachym (hjachym@gmail.com) with any questions!

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'll plan to gather at O'Duffy's Pub near Trinity in the Vine Neighborhood on Wednesday January 22 from 5:30-7:00pm for a relaxed Jme of fellowship and conversation!

Family Ministry: Our Family Loves Roller Skating Together!

Sunday, January 26th 12:20pm-3pm

It's time to get our groove on and boogey on down to Roller World for an afternoon of roller skating! We will meet at Trinity for lunch at 12:15pm and then caravan over to Roller World to be there from 1pm-3pm. We hope you'll join us for this fun experience. Cost is \$5 per person, paid to Heidi (checks can be made out to Trinity, memo: Family Ministry). If you're already out and about, you can meet us there at 1pm. Let me know if you are able to join us by emailing me (hmfuerst@aol.com) or sign up on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry). Please sign up by Friday, January 24th.

Prayer Shawls are available for gifting to members of Trinity and their extended families and friends in times of healing, grief, celebration, or any other occasion one feels the need of God's loving presence. To request a prayer shawl, or with questions about our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sidney Mueller (269-806-0023), one of the pastors, or Julie Peterson, chair of the Caring Ministry team.

Helping Hands Needed at Quilters!! No sewing required, please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. Quilters take a break in November and December for the holidays but resume again in the new year! For more information, contact Teri at tkoretsky44@yahoo.com or at 269-567-4238.

Bike repair workshop for El Sol Elementary School! Trinity is once again repairing bicycles to be donated to students and families at El Sol Elementary School! We have an abundance of donated bikes and we're partnering with Open Roads to make sure that the bikes are in top notch condition before passing them on to the students. The repair day at Open Roads will be on February 8th from 11-3ish and we're looking for 8-10 volunteers who are willing do the repairs. No experience is necessary as the staff of Open Roads will be there to teach and guide us along the way! Sign up in the fellowship Hall by Feb 2nd to be a part of the crew!

Emergency Food Box: Trinity is partnering with people in our neighborhood to stock the emergency food box located on Oak Street between Cedar and Lovell. This is entirely reliant on donations from our congregation and not under Loaves and Fishes direction. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods (cans with a flip top if possible) should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) or Sandy Wallace (269-375-8876) with any questions.

Men's Bible Study - We will meet next on Wednesday January 8, 22 & February 5, 19. 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".

Invitation to Connect with Scripture through the Daily Lectionary

It's a New Year, and sometimes that means trying to start a new habit! Why not try a daily bible reading? The cycle of readings we follow through the year each Sunday at Trinity comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, which is used by a wide variety of mainline protestant churches around the world. In addition to our Sunday readings, the Lectionary provides readings for every day of the year! The reading are short, so they don't take long to read and they are a great way to ground ourselves and create a habit of connect with Scripture in a meaningful way every day of the week!

The Daily Lectionary can be found online at

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>

(you can even sign up to have the daily reading e-mailed to you!). If you're not the digital type, the lectionary is also listed in the back of our church hymnals on page 1121. Whether you use the lectionary or another devotional practice, we encourage to pause in your daily routine to engage with scripture and recognize the presence and promise of God in our midst.