

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tue	Apr 1	Christ Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Apr 2	Men's Bible Study 7 Soup/Salad Supper 5:45 Lent Service 6:30
Sat	Apr 5	Violin Choir 4-6
Sun	Apr 6	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Greece Trip interest meeting 10:00
Mon	Apr 7	Prayer Shawl 10-12
Tue	Apr 8	Christ Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Apr 9	Ladies Lunch 11 :30 Soup/Salad Supper 5:45 Lent Service 6:30
Thu	Apr 10	C.F.T. 5:30-7 Sacred Harp 6-8
Sat	Apr 12	Violin Choir 4-6
Sun	Apr 13	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Sons of Norway 2-5 Open Doors 5-8

Easter Flower Orders are due April 6!

Each 6" pot is \$12.00. Please be aware that all orders will be "Florist Choice". Please fill out the pink forms (located next to the bulletins) and place in the offering plate along with your payment. Orders may be picked up after the 11:00AM service on Easter or the week following.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Through the season of Lent, Wednesday Evening worship services will be in-person at 6:30pm every week. For those unable to join in person, the service will be live-streamed and be available to view on our YouTube channel.

Please sign up to help with Lenten Soup/Salad Suppers each week at 5:45.

Every Wednesday in Lent, a Soup/Salad Supper will begin at 5:45 before the Lenten Service. We ask for our congregants to sign up to help provide food for these suppers by signing up on the list posted on the Youth Board opposite the kitchen in the downstairs hallway!

Seder Meal Sign Up On Maundy Thursday, April 17, Trinity will host a Seder Meal. The Meal will be held at 5:30pm. Please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office by April 13. All are welcome to join us! There will be a Service following the meal at 7pm.

Good Samaritan Fund Need Trinity's Good Samaritan fund is the fund that enables us to meet the needs of those in our community during some of their most difficult moments. This fund is generated entirely through the generosity of our congregation. These funds go toward electric bills, rent, and other essentials when our neighbors are facing utility shut-offs, eviction notices, or seeking to get into housing. Due to a sustained time of high demand this fund balance is running low. If you find yourself in a position to be able to give, any gift is greatly appreciated. Simply designate the gift to the "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of your check or give online under the "giving" tab on our website www.tlckzoo.com.



Sunday, April 27, 2025 - the Kalamazoo Valley CROP

Hunger Walk is back! New this year: Trinity Lutheran will be the starting and ending point for the walk! We are also working on an alternative activity during the walk for non-walkers. CROP Hunger Walks raise money for [Church World Service](#) hunger/ poverty reduction

projects locally (~25%) and internationally (~75%). This year our local funds will go to Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

If you are interested in walking, donating to our Trinity team, or just would like more information, please contact Karn Erlandson (karnerlandson@yahoo.com; [269-579-0619](tel:269-579-0619)). Our team web page is available for online donations by using the QR code here or going to:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutheran-kalamazoo>



Church Work Day: The Spring facilities workday will be in May, and we are currently targeting Saturday May 3rd. Lunch will be provided, more details to follow in the weekly bulletins and emails! Any questions, please direct them to Max Wineland (max.wineland@gmail.com)

Greece & Turkey Trip – “Walk in the Footstep of Paul and John” - Summer 2027 - Informational Meeting on Sunday April 6, at 10am!

Trinity is exploring the option of taking a Youth and Congregational trip to Greece and Turkey the summer of 2027. If you would be interested in joining us or would like more information, please plan to attend this meeting. You can also sign up in the Fellowship Hall or the Youth Board, or fill out the interest form online in our weekly emails. If you are in middle school, a parent/guardian would have to attend the trip. If you are in high school, Heidi Albertson would act as your guardian if a parent/guardian is not going on the trip.

Interested in First Communion? If you have a child who is interested in taking their first communion, or one who has been taking communion, but you feel could benefit from a class, please contact Pr. Jake. If there is interest we will meet for a class in the spring. This class is typically geared toward 3rd-5th graders, but is open to any age.

We are once again hosting American Red Cross blood drives at Trinity in 2025.

The next dates are Wednesday April 16, 2025, Wednesday June 25, 2025, Wednesday August 27, 2025. 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.

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. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods such as cans with a flip top lid, ramen, granola bars, crackers, protein shakes etc. should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) with any questions.

Fabric Donations needed! Have you recently discontinued a quilting or seamstress hobby? Have a stash of fabric looking for a home? The Trinity Quilters would happily accept a donation of your fabric to use in the construction of mission quilts. You can drop off fabric at church (just label it for the quilters) or, if you would like a pick-up, contact Teri Koretsky at 779-5632. Thanks!!

Men's Bible Study - We will meet next on Wednesday April 2, 16, 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".

Refugee Families in Need! Trinity is working with our local refugee services to help provide for new refugee families in Kalamazoo. If you wish to contribute financially to our Kalamazoo Refugees, scan the QR code to make a donation. And if you would like to volunteer time to help our refugee families, please contact Bess Fitzgerald (bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com) or the church office.



Ladies Lunch will be April 9th at 11:30am at The Crew (5200 Portage Road, Portage) This is a fun way to meet with old friends and make new connections with each other. All women are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy Sherrod with questions; hope to see you there!

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

The recent Euchre tournament/game night was a fun evening! We had 12 Euchre players and 2 game participants. Donations from all who attended totaled \$144 and were given to Trinity's "Good Samaritan Fund." A HUGE "Thank-you!" to all who participated and we hope to see more of you at future gatherings.

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
- razors
- Toilet paper
- shaving cream
- lotion

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)
- Plastic grocery bags

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.

Bring Your Ugly Mug to Church! Okay, it doesn't have to be ugly, but bring your mug to church! In an effort to produce less waste and give a little more of a personal touch the coffee we sip on Sunday mornings we've added a "Mug Wall" to the fellowship hall. There are detailed instructions next to the wall, but the basic idea is you bring in a mug from home, you use the mug when you're here, we wash the mug during the week! Simple, right!? So we'll say it again, Bring your ugly (or not ugly) mug to church!

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.

Youth and Family Ministry Retreat - Friday, April 26th-Sunday, April 28th

This last weekend of April, our Youth and Family Ministries are having a retreat weekend at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, MI (about ½ hour north of Muskegon.) This special weekend includes an indoor water park, bonding time together, campfires, and a break from the craziness of life. We will stay in individual family cabins. The costs are: \$200 per family of 2 people, \$250 per family of 3 or 4 people, and \$300 per family of 5 or more people. That includes housing, 1 day waterpark passes, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be on your own. This is always a fantastic weekend and we truly hope you will join us. **Sign up by Sunday, April 13th** by emailing me (hmfuerst@aol.com) or on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry). Check can be made out to Trinity, memo: Family Ministry. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Palm Sunday – April 13th

Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 and 11am

Maundy Thursday – April 17th

Seder Meal at 5:30pm

Worship with Holy Communion 7pm

Good Friday – April 18th

Stations of the Cross with Organ and Strings 12noon

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm

Easter – April 20th

Worship with Holy Communion 8, 9:30, and 11am

A special Easter Fellowship of coffee, juice, and continental breakfast snacks will be served from 9-11am