

BAPTIZED TODAY



Sophia Ann Lord

Sophia is the daughter of Paul and Teresa Kokales.

She was born on

August 28, 1998

in Kalamazoo, MI.

May our gracious God bless Sophia through the Sacrament.

She belongs to Christ, in whom she has been baptized. Alleluia!

Laia Ann Lord

Laia is the daughter of Preston and Sophia Lord.

She was born on

December 21, 2020

in Kalamazoo, MI.

May our gracious God bless Laia through the Sacrament.

She belongs to Christ, in whom she has been baptized. Alleluia!

Lily Sophia Lord

Lily is the daughter of Preston and Sophia Lord.

She was born on

April 25, 2022

in Kalamazoo, MI.

May our gracious God bless Lily through the Sacrament.

She belongs to Christ, in whom she has been baptized. Alleluia!

Xavier Michael Vick-Valentine

Xavier is the son of Marc Valentine-Morris and Ashley Kokales.

He was born on

October 1, 2012

in Kalamazoo, MI.

May our gracious God bless Xavier through the Sacrament.

He belongs to Christ, in whom he has been baptized. Alleluia!

Emery Alexandra Kokales

Emery is the daughter of Alexander and Ashley Kokales.

She was born on

September 14, 2022

in Kalamazoo, MI.

May our gracious God bless Emery through the Sacrament.

She belongs to Christ, in whom she has been baptized. Alleluia!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, April 27, 2025 - the Kalamazoo Valley CROP Hunger Walk is back! Trinity Lutheran will be the starting and ending point for the walk with registration starting at 1PM and the walk beginning at 2PM! 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 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>



Due to the CROP Walk beginning at Trinity on Sunday, April 27, we are asking for our congregants to please move their cars from our parking lot by 12:30PM Sunday April 27 to make space for the registration at 1:00 and the start of the CROP Walk at 2:00.

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 Bell’s Brewery on Wednesday April 23rd from 5:00-6:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation! If the weather is good, look for us out in the Beer Garden!

Kalamazoo Violin Choir Concert Saturday April 26 @ 5:30 – Everyone is invited to join us Saturday April 26 at 5:30PM as the Kalamazoo Violin Choir presents "Someone Who Knew the World's Songs". The concert will be directed by Negar Afazel and feature songs from around the world performed by the children of the Violin Choir. Entrance is free, donations appreciated!

Church Work Day: The Spring facilities workday will be on Saturday May 3 from 10-2pm. 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)

Calling all gardeners! Summer is coming and the gardens are waking. The gardeners will be doubling up with the facilities team on **May 3 for Church Work Day**. We'd love to see you there! Any questions, please contact Laura Woodruff at 269-365-8944 or woodlore@hotmail.com

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 speak with Pr. Jake. We will have a First Communion class on Sunday June 1 at 9:45 and First Communion Sunday on June 8. This class is typically geared toward 3rd-5th graders, but is open to any age.

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.



Stewardship Opportunities Day - May 18, 2025 On Sunday May 18th we are holding an opportunity to get to know those members who currently volunteer so selflessly on our behalf. In the gathering area at 9:30 -10:30, and after the 2nd service, we will have tables set up with displays and information on Trinity's many ministries, guilds, circles and committees. Please stop by and share insight and consider the possibility of providing your time and unique talents for one of our many groups.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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. They meet every 4th Wednesday of the month at Trinity and all are welcome! The next Circle meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23 at 10am.

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

Quilting supplies and 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!!

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.***

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.

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.

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
- lotion
- razors/shaving cream

