

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed	Mar 19	Men's Bible Study 7am Soup/Salad Supper 5:45 Lent Service 6:30
Thu	Mar 20	Meeting of the Men 5-6:30 C.F.T. 5:30 - 7
Sat	Mar 22	E.M.M. 11-3:30 Violin Choir 4-6
Sun	Mar 23	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Church Council 12:15
Tue	Mar 25	Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Mar 26	Rebecca Circle 10am Soup/Salad Supper 5:45 Lent Service 6:30
Thu	Mar 27	Quilters 9am C.F.T. 5:30 - 7
Sat	Mar 29	E.M.M. 11-3:30 Violin Choir 4-6

## 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!

**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 gather at O'Duffy's Pub on **Thursday March 20 from 5-6:30pm** for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation!

**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](http://www.tlckzoo.com).



**Hold the date for 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](mailto: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>

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

### **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.

**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) or Sandy Wallace (269-375-8876) 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!!

**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](mailto:bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com)) or the church office.



*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.*

**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.

**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

**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.

**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.**

**Lenten devotional materials** will be available in the Fellowship Hall as we approach the season of Lent and prepare for Easter. Please help yourself!

### **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.



#### **Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 and 11 am

#### **Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Seder Meal at 5:30pm

Worship with Holy Communion 7pm

#### **Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Stations of the Cross with Organ and Strings 12noon

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm

#### **Easter – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

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