

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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
Tue	Apr 15	Christ Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Apr 16	Men's Bible Study 7 Red Cross Blood Drive 11 - 4:45
Thu	Apr 17	Seder Meal 5:30 Maundy Thursday service 7:00pm
Fri	Apr 18	Stations of the Cross 12:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae 7:00pm
Sat	Apr 19	Basket weaving classes 9-12, 1-4 Violin Choir 4-6
Sun	Apr 20	Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at 8, 9:30 & 11AM
Wed	Apr 23	Rebecca Circle 10am Meeting of the Men 5-6:30pm
Sun	Apr 24	Quilters 9am Green Team Mtg 3pm C.F.T. 5:30-7 Sacred Harp 6-8

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 9 will be out last Lenten Soup/Salad Supper and Wednesday Evening worship for the season of Lent. The Supper is at 5:45pm and the service is at 6:30pm. For those unable to join in person, the service will be live-streamed and be available to view on our YouTube channel.

****If you ordered Easter Flowers, please be aware you may pick up your order after the 11am service on Easter Sunday, or the week after Easter from 9am-12noon.***

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.

Volunteers needed next week! Red Cross blood drives at Trinity are scheduled for Wednesday April 16, June 25 and August 27 and we need at least 2 more people to help with registrations/hospitality, set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. Please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office.

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 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>



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.

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!

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”.

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!

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.

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)

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.



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!!

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.**

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.



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

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

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, pop tarts, and similar items
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Snacks (in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)
- Plastic grocery bags

