



Good News

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Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

A happy Easter to you all. I hope your celebrations of our Risen and Reigning Lord were joyous!

I wanted to let you all know that our Saturday bible and service times are changing beginning the first weekend of April. They will now be at 4 and 5 pm. 4 o'clock for bible study and discussion, and 5 o'clock for service.

We have had a history of changing the times over the last few years because of people not wanting to drive in the dark during the winter. I have had a couple of people say to me that they would be in favor of *not* changing the times for winter. I was not asking them about it, they just offered up the input.

That does bring up an interesting idea though. Should we change to earlier times on Saturday for the winter? Let me know what you think and we will get something set before the fall. That way we can have the correct times on our sign on the porch for anyone who wants to look and find out.

Speaking of timing, I had a brainstorm the other day, and after running it by the Elders, I want to put it out for general consumption and response. As we wind down out of Lenten midweek services this year the thought struck me that 5:30 pm may not be ideal for our

congregation. We have a few more people that are working in our midst, and they don't get off until 5, 5:30 or even 6 pm. And so, naturally, they cannot make it to a 5:30 service.

What if we did midweek services during Advent and Lent *on Thursdays* at 7 pm? Of course, that would be a little different and not the norm for us, but it would be better, I think, for more people to have the ability to come and be a part of Advent and Lenten midweek services. The elders were supportive of it, and I just want to put it out there for everyone else to think about it and give some feedback.

It goes without saying really, what I think. Anything that sees our congregation more often in services, worshipping God and hearing the Word, I am highly in favor of. You have heard me say it before and I just want to reiterate it here again, I want everyone in church three out of four weeks a month. So for Advent that would be two out of three is good, and for Lent five out of six is great. The more we are in God's house the better and any way to hear His Word more often is bonanza as far as I am concerned.

Let me know what you think about midweeks on Thursdays and the Fall service time change.

In Christ,
Pastor Grenz

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STUDIES & SERVICES

WORSHIP with us

NEW TIME! Saturdays: Worship at 5 p.m., Bible Study at 4 p.m.

Sundays: Worship at 11 a.m., Bible Study at 10 a.m.

BIBLE STUDIES

All studies (except Tues.) meet in the sanctuary.

- ◆ **Saturdays**, 4 p.m., "Hebrews" led by Pastor Grenz
- ◆ **Sundays**, 10 a.m., "The Wired Word: A Current Events Bible Study" led by Mendy Grenz
- ◆ **Mondays**, 1 p.m., "Romans" led by Pastor Grenz
- ◆ **Tuesdays**, 12 p.m., Women's Bible Study, "Leaning on Jesus" led by Mendy Grenz **in the Youth Rm**
- ◆ **Thursdays**, 10 a.m., "Isaiah" led by Pastor Grenz

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meets in the church basement, 10:00 a.m., Sundays.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Resumes April 14.

PPC MEETING

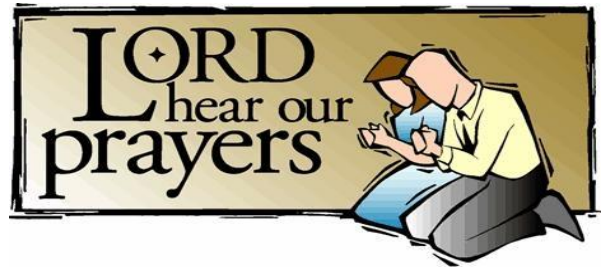
PPC: Sunday, April 7, 12:00 p.m.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Thanks to Thrivent and its clients, Trinity Lutheran Church received \$1,165 in Choice Dollars® in 2023! **Thank you to Thrivent members for choosing us!**

If you or someone you know is a Thrivent member and would like to donate choice dollars to Trinity, instruction sheets are available on the sign-up bar in the narthex.



If you would like to put yourself or someone else on the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request slip from the sign-up bar and hand it to Pastor or place it in the collection plate. You may also call the office.

**The prayer list is not available on the church website version of the newsletter due to privacy concerns. If you would like a copy of the prayer list, then contact the church office.*

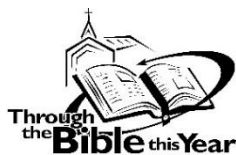
The Parish Planning Council Minutes and Financial Report are available by contacting the church office.



TRINITY PROGRAMS

START NEW NEWS

It's time to start thinking about how you can help over the summer. Our Raising up Readers program will be starting July 9-August 8, we meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-11:30am. We need volunteers to work with students as reading partners. A training/review of what volunteers do will be happening in June. Watch for more details.



CONGREGATION WIDE BIBLE READING PROGRAM

We're almost to the end! Hope you're enjoying the New

Testament!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Christians Hyped About Our Savior



Youth Schedule:

April 7 – Youth Group 2-4pm

Bible study & Games

April 21 – Youth Group 2-4pm

Bible study & Games

Save the date: May 19th 4-6pm Circuit Youth Group!

YOUTH SERVANT EVENT

This summer we have 5 youth going to serve at camp Youth Haven just outside of Lansing. Amelia, Nate, Ethan, Olivia and Micah. We will go the 3rd week of June and do maintenance, landscaping and other projects around the camp. This camp does an incredible ministry to underprivileged youth and we have the opportunity to save them the cost of hiring companies to do the maintenance that needs to be done.



Please keep these youth in your prayers as we prepare to go and be Jesus' hands and feet to the ministry at Youth Haven.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next book club is April 30th at 2pm in the youth room of the Community building. Hope to see you there! We will be discussing The Women by Kristin Hannah

Contact Mendy with any questions.

SENIOR MINISTRY FOCUS

We have decided to pivot and do more events/programs for our Senior adults. Our first fellowship event is a game night! Join us, **Friday, April 19 at 6 pm** for a night of fun in the Sanctuary and Welcome area of the church. We will have a variety of games available from cards to Yahtzee! Invite friends, family, neighbors and come have a great time. Pizza, popcorn and veggies are provided. Bring your own beverage (water will be available).



TEXT/PHONE CHECK-INS



Do you live alone? Would you like to have someone you can check-in with daily? We would like to set up a text/phone check-in program here at Trinity. If you are interested, please fill out the form available in the church bulletin or call Carissa in the church office.

WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY



Hey Trinity ladies! Plan to join us for a lovely day on May 11th from 9am-3pm. This event will be held at Community Lutheran in Flat Rock. Bible study will focus on the names of Jesus, led by Mendy Grenz and we will learn more about Visual Faith from Ann Gillaspie and make a take home project to remind us of Jesus! Cost is \$10, lunch will be provided.

Please sign up on the sign up bar or call the office. You can pay the fee online (at <https://trinitywyandotte.square.site/>), put it in the plate, or drop it off in the office. Deadline to sign up is April 26th.

TRINITY GROUPS & NOTES



April 2024

Women's Ministry News

Women's Bible Class meets Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We are finishing the Bible

study: *Leaning on Jesus, A Study of God's Strength* by Deb Burma.

LWML Spring Ladies Brunch for the Dearborn-Downriver Zone, Saturday, May 4, 2024. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m., Brunch 11:00 a.m., Speaker 12 noon. Patti Jacques from *Gifts for All God's Children* will be the presenter. The event will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 800 S. Military St., Dearborn, MI. Gifts from the Heart donations: Schools supplies like pens, pencils, crayons, folders, notebooks, colored pencils glue sticks; etc.

Trinity Women's Retreat, Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Community Lutheran Church, 23984 Gibraltar Rd., Flat Rock. Cost: \$10.00. Sign up deadline: April 26, 2024. Pay online at <https://trinitywyandotte.square.site> or pay in the Trinity church office by May 3, 2024. Join us for a day of fellowship and time in the Word. We will focus on the Names of Jesus' learn about Visual Faith, and craft a project to take home as a reminder. Lunch and snacks provided!

Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book the group has selected (all kinds of fiction). We would love to have new members! **April's book** is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Watch the bulletin and monthly newsletter for Book Club meeting dates and times or contact Mendy Grenz for more information. Book Club usually meets at Mendy's house and sometimes in Trinity's Community Building
Christie Wilczynski, Trinity LWML Zone Rep.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10: 24-25a, c (ESV)

LWML Sunday Celebration!

Trinity will celebrate the work of Lutheran Women in Mission on the weekend of **April 13 & 14, 2024. Do not forget your Mite Box donations!** Bring them up to the front of the church during offering time. Pick up a Mite Box(cardboard bank) if you do not already have one. They are located on the table in the church narthex (entry area). The theme for this year is *The King is Coming*, based on Psalm 24:7-10. Look for the LWML article highlighting this month's Mission Grant and see where your generous donations are being used for the Lord's work!

Mite Box Donations

You support LWML Mission Grants by saving those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars in your little purple/blue mite box bank. You may return your mite bank at any time or use a zip lock bag and place it in the large mite box located on the table in the back of the church. Mites may also be placed in the offering plate by using an envelope or zip lock bag and marking it "LWML Mites." Checks may be made out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and marked as "LWML Mites. Our mites support mission grants for the Michigan District LWML and National LWML.

Your LWML Mites in Action...April 2024

2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 6 MOBILE KITCHEN Forged by Fire Services | \$85,000

Forged by Fire Services prepares food for communities following natural disasters. They will come into a community with their trailer of supplies; set up their tent and kitchen. Grant money will purchase a mobile kitchen trailer. The trailer will allow for faster setup, protection from weather changes, and require less space. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-6.





The Endowment Fund of Trinity Lutheran Church

Spring is here and the Endowment Fund Committee would like to remind everyone about the importance and the purpose of the Trinity Endowment Fund here at Trinity. The Fund was established by those who were dedicated to the mission that there should be a way to help Trinity Lutheran Church continue to be an important Christian voice in the Wyandotte area for many years into the future. Trinity is one of the oldest continuing congregations serving this downriver area.

In order to continue our success, we must ensure that financial resources to accomplish that mission be there when needed. The best way to accomplish this is to build up the Endowment Fund to carry the congregation along when normal funding cannot fulfill our obligations.

That does not mean the Fund will take care of the day-to-day operations of the congregation. The resources to cover the normal expenses of a working congregation must be supplied by the membership. Without the support of our members the church will fail in our mission.

The Endowment Fund is to provide for items that the congregation needs that fall outside the regular budgeted items.

The funds to help in this area can only come from the earned income and revenue generated by the Endowment Fund's principle. The higher the amount of principle, the higher the income, the more we can provide for these unbudgeted needs.

So, with that, the Endowment Fund Committee would like to encourage everyone to support the Fund and set aside some gifts over and above your normal giving. You could also provide for a gift to Trinity in your will. This will help the Fund grow so we can provide for those very important items that help Trinity be all that it can be for now and well into the future.

Floyd Schafer Matthew Schafer Tom Miller Dennis Stathakis
 Tom Trimble Lauren Schafer Andrew Britton

Parochial Report				
February 2024				
		<u>Average Attendance</u>		
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Baptisms – 0				
Confirmands – 0				
Weddings – 0				
Funerals – 1				
Released – 0	Worship:	52	60	58
Transferred in – 0	Weekend Bible Class:	11	17	13
Transferred out – 0	Sunday School:	6	6	6
Reinstated – 0				



“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”
Psalm 139:13-14a

2	John Kowalczak	17	PV2 Alex Schnepf
3	Jill Michael	19	Cpt .Karl Heineman
4	Rosemary Keller	25	Doug Wieneke
6	Paige Davis	27	Amanda Schafer
8	Jodi Demaggio		Elwin Schultz
9	Ruth Wilkins	29	Lorna Gross
11	Sally Shepherd		Marilyn Miller
14	Dan Harris		
	Dylan O’Brien		



Jesus said, “Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”
Matthew 19:6

4	Ken & Laura Baker
20	David & Pam Hodges
28	Dr. Robert & Deborah Schweyen
30	Capt. Karl & Ashley Heineman

Fund:

Birthdays

Boiler

Endowment

General

Seminarian

Welfare

Youth

Given by:

Denise Kerr
 Denise Kerr
 Diane Sedliar
 John & Barb Kowalczak
 Judy Jarvis
 Dennis & Darlene Schafer
 Matt & Carissa Schafer
 Tom & Michelle Smith
 Helen Kwalton
 John Roehrig
 John & Barb Kowalczak

In Memory or Honor of:

Honor of son, Kristopher’s Birthday
 Birthday Blessings for Bailey & Travis
 Memory of Terri Ehrlich’s Birthday

 Memory of Clinton & Barbara Schwartz

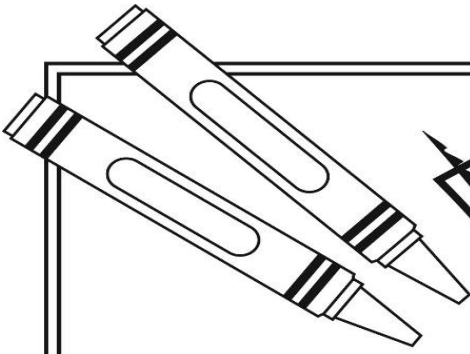
 Memory of Joyce Kubley
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 Memory of Bob DeLong

The Endowment Fund has 2 cemetery lots for sale.

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park:

Section 1662, Graves 1 & 2, Block 20 – Garden of Holy Trinity, \$780.00 each or 2 lots for \$1,500
 (Current value \$1,300 each)

If an individual would prefer a different lot or location at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park than those listed above, they could purchase the above lot/lots for the price indicated and Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park will apply the current lot value of either \$1,300 or \$1,500 towards the purchase of any other available lot within the Park. For additional information on this purchase and transfer procedure you may contact Floyd Schafer or call a Service Representative at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park at 1-248-477-4460.



PUZZLE

RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

2+2 = ___ united	2x3 = ___ death	7+6 = ___ resurrection
3x3 = ___ certainly	18-16 = ___ have	4-1 = ___ been
0+1 = ___ if	2x4 = ___ we	13-1 = ___ him
2+3 = ___ in	20-6 = ___ like	2+5 = ___ his
2x5 = ___ be	8+3 = ___ with	

“For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his.” Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV