



Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

I hope you already have on your calendar the town hall meetings after service the first weekend of February. On the 3rd and 4th, after service, we are going to have meetings to discuss some changes to our ministries here at Trinity. Your feedback and insights are needed and desired.

The basic thrust behind a change in our ministries here at Trinity is that our focus on children’s programming during the summer months is not accomplishing everything we would like it too. We struggle to get enough volunteers, and the number of kids that have participated the last couple of summers has dwindled. Some of that was Covid itself and some was the summer camp run by the school district with Covid money. We took some time last fall to evaluate the programs and debrief the volunteers. Their input coincides with the outlook Mendy and I have with changing up a couple of programs and starting a new thrust into more senior ministry.

We want to be more intentional about sharing Jesus in our children’s programming, and to start some new senior ministry ventures that will be an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to events and ongoing programs that will benefit and be of assistance to seniors.

First, we are going to revamp VBS, as its numbers have dwindled, into a summer long weekly kids club program to have continued and intentional contact with the kids, but especially with their parents. This is in early stages of development and planning, but we should have a beta version to test and learn from this summer.

We also are going to add in some Bible stories and science experiments into our Raising Up Readers program to refresh and renew the offerings we have for the kids involved. It will still be reading focused, but also fresh, new and fun as we move forward.

Second, we are going to look into running day trips and programs for leisure, learning and even exercise for seniors and older adults that our own people can enjoy, but also invite friends and neighbors to come to and meet other folks from Trinity with the hope that we can invite them to church. This will involve collaborating with other churches who have similar programs, but also developing our own.

Please make every effort to be at one of these meetings February 3rd or 4th.

In Christ,
Pastor Grenz

IN THIS ISSUE

Pastor’s Message.....	1
Services, Studies & Prayer List.....	2
Trinity Events, Groups & Meetings, and Notes.....	3-4
Birthdays, Anniversaries & Memorials.....	5
Parochial Report & Puzzle	6

OUR MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Greyson Grenz (ggrenz@wyan.org)
Administrative Secretary: Carissa Schafer (tlm@wyan.org)
Mission/Ministry Director:
Mendy Grenz (mgrenz@wyan.org)
Custodians: Carl Joyce & Dian Joyce
Organist: Jacob Ferns

STUDIES & SERVICES

WORSHIP *with us*

Saturdays: Worship at 4 p.m., Bible Study at 3 p.m.

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

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Please join us after worship, February 3 & 4 to discuss our next steps in our ministry. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDIES

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

- ♦ **Saturdays**, 3 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.

PPC

Sunday, February 11, 12:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

February 4 & 11, 2 pm and breaks until after Easter.



Sunday, Feb. 4, 5pm
St. Stephen Lutheran
Church

1235 Lawndale SW Detroit

You are invited to join St Stephen and Pan de Vida Lutheran Churches in SW Detroit for a hymn festival featuring a new bilingual hymnal *Santo, Santo, Santo*. An offering will be collected to help offset costs of purchasing these hymnals. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to donate, please contact Jacob Ferns at jferns.org@gmail.com for more details.

This hymn festival is hosted as part of the Vespers at Trinity (Wyandotte) series, which is supported in part by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on February 19.



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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 offering envelopes are available in the church office. If you don't have envelopes and would like some, please contact Carissa in the church office.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

A big THANK YOU goes out to Carolyn Harris, Vic Bonora, Joanne Cole, Ruth Wilkins, Tom Miller, Dennis Stathakis, and John & Marilyn Engfehr for coming out to take down all the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary.

TRINITY PROGRAMS

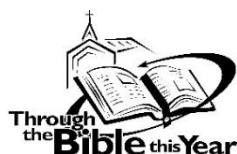
START NEW NEWS



Bitty Ballin'

Winter Bitty Ballin' went well!
We had 15 children in camp!

Keep all the students we have worked with in your prayers! Pray that we can continue to be of service to them and their families. ☺



CONGREGATION WIDE BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Keep up the good work! We are finally to the New

Testament. If you have fallen behind, now is a good time to pick it up and start again! The goal is to make being in Scripture a daily habit. Let's do this together!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We would love to have new members! If you like to read, and like to talk about your books, you are a perfect fit! Join us! Date will be announced in the church bulletin, or reach out to Mendy. February we are meeting in the youth room in the community building.



- February 20 – The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- March – Anxious People by Frederik Backman
- April – The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Contact Mendy with any questions.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS Christians Hyped About Our Savior

Youth Schedule:

February 4 – Circuit Youth Group 2-4pm at St. Johns Taylor

February 11 – Superbowl party at the Grenz's 5:30pm-??

February 18 – Noon-2pm Youth Group Bible study & Pizza

February 25 – No Youth Group

ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPAGHETTI DINNER

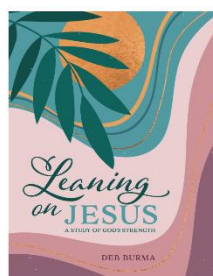
**Hosted by: Trinity's Youth Group
Saturday, February 10, 5-7 p.m.
Community Building**

Come let Trinity's youth Serve you! Funds raised go to support our youth ministry and Servant Event trip this summer.

\$10/person Dine in or Take out!
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Texas Roadhouse rolls, and dessert!



WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Hey Trinity ladies! We are starting a new Bible study on February 6. Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength by Deb Burma. We will be learning to lean into Jesus as we are surrounded by so much turmoil in this world. Join us!

MESSAGE FROM MENDY

It's time to switch directions. Since covid, our Vacation Bible School has been dwindling, both in children and volunteers. This has caused our leadership to wonder if we should change our focus. We would like to focus our programs and efforts more on adult ministries. What are some programs you would invite your friends to? What are some fun things you would like to do as a church family? Think on this and share your ideas with me!



SUPERBOWL PARTY

The Congregation is invited to join us to watch the Superbowl together! Sunday, February 11th from 5:30pm - ?? at the Grenz's. Bring a snack to share, come prepared to have fun and play commercial bingo! The most important part of the Superbowl is the commercials, right???



TRINITY GROUPS & NOTES



February 2024
Women's Ministry News

Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book the group has selected (all kinds of fiction). We would love to have new members!

Here are the upcoming books:

February – *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (Meet Feb. 20th)

March – *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

April – *The Great Alone* 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.

Women's Bible Class meets Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We are watching the Christian TV show, *The Chosen*, followed by discussion of the episode. We will begin a new book guided Bible study after finishing Season One of *The Chosen*.

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)

PORTALS OF PRAYER & DAILY BREAD

Trinity provides large print and pocket Portals of Prayer and Daily Bread devotionals for anyone who would like one. They are available on the welcome center in the narthex along with a donation box to help with the cost of the publications.

SAVE THE DATE!

Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt is March 30. We are asking for contributions of individually wrapped Easter candy to put in plastic eggs. The candy is already out in stores, so if you see a good sale and can pick up a couple bags, please do! Any questions, please contact Denise Kerr who has graciously offered to run the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Thank You!



Your LWML Mites in Action...February 2024

2023-2025 LWML National Mission Grant No. 4

FORTIFYING FAITH IN THOSE WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT

Lutheran Braille Workers | \$100,000

Lutheran Braille Workers freely supplies large print and braille materials for blind and visually impaired people around the world. The \$100,000 LWML grant, Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment, will help in developing, formatting, producing, and distributing fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based and theologically related materials to people in need around the world. To learn more, visit lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-4.

Mite Box Donations

Please continue to 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. Grab a mite box if you do not already have one at home! Our mites support mission grants for the Michigan District LWML and National LWML.

Look for Trinity's LWML Sunday in Spring 2024!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 offering envelopes are available in the church office. If you don't have envelopes and would like some, please contact Carissa in the church office.



“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 Chuck Heineman
11 Pam Smith
12 Jim Henri

23 Jemma Davis
Jensen Davis
Michael Grahl



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

14 Fred & Rosemary Keller

Fund:

Birthday
Endowment

Food Pantry
General

Seminarian

Welfare
Youth

Given by:

Ralph Nagy
Ruth Schmidt
Tom & Marilyn Miller
Floyd Schafer
John Roehrig
Carol Cooper
James & Elaine Carpenter
Kathryn Walker
The Grenzes
Ruth Schmidt
Denise Kerr
Christie Wilczynski
John & Barb Kowalczak

In Memory or Honor of:

Memory of Louise Heineman
Memory of Louise Heineman
Memory of Louise Heineman
Memory of Louise Heineman
Memory of Louise Heineman



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.

Parochial Report
December 2023

	Average Attendance			
	2022	2023	YTD	
Baptisms – 0				
Confirmands – 4				
Weddings – 0				
Funerals – 1				
Released – 0	Worship:	58	61	59
Transferred in – 0	Weekend Bible Class:	11	16	11
Transferred out – 0	Sunday School:	6	6	6
Reinstated – 0				



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command is this:
- d. And over all these virtues put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what great
- g. There is no fear in



- 1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

Answers: a 6, b 4, c 1, d 7, e 2, f 5, g 3