

## **Care**

**150 years of caring for others**

### **Care Ministry Team**

Here is an opportunity to learn how we care for others in our community and congregation. Would you be willing to make a meal, fill the Blessing Box, or organize a charitable event (Advent/Lent dinners, Thanksgiving baskets, Angel Tree - etc.)? This just might be the place for you!

### **Community Care Day**

The purpose of Community Care Day is to demonstrate God's love by providing 'Back to School Needs' to families in Jackson that will help to alleviate some of the financial pressure before school begins in the fall.

Working in partnership with Redeemer Lutheran, there are many ways we need your help and support to serve 400-600 people. From shopping for supplies, being a table host or hostess at the meal, guiding people through the building or leading a team. There is a way for everyone to find a fit during this powerful day within our community.

## **Harvest Dinner**

The Harvest Dinner is a long-standing community event where homemade applesauce, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, apple and pumpkin pies are served along with roast pork. Many hands and helpers are needed all week long and the day of the dinner.

### **Funeral Meal Contributions**

You can help in the kitchen for funeral dinners or provide contributions of desserts and salads. Sign up to be on the rotation of providers.

### **Prayer Chain**

Our purpose is to give members an opportunity to pray for the needs of those around us. For emergencies that arise, health and other life concerns, for thanksgiving, etc., we offer our prayers to God. For privacy reasons, prayer requests must have the approval of the person or family member before being sent to the prayer chain. Prayer requests are currently sent to the team lead by phone or e-mail. The requests are then forwarded by e-mail. We ask that you pray as soon as you receive the e-mail.

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### **Home-Communion Visitor**

This Ministry team provides Holy Communion to members (or other qualified persons) who are confined to their homes or a care facility. In addition to serving Holy Communion, the visitor provides fellowship, prayers and, on occasion, advocacy for special needs. Visits are made monthly and take about an hour.

Qualifications include a positive personality, being a patient listener and the ability to pray for and with the member.

(In compliance with LCMS recommendations, the serving of Holy Communion is limited to male servers.)

### **Hospital Visitors/Visitation**

When the church office is notified of a member's hospitalization in Jackson, the Hospital Visitation Team visits that member each weekday they are hospitalized.

Members of the team are assigned a regular 'visitation day'. The team leader trains and accompanies new team members on their first few visits.

## Connections Ministry

Come alongside of newcomers and members alike to help them feel included and welcome here at Trinity Lutheran Ministries.

If you make friends easily, become one of our '**friends-of-newcomers**' team who regularly watches for returning newcomers so that these newcomers will come to know and recognize a friendly face and feel comfortable enough to ask questions.

Volunteer to become a **new member mentor** that will intentionally connect with a new member, for a season, by

- sitting with them in church
- introducing them to others with shared interests
- sharing a meal or two together
- inviting them to come along with you when you go to church/school event, perhaps even offering to pick them up to go to the event together.

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## **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is all about sharing the gospel and allowing the Holy Spirit to do His work. This is why we do VBS. This is what makes the long days and the late nights worthwhile. It's worth it when relationships are developed, conversations about Jesus are had, seeds are planted, and hearts are transformed for eternity! How will you serve?

Food Crew--Preparing and serving an easy dinner and snacks nightly.

Craft Crew--Assisting children with planned craft activities.

Group Leader--Leading a small group of children throughout their time at VBS.

Group Leader Helper--Assisting a group leader with their small group of children throughout their time at VBS.

Game Crew--Assisting children with instructions & demonstrations as they play games.

Music Crew--Leading music for the opening and closing each day.

VBS Volunteers...must love children, be enthusiastic in sharing Jesus with them, be a team player, be reliable, be flexible and complete a background check.



# Women of Trinity

**150 years of service and missions**

## **Ladies Aid**

From the very beginning of biblical history, women have been active in the life of the church and it has continued down through the centuries. The beginnings of Ladies Aid can be traced back to the Civil War where the ladies joined forces to provide supplies to soldiers on the battlefield and cared for sick and wounded soldiers.

Today our purposes are:

- To grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- To create and increase interest in the work of our own congregation and of the Kingdom of Christ at large.
- To create a closer fellowship and sociability among the ladies of the congregation.
- To assist in the charitable endeavors of the church.

As James writes in the New Testament, "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do." Times change and society changes but where there is a need in today's church you may depend on the Christian women in the congregation to show their faith by their deeds.

## Ladies Aid Membership

All confirmed women members of Trinity are encouraged to become members of Ladies Aid.

### Meetings:

Ladies Aid meets at 10am in the Fellowship Hall on the second Thursday of every month. We have a devotion, a business meeting, and refreshments.

### Service:

- Ladies Aid furnishes and serves lunch after funerals at the church.
- Ladies Aid maintains the church kitchen.
- Ladies Aid assists with Trinity's outreaches such as the Harvest Dinner and Community Care Day.
- Ladies Aid raises money to assist with unexpected needs of the church and school.

## Interesting Facts

### Ladies Aid Financial Assistance

- Contributed to New Projector
- Purchased Tables & Chairs for Fellowship Hall
- Sends support to missionary David Erber & seminary students
- Purchased additional Kitchen Refrigerator
- Routinely pays for church upkeep

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## The Lutheran Women's Missionary League

(LWML), an auxiliary organization with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), strives to develop the spiritual gifts of women through fellowship, Christian growth and mission service.

Trinity Lutheran LWML members participate by sending Mite\* money to the Michigan District and the National LWML to support all mission grants chosen at the respective conventions.

Pick up your Mite Box at the TRIP counter in the Narthex.

Each member of Trinity is invited to participate in this huge outreach of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

*Mite collection suggestions from years past:*

- *Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day*
- *Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted*
- *Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the box on meeting day*

### *\*What is a Mite?*

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

#### History of the Mites Collection

Perhaps inspired by the various "cent" or "mite" societies of the early 1800s, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Records from 1930 indicate receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6651.31!

The LWML was formally recognized by the LCMS in 1942. They continued collecting mites. As of March 31, 2019, contributions for the previous 24 months totaled \$ 2,172,373.76 from LCMS members in 43 countries all to be given as grants to missions. LCMS Districts retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over \$1 million in mission.

To learn more, follow the LWML on Facebook:

Lutheran Women in Mission – LWML  
LWML - Michigan District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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**Lutheran  
World  
Relief** **Lutheran  
World  
Relief (LWR)**

is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery.

Trinity Women aid in the LWR efforts by collecting fabric remnants and piecing together quilts and backpacks filled with school supplies to be distributed to people in need around the world.

Additionally, some of the quilts made are distributed locally here in Jackson to those in need.

In 2018 Trinity women of all ages sewed and donated 180 quilts to missions!

Join us! 9:00 – 11:30am

We meet on Thursday mornings in the fellowship hall of the church!

No sewing machine or sewing experience is required as there are many steps in the quilt making process. Bring a smile and sense of humor. Then plan to have an enjoyable morning of fellowship and production!

Visit [www.LWR.org](http://www.LWR.org) to learn more!

## Cotta Missionary Guild

A women's ministry focused exclusively on missions provides financial support annually to more than a dozen mission and outreach programs. Membership is open to all women at Trinity. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month which are advertised in the Beacon. Annual Dues are \$10

### Book Nook

The Book Nook is a ministry of Cotta Missionary Guild and is recognized by Concordia Publishing House as a CPH resource center. The Book Nook sells Christian reading materials, boxed greeting cards and gifts. Special orders are welcome. You can visit the Book Nook during the week in the church office hallway.

### The interesting story behind the name!

- Cotta Missionary Guild was established in 1948. The women who formed the group came up with "Cotta" in recognition of Ursula Cotta, who took Martin Luther into her home for four years while he attended school in Eisenbach, Germany.
- Luther's home was about 100 miles away, and his family was poor, so he initially went door-to-door, singing for tokens and handouts to help support himself. Frau Cotta took notice of him. She had watched as others turned him away. She was intrigued by his demeanor, his resilience and his voice. When he came to her door, she didn't hesitate to take him in.
- The founders of Cotta Guild committed themselves to following Ursula Cotta's example. They didn't intend to change the world, but they were determined to help programs and organizations that didn't have multiple sources of funding, weren't well known, but showed great promise.

# **Bible Study**

**150 years of discipleship**

## **Bible Studies at TLC**

**Saturday at 5pm** before the worship service. Bible study is held in the Fellowship Hall. No home study is required and all are invited!

**Wednesday at 1pm.** Bible study is held in the Fellowship Hall and led by Glenn Erber. No home study is required and all are invited!

**Thursday at 7:00 am.** All are invited to join us in the Church Board Room. The study is led by Dr. Tim Frusti. Topics rotate between scripture and book studies.

## **Home Bible Studies**

**Monday at 1:30-3:00pm.** Meets at Carolyn Liechti's home on the north side of town. The group uses LifeLight which is a series of in-depth Bible Studies. Each study is 9 weeks long and requires home study.

**Wednesday at 7-8:30 pm.** Meets at Kathy Frusti's Summit Township home for 9-10 weeks at a time breaking for Advent, Lent and summer. All ladies are

invited to join. The group mainly uses LifeLight for their studies. Home study is helpful but not required.

## **Alternate Thursdays at 1 pm.**

Discussion Group meets in the Hans home on the north side of town. Their purpose is to provide an opportunity for open conversation and opinion on the Scriptures and current issues associated with the LCMS. All are welcome!

## **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 2pm.**

Meets in the Trellis Gardens section of Vista Grand Villa. This devotion provides a worship opportunity with fellow believers in a structured mini-worship service environment. All are welcome to attend and provide encouragement and fellowship to shut-ins.

## **New-To-Trinity Class**

This is for anyone interested in joining Trinity, transferring to Trinity or simply learning more about our church and growing as a disciple of Jesus. The topics for these weekly Bible studies include Who is Jesus, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Worship, Prayer and others. The 8 weeks of classes are tentatively scheduled to begin mid-September and early January.

# Trinity Lutheran School

**115 years of making disciples**

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **TRIP**

Tuition Reimbursement Incentive  
Program

All school families are encouraged to participate in the TRIP program. TRIP is a great way to reduce your tuition cost simply by doing your everyday shopping. Tuition credits earned through the TRIP program can amount to several hundred dollars.

All church members are encouraged to support school students and scholarships by participating in TRIP. All rebates earned can be designated as the contributor chooses.

**TRIP Program volunteers** conduct transactions at weekend services.

The **TRIP Coordinator** schedules volunteers, places weekly orders, oversees the account and coordinates quarterly rebates.

## **Athletics**

Trinity students are given the opportunity to develop Christian character as well as the mental and physical skills needed for life through the athletic program.

The **Athletic Director** organizes athletic events and groups at Trinity School and identifies coaches.

The **Athletic Event Assistant** is an adult who assists coaches and the athletic director at games and tournaments.

**Volunteer Coaches** are needed for:

- Boys Basketball Grades 4-8
- Girls Volleyball Grades 4-8
- Boys & Girls Track Grades 4-8

### **Classroom Volunteers**

Help teachers on scheduled days. For security, all volunteers must have a background check.

### **Special Event Volunteers**

Assist the students in their mission projects and at special community outreach events.



# **Youth**

**150 years of discipling our youth**

## **Youth Leader**

The Youth Leader oversees the youth program and sets the schedule. Responsibilities include ensuring volunteers are in place for events; that youth events are safe, faith-filled and nurturing; that all chaperones have been background checked, providing a safe environment for all. The Youth Leader sets the budget for the year, with the assistance of the Youth Team.

## **Youth Team**

Works together with the Youth Leader in shaping, planning and helping our youth stay in their faith walk.

## **Youth - Adult Leaders**

Assists youth leader with planning, chaperoning, and other tasks as needed. Must have background check and be approved by Youth Leader.

# **Youth Groups**

## **Young Girls Group**

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls meet together for a nurturing, fun Jesus filled time.

## **Girls United**

Join other high school girls for fellowship and discussion.

## **Junior High Youth**

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades, meet together for fun, fellowship, nurturing, learning more about God in a FUN way.

## **Senior High Youth**

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades, meet together for deeper Bible Study, fellowship, mission/community service.

## **College Age Group**

College students meet for fellowship and discussion of Christian themes and issues.

# **Behind the Scenes**

**150 years of stewardship and service**

## **Seasonal Worship Preparations**

Before Advent season in November volunteers help assemble Christmas trees and decorate the church for Christmas. Afterwards, in January the decorations and trees are taken down and carpeting is vacuumed.

## **‘Tool Time’ Team**

Help Trinity be a good steward of our church and school facilities by sharing your skills such as electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting and general handyman.

The Thursday morning ‘Tool Time’ team meets while the Quilters work from 9:00-11:30 am and then joins the ladies for cookies and coffee afterwards.

To work within your schedule, Saturday and evening project times will be happily scheduled by Dave. Choose your project from the list!

## **Muscle Men Team**

Help with moving heavy items as needed.

## **Litter**

Enhance the presence of Trinity in our community by picking up litter when you see it.

## **Gardening**

It’s always a joy to walk through a beautiful garden! If you like digging in the dirt and the solace of working in a garden you are invited to help Trinity maintain the beauty of our perennial gardens at the church and school entryway.

## **Yardwork**

Mowing the lawn at Trinity school is a big 4-hour job and volunteers can sign up to mow for 1 week or more throughout the growing season. The school has all the equipment needed.

## **Kitchen Crew**

Enjoy the fellowship and satisfaction of working together in the kitchen and setting the scene for eating together. There is always a Serv Safe certified person on duty.

Throughout the year your help is needed for funeral dinners, soup suppers, family meetings, potlucks and community events like the Harvest Dinner.

## **Music**

**150 years of lifting hearts and praise to God through music**

### **Choir**

The choir leads the congregation in worship and provides special music during the Traditional services. If you have basic music reading skills, can match pitch, and are looking to connect with a fun group then choir is the place for you! We meet most Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm and sing about twice a month, once on Saturday and once on Sunday. Choir also sings during worship on Christmas Eve and Holy Week services.

### **Instrumentalists**

Whatever instrument you play, either solo or with an ensemble, you can provide special music and accompaniment to the worship services. Rehearsals are as needed. Instrumentalists generally play for Christmas, Easter and other special services.

If you are an organist or pianist your talents and skill can be added to the rotation of leading the worship services through music.

## **Worship Team**

The worship team leads the congregation in worship through music at the Modern service.

Vocalists: If you have basic music reading skills, are able to match pitch and perhaps even harmonize join our team as a vocalist, who with their inviting stage presence, leads the congregation in worship.

Instrumentalists should have proficiency in their instrument to successfully play songs after one rehearsal.

The worship team meets most Thursdays from 7:45-8:45 pm serving about two times per month on Sunday.

Additionally, the worship team will provide special music during Christmas and Holy Week services.

### **Sound Tech**

If you have an ear for music you can provide clarity and intelligibility of the music for the congregation during the Modern service. Volunteers must have the willingness to learn how to use the sound equipment to its fullest potential and will serve about two times per month.

## **Worship Volunteers**

**150 Years of Worshiping & Serving God**

To keep our services running smoothly many volunteers help!

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild
- AV Team
- Communion Assistants
- Fellowship
- Funeral Assistant
- Greeters & Welcome Table
- Nursery & Toddler Care
- Readers
- Ushers

### **Acolytes**

For students in grades 5-12. Acolytes assist with candle lighting, offering, communion and during processions they carry the cross and banners. Acolytes are scheduled to serve one-two times per month.

### **Altar Guild**

Trinity's Altar Guild members serve by cleaning the chancel area every week and changing the candles and seasonal hangings as needed. They set up for communion and clean up after each service. Vestments worn by pastor(s), assistants and acolytes, as well as altar cloths, are laundered as needed. They also arrange flowers for Christmas and

Easter services. A schedule is made that includes weekly cleaning, communion care for each service and laundry of vestments. Members choose the area(s) they want to serve. Learning is by doing and you are always working with a person who has experience with each task.

### **AV Team**

**Projection:** Leads the congregation with the projected slides at each worship service and ensure the service flows from beginning to end. Volunteers must be able to focus for the entire service and may also run the cameras. They will serve about two times per month and occasionally for funerals as required for video and presentations.

**Camera:** Present the church to the online community through live-streaming at each service and our homebound DVD ministry. Volunteers serve about two times per month.

### **Video & Special Presentations**

Create video and/or slides for use before, during and after the services in the form of announcements, invitations and sermon illustrations.

## **Worship Volunteers**

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### **Communion Assistants**

Volunteers are adult men who help pastor serve communion and are scheduled one to two times per month. Training is provided.

### **Fellowship**

In the Narthex, after summer time Sunday services, volunteers contribute finger foods and serve as hosts and hostesses.

### **Fellowship 'n Faith**

Fellowship 'n Faith takes place downstairs between the Sunday worship services from September to May. Fellowship 'n Faith is a relaxed, informal time of conversation and table talk for all ages. Preschoolers through 4th graders can participate in an object lesson and a craft. Simple breakfast foods and beverages are served. Ways of volunteering include setting up, cleaning up, preparing and leading the object lesson or the craft as well as providing food.

### **Funeral Assistant**

Assists pastor in providing care and support to funeral visitors and assists during the service.

## **Greeters & Welcome Table**

Our friendly Greeters reach out, shake a hand and are that first warm smile that sets the tone for our guests and members. After the service, you will find them at the Welcome Table to help our visitors and guests get the information, support and encouragement they are looking for. Greeters serve once a month.

### **Nursery & Toddler Care**

This ministry allows young parents the opportunity to enjoy the worship service knowing their little ones are well cared for. Volunteers serve once a month.

### **Readers**

During the worship service, readers read the Old Testament and Epistle lessons. Volunteers serve once a month.

### **Ushers**

The Usher teams provide order and assistance before, during and after worship services. Teams consist of one lead Usher and two to three other individuals from the congregation. All Trinity confirmed members are eligible to participate on a team. There is one Usher team assigned to each service. Usher teams serve two times a month.

## **Governance**

**150 years of stewardship and  
servant leadership**

### **Council**

The Church Council looks out for the welfare of Trinity and is the governing body of the congregation as a whole. Council is responsible to achieve the congregation-approved goals and to administer the congregation's affairs. Council member candidates must be active in worship and bible study, be active members and at least 18 years old. Council members are elected to two-year terms.

### **School Board**

The School Board encourages and provides for the Christian training, spiritual growth, secular education, and physical well-being of students in the Day School (School) and Early Childhood Center (Center). Through the Principal, it is responsible for the administration of the School and Center.

## **Elders**

The Board of Elders maintains discipline within the Congregation according to the Scriptures, Lutheran Confessions and Matthew 18:15-20. The Elders are concerned with the spiritual, emotional and physical welfare of the Pastoral staff, and mentors and works with them. They also have responsibility for church membership, youth instruction relating to communion and confirmation, and stewardship. Elders are appointed to their position. Elder candidates must be active in worship and bible study, be active members and at least 18-year-old males.

## **Stewardship**

**150 years of managing the gifts  
we have been given**

### **Gratitude Ministry**

The Gratitude Ministry provides ongoing stewardship education and encouragement to Trinity members. The Gratitude Ministry humbly seeks greater sharing of time, talents and treasures to support our heavenly Father's missions.

### **TLS Scholarship Committee**

This committee reviews and awards scholarships for persons who attend Trinity Lutheran School.

Volunteers meet as needed to fulfill their function, typically 1-2 meetings annually.

## **Endowment Fund Committee**

The Endowment Fund Committee administers the investments of the Endowment Fund and supervises the allocation of new gifts and the earnings to the appropriate sub-account, following the policies approved by the Church Council. The committee provides information about the Endowment Fund to the Congregation and persons interested in making donations.

Council appointed volunteers serve 3-year terms and the committee meets as necessary to fulfill their function.

## **Just for Fun**

### **Young at Heart Bunco**

The Bunco group meets on alternate Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall to play and share a potluck lunch. All are invited!

### **Golf Night**

Come out to Calderone Golf Club on Wednesdays starting at 6:00pm for Scramble play. All levels of ability are welcome and participants are not required to play every week. Golf from May through October, weather permitting. Calderone Golf Club is located at 4490 Willis Rd, Grass Lake. Take I-94 to the Race Rd exit 147, head north then turn east on Cedar Knoll to Willis Rd. head north.

### **Game Nights**

Look for invitations in the announcements for Euchre tournaments and board game nights. Would you like to host or organize a game night? Contact the church office!

## **Behind the Scenes**

### **Trinity Thru the Lens Photography Group**

Are you interested in improving your picture taking skills while helping to market Trinity Lutheran Ministries with engaging photos?

No matter your level of experience, you have the opportunity to increase your skills through coursework and practice with the group. You will learn how to create, edit and compose better pictures and in the process these photos will be used on the website, worship service slides and marketing materials to help promote Trinity. This group meets every other week with time and dates to be determined by those interested.