



Trinity Tidings...

Trinity Lutheran Church

35110 Division Road, Richmond, Michigan

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April 2019



Sunday Worship

9:30am

Coffee w/Pastor at Tim Horton's

Mondays from 10am until Noon

Lenten Service

Wednesdays, April 3rd & 10th at 7pm

Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 14 from 11am-1pm

Holy Week Schedule ~ April 14th – 20th

Palm Sunday Service at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm

Good Friday Community Service at Bebee St Park at Noon

Good Friday Service at 7pm

Easter Vigil (*Saturday*) at 8pm

Easter Sunday Schedule – April 21st

Easter Breakfast 8am – 9am

Easter Service 9:30am



A Holy Invitation

I pray that you all are having a blessed Lent as you begin to let go of those practices and things in your life that may be weighing you down and preventing you from moving forward in your relationship with God. I also pray that you have found ways to cultivate your relationship with God and draw closer to the Spirit.

In a few weeks you will have the opportunity to participate in Holy Week services and this is your invitation to walk with the community on this journey to the cross and the promise found in the empty tomb. As has become Trinity's practice, we will be worshipping the Three Days. They are not three separate worship services, but in a way, they are a continuous service that paves the way to Easter Sunday. "The service of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life." (ELW, pg. 247) We walk in the steps of Jesus through these services to remember the grace that comes to us through our Lord and Savior.

This year, you will also have the opportunity to worship with the Richmond Community at the Gazebo in Beebe Street Park on Good Friday at Noon. Please join us for a faith-filled week that draws us ever closer to God.

Peace,
Pastor Alex

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm
April 19: Good Friday Service at Beebe Street Park, 12:00 pm
 Good Friday Evening Service at Trinity, 7:00 pm
April 20: Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm
April 21: Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8:00 am
 Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30 am

Confirmation Class...

Sunday, April 14 @ 11am-1pm

New Testament: Revelation, What to believe and not believe

Communal Coffee continues...



Join Pastor Alex on Mondays from 10am-noon at Tim Horton's. It's a great time to share any ideas or thoughts you may have, and a great chance to get to know him better. In April Pastor Alex will only be there on April 15 & 22.

Easter Flowers

Please bring in an Easter plant to the Good Friday service or on Saturday by Easter Vigil time. If you'd like your name listed in the bulletin, there is a sign-up sheet on the welcome spinner. Please list how you'd like your flowers given (in honor, memory, etc). You may also want to label your plant with your name so you can pick it up after worship on Easter Sunday



Home Plate 2019 – Detroit Tigers

Saturday, June 8th watch the Tigers play the Twins and hear some of the players (from both teams) share about their careers in sports and faith in

Jesus Christ. There is a signup sheet on the welcome spinner in the fellowship area.

Clean Up Day following worship on Sunday, April 7th

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, April 7th to give the church a spring cleaning. There will be a list posted and you can take as few or as many jobs as you like. We usually work for about an hour and a half and get as much done as we can. ~Property Committee



Thank You!

Dear Members of Trinity –

I just wanted to express my thanks in all the prayers you have given me over the past few months while my health has had some ups and downs. I am hoping to have one last surgery and then be feeling back to myself. Thank you again for the continued prayers.

~Shirley Dobberowsky

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for choosing to generously donate materials to my classroom. Your kindness and generosity have helped my class in so many ways. For example, not only has it provided the students with new materials to use, it has also taught them about kindness, which is not something they often see at home.

Love, Emily Tufnell and her Kindergarten Class

See the full letter on the Outreach bulletin board along with the pictures and messages from the kindergarten class.

- To everyone that has stepped up to clean since the beginning of the year, especially the Hutchins Family.
- All that have contributed to the funeral luncheons over the past month and a special thanks to Sharon and Judy for organizing and making phone calls.
- The Tune-In Team for the beginning process of listening to God and preparing to listen the congregation.
- Howard Stuart and Don Plonka (and Evan and John) for helping keep the sidewalks cleaned off this winter.
- Everyone that continues to bring in food during Lent for the Backpack Blessings Program.
- The Confirmation families for a great Carnival, especially the Carkuff's and Daugherty's.

Synod Assembly



This year's Synod Assembly for the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA will be hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. This year's theme is *Faith! Hebrews 11:1*, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen." We are looking for two individuals, preferably a male and a female that would be willing to attend. The synod assembly is May 17-18. Registration is covered by the church. Please let Pastor Alex know as soon as possible.

Tune-In Team Update

The Tune-In Team has been meeting every other week to begin the discernment of where they hear God calling us as a congregation. They began by getting to know one another better and then listening to God through scripture. By the beginning of the summer they will be asking for what the congregation is saying and how you may be hearing God calling Trinity. A survey will be going out and you will have to opportunity to provide input. All information collected will be used for the program and remain confidential. The Tune-In Team consists of Vern Kulman, Kathleen Carkuff, Marilyn Frank, Richard Keuchenmeister, Theresa Kulman, and Pastor Alex.



Easter Breakfast

Help Support the Confirmation Youth and Faith Formation by attending Easter Morning Breakfast. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am and will be served until about 9:00 am. Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship before Easter Sunday Worship!



3	Andrew Graham	19	Noah Schmelzer
3	Carter Peterson	22	Ken Opalewski
5	Renee Sparby	22	Earl Proctor
9	Brandon Fistler	24	Amber Engelhard
10	Laura Mason	24	Jay Engelhard
11	Effie Almstadt	24	Gabe Hollenbeck
12	Matt Peterson	25	Sydney Gross
14	Alexandra Haase	26	Brayden King
14	Theresa Kulman	28	James Bruinsma
16	Kendall Ditch	29	Ray Minchella
16	Roger Schleef	29	Owen Rhein

**If anyone is missing from our list, please call
the church office, 727-7270.*

March Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour Schedule:

Flowers:

April 7-Tonkovich Anniversary

April 14 – Theresa Kulman

April 21-Christ is Risen!

Dan & Melissa Daugherty

April 28-in honor of Ashley Hasmon

Baby Shower, Dan & Melissa Daugherty

Coffee Hour:

April 7 - Open

April 14 - Open

April 21 - Easter

April 28 - Open

***Please place flower envelopes in Rhonda Hutchins' mail slot at church
or put in offering plate marked with your name. Thank you!*

Church Council Corner

From March 12th, 2019

1. Pastor Alex informed us that he will be on vacation following service on March 31- April 8, and he will be attending Continuing Education in Valparaiso April 29 – May 1
 2. Discussed increasing Weight Watchers rent again. *Theresa will mail letter this week.*
 3. Discussed setting up volunteers for janitorial work. *Theresa is getting together a sign-up sheet.*
 4. Confirmed hired Tina as the church secretary.
 5. Set up an Audit team. They are as follows:
 - a. Adam Walsh
 - b. Mel Hawke
 - c. Laura Mason
 6. Discussed looking for 2 volunteers for synod assembly which is May 17th & 18th in Clarkston.
 7. Discussed doing spring cleaning in the church.
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Cleaning the Church

Part of living into community is caring for one another as well as caring for the space that we live out that community on Sundays and throughout the week. Since the Church Council made the decision to clean the church by volunteers at the end of last year, just a few people have volunteered to help. You can find a calendar on the Property Team Board in the Fellowship Hall to sign up to clean on a specific day as well as a list of tasks to be completed weekly and monthly. Even if you just have an extra hour to help it would make a great impact. Thanks in advance.





Celebrate Holy Week with
Trinity Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday April 14th 9:30am

Maundy Thursday April 18th 7pm

Good Friday April 19th
Community Service Noon
at Beebe Street Park
Service at Trinity 7pm

Easter Vigil April 20th 8pm

Easter Sunday April 21st
Easter Breakfast 8am -9am
Worship 9:30am



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First Communion Class

Our next first communion class will be Saturday, April 13th from 10am – Noon. Any child, usually second grade or older, that is asking about communion is invited to come to the class. We will have the opportunity to bake some bread and talk about what communion means. They will then take their first communion on Palm Sunday, April 14th.



We were saddened by the passing of many members this past month. John Bryson, Janet Allen, Ron Fistler, Dorothy Kohlhagen, and former Pastor David Blake. May God's love and peace give comfort to their families and friends as they mourn their losses.

April Scripture Readings...

The following are scripture readings assigned for February. Please use these for your devotional time throughout the week, and you'll be well-prepared for worship on Sunday!



April 7, 2019.....Lent 5

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4-14

John 12:1-8

April 14, 2019.....Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21, 2019.....Easter Sunday

Acts 10:35-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

April 28, 2019 Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29

Revelations 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Trinity's Organization & Committee Members

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