



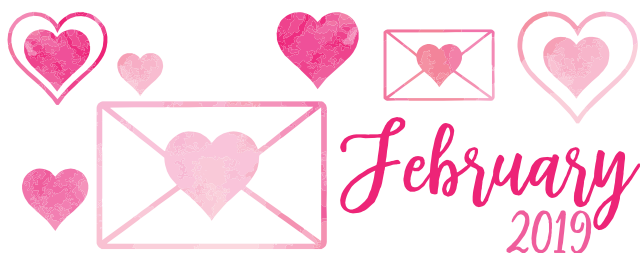
Tidings...

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship

9:30am

Retirement Celebration for Carrie

Sunday, February 3 following worship

Coffee w/Pastor @ Tim Horton's

Mondays @ 10am-noon

Bible Study on Gospel of Luke

Wednesdays @ 7pm

Confirmation Class

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 11am-1pm



How Are You Growing?

As we have moved into a new year, we quite often wonder what is going to change. What are we going to do differently? What new possibilities may emerge for us? Amid it all, I believe that we should also be in the process of growing. We can grow in our relationships, with one another and God, and we can grow in knowledge and wisdom. I always enjoy finding new authors to read and learning about things that may pique my interest. I also enjoy poetry. There is so much power in poetry that you can become lost in it as you breathe in the words and let them rest upon your heart. Poetry has a similar power to it as scripture. It can speak to us and bring about many different feelings. It encourages us to think and grow.

What are you hoping grows this year? Perhaps there is another strained relationship that you are hoping to mend. Maybe you want to dive deep into a favorite subject that you have been wanting to learn more about. While these are great, one focus should always be on building a personal relationship with God. I encourage you to attend a Bible study, join us weekly for worship, or develop a daily prayer ritual to do so. May you be open to how the Spirit continues to move you this year. May you be open to growth and a deeper relationship with God. In the midst of it all let us experience God's love and a feeling of gratitude for all that is given. I share with you this month a poem from Mary Oliver, an American poet who died this past week. May her words speak to you today.

Peace,
Pastor Alex

MESSENGER by Mary Oliver

***My work is loving the world.
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird —
equal seekers of sweetness.
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.***

***Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect? Let me
keep my mind on what matters,
which is my work,***

***which is mostly standing still and learning to be
astonished.***

***The phoebe, the delphinium.
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
Which is mostly rejoicing, since all ingredients are here,***

***which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart
and these body-clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,
telling them all, over and over, how it is
that we live forever.***



**Newsletter
Deadline:
February 14th!**



COME CELEBRATE!
CARRIE BUCKLAND'S
RETIREMENT
29 years of
dedicated
service!

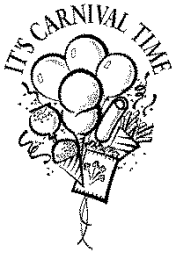
Sunday, February 3, 2019

Reception following 9:30 am worship
At Trinity Lutheran Church - Richmond

Join us for cake and coffee.

We want to give Carrie a grand send-off.

She has served Trinity faithfully and has been a part of the Trinity family her entire life!



2018 Carnival coming...

Attention: Everyone of all ages! The 2018 Trinity Church Carnival is coming...Sunday, March 3rd following our 9:30am worship.

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship & food. We will have our Chinese raffles for all ages, and the carnival games are a great attraction for our little ones and not so little ones with lots of new prizes. Let's beat those winter blahs and get out and have a fun afternoon in spite of this Michigan weather!

Any donations for our raffles are welcome, and anyone interested in helping in any way, please call the church office. This year's proceeds will be going to our Trinity Confirmation youth to replenish their camp fund!

Confirmation Class...

Sunday, February 17 @ 11am-1pm

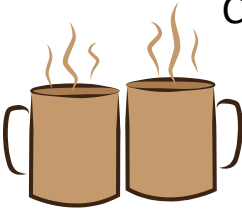
What is a miracle? How does Jesus share miracles with us today?

Thank you to...

- Howard Stuart for his recent six dedicated years of leading the congregation as Council President.
- All who stayed after worship on Epiphany to take down decorations. Many hands made quick work!
- Everyone that is stepping up to keep the church clean.
- All who have donated to the food pantry, and to The Field's for delivering it.
- Those that host Coffee Fellowship time after worship.



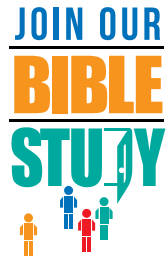
Communal Coffee continues...



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.

Bible Study continues through Wednesday, February 27th...

Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm, as we explore the Gospel of Luke. We are in Year C of our lectionary, and most of the gospel readings come from Luke this year. Come and join Pastor Alex for a great discussion and teaching in Luke's Gospel.



February 3rd...

Not only will we have the opportunity to Celebrate the nearly 30 years of service that Carrie has given to Trinity, we also will have a visitor from the Synod Office. Pastor Lauren Kirsch-Carr, Assistant to the Bishop, will bring the Good News and meet with Pastor Alex and the Tune-in Team from the congregation that will be listening to God and our community as we open ourselves up to new possibilities within the community.

Church Council Highlights

from January 7, 2019



1. The council welcomed Mark Zink to the board.
2. They elected the new officers for 2019. They are as follows:
 - a. President-Tracy Walsh
 - b. Vice President-Judy Pitcel
 - c. Secretary-Theresa Kulman
 - d. Treasurer-Mark Zink
 - e. Financial Secretary-Rhonda Hutchins
3. Elected liaison officers to each of the committees that we have at church. They are as follows:
 - a. Worship and Music-Theresa Kulman
 - b. Faith Formation-Becky Kulman
 - c. Property-Don Plonka
 - d. TLCW-Rhonda Hutchins
 - e. Stewardship-Mark Zink
 - f. Mission/Outreach-Theresa Kulman
 - g. Youth-Tracy Walsh
 - h. Tune-in-Theresa Kulman
4. Discussed increasing Weight Watcher's rent. Theresa is drafting a letter for Pastor Alex to approve.
5. We discussed the new budget for 2019.
6. Discussed setting up volunteer for janitorial work. Rhonda is getting together a sign-up sheet.
7. Discussed setting consistent meeting time for council meeting being the second Tuesday of the month.
8. Discussed planning Carrie's retirement party. Tentative date of Feb. 3 after worship.
9. Set up an HR team. They are as follows: Pastor, Mark Zink, Rhonda Hutchins, Judy Pitcel.
10. Discussed changing names on bank accounts due to switching officers.

Meet our newest council member...

I am a newer member of the congregation at Trinity. My wife, Dorinne and I joined the congregation in the summer of 2017. Prior to that, we were members of Grace Episcopal in Mt. Clemens and St. Michael's Episcopal. In our search for a home church, we tried 5 local churches and found Trinity to have the continuity to our beliefs and the warm welcoming of its members.



I was born & raised in Harper Woods. I attended Wayne State University graduating with a business degree in 1977 and obtaining a Master's Degree from CMU in 1982. After 5 years of marriage, we bought my old family home in Harper Woods to raise our son and daughter. Our greatest enjoyment is being grandparents to Katelyn (6) and Olivia (3).

I spent 40 years in banking. Most of my years were spent at Michigan National Bank and its successors, with my last 8 years at Huntington Bank retiring in July 2017. I just completed a year as president of the Richmond Masonic Lodge, and in 2013 was appointed to the BZA board for the City of Richmond, and a short time later, moving my appointment to the planning commission. I realize I may be newer to a Lutheran congregation, but I hope that my past life experiences will benefit my recent election to the church council.

Mark Zink

Please
Pray
for...



OUR BLUE WATER CONFERENCE
especially for...

The ministry of Our Saviour, Port Huron &
Trinity, Brown City



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| 1 Jennifer Hollenbeck | 16 Robert Haase |
| 1 Amanda Rhein | 17 Laura Small |
| 3 Shelby Frank | 18 Elsa Pitcel |
| 8 Chase Churchill | 19 Cameron Walker |
| 11 Becky Kulman | 21 Nicholas Doelle |
| 11 Richard Turnbull, Jr. | 26 Brayden King |
| 13 Bryce Rhein | 27 Shellie Schroudt |
| 13 Jared Rhein | 28 Richard Macumber, Sr. |
| 15 Pat Mason | 29 Tracy Wernet |

**If anyone is missing from our list, please call Carrie
in the church office, 727.7270.*

February Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour Schedule:

Flowers:

Feb. 3-Ella Hill's 13th birthday
Feb. 10-Theresa Kulman
Feb. 17-OPEN
Feb. 24-OPEN

Coffee Hour:

Feb. 3-Carrie's retirement
Feb. 10-Theresa Kulman
Feb. 17-OPEN
Feb. 24-OPEN

*****Please place flower envelopes in Rhonda Hutchins' mail slot at church
or put in offering plate marked with your name. Thank you! We
especially need volunteers for this month. Please check the flower chart
and coffee hour schedule next time you're at worship!***

February 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!



February 3, 2019 4 Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 10, 2019 5 Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 17, 2019 6 Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 24, 2019 7 Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38



Trinity's Organization & Committee Members

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	Becky Kulman – 586.855.0510
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