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**Church Office Hours:** Mon – Thurs: 8 – 4; Fri: 8 – 12

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Thurs: 12 – 7. CLOSED: Sun & Mon

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## *Wanna go to church?*

God invented congregation for many vital purposes—public worship; teach and learning the Word; fellowship; service training; spiritual care of the new ones, the old ones, and the straying; and enjoying the precious Sacraments of Baptism and Communion.

One of the most wonderful features of congregational life is the opportunity it gives for people to get involved in serving people. Jesus' foot washing was demonstration of attitude, now so much a literal command. Today we don't wash other people's feet, but we can wash each other's dishes. We can continue Jesus' joyful spirit with acts of service great and small: cooking, accounting, snowplowing, painting, transporting, caring for children, organizing and planning, sending cards, mentoring, singing, managing IT, and landscaping to name a few.

Just like countries, no congregation is perfect. They are all conglomerations of sinners with many flaws, shortcomings, and only partially pure agendas. They have gaps in their ministries and sometimes hurt people instead of helping and healing. And yet you've got to love 'em because Jesus get so many good things done through them.

Are you an active member of a congregation? **“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching”** (Hebrews 10:25). Time is short. Use God's resources so the Day won't catch you unprepared.

**Prayers written by the LES students in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades are included in the Messenger**

**Office Hours** – Mon – Thurs: 8 am – 4 pm; Fri: 8am -12 noon

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

**March 29 – Palm Sunday:** 8:30 & 11 am; Monday 6:30 pm

**April 2 – Maundy Thursday:** 6:30 pm

**April 3 – Good Friday:** 1 & 6:30 pm

**April 5 – EASTER:** 6:30, 8:30 & 11 am – NO Monday service

Dear Lord, Thank you for all the wonderful blessings you have given us. Help the people that need to hear your Word. Keep us safe through the day from all temptations. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Maddison Stevenson, gr 7

**Easter Breakfast Donations** – Sign-up sheets are on the table at the back of church for donations toward the Easter breakfast that the Youth Group offers.

**Easter Invitations** – On the table are invitations for you to give out to relatives, friends or neighbors inviting them to worship on Easter. Don't forget to invite them to Easter breakfast.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES: 9:45 AM**

**Bible Study** – in the Parish Hall. Randy Davies "Book on Leadership"

**Youth Sunday Bible Class** – meets every other Sunday.

**Sunday School** – rooms 11/12 and 7; **Jr Youth** – room 4

**Wednesdays in the Word -- CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP IN CHURCH AND STATE**



This Scripture study examines the Christian's responsibility toward the government and the challenges and opportunities we each face as a member of two kingdoms. With the national elections heating up over the next year or so, this is a most timely topic for us to consider in the light of God's Word.

Join us for WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD, beginning **Wednesday, April 15, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** This six lesson course will cover: The Christian is

a member of two kingdoms, The Christian's responsibility to civil government, What to do if the government demands disobedience to God, The business of the church is not the civil government's business, The business of civil government is not the church's business, Christian citizenship is an opportunity and a challenge. Pastor Starr will lead this class, based on Prof. Daniel Deutschlander's book, *Civil Government*, available from the Amazing Grace Bookstore.

**CALL MEETING** - On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the voters of Trinity Lutheran Church issued a divine call to Mrs. Lisa Warren to teach Kindergarten full time at our LES.



**LOST SHEEP—We** need your help in locating some lost sheep from our Trinity fold. We do not have contact information for the following member/s of Trinity:

Mary Masters

We would very much like to reconnect with these people. If you have any information on them, please share it with the church office at 989.892.5435 or [trinitychurch@chartermi.net](mailto:trinitychurch@chartermi.net).

**"Emmaus Walk"** - Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Walkers will gather at Bethel (749 N Pine Rd). After viewing the outreach video *Come, Follow Me*, participants will make the "Emmaus Walk" via the Rail Trail to Trinity. The walk will take approximately 1 hour. Snacks and refreshments will be served as we arrive at Trinity. A shuttle service will provide transportation back to your vehicle.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us in this commemorative walk. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of your fellow WELS members from other congregations. Sponsored by BALM (Bay Area Lutheran Ministries)

**Dear God, we thank you for today after for the Valentine's Day party after catechism class. And help us to learn about you more even after catechism so that we may also return to be with you in heaven, and praise you eternally. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.** Tyler Berlin, gr 7

**Call Meeting** - Mrs. Lisa Warren was called to serve as full time Kindergarten teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. We pray the Lord will guide her in her decision.

**CHURCH MAILBOXES** – Although many of you receive the Messenger via email, you should check your church mailbox frequently. Many members include cards, invitations as well as other church mail that is not sent out email. You may miss out on something important.

\*\*\*\*Mailbox Reminder: your church mail is in the box above your name.

**Phone Numbers/Addresses** – Many members have dropped their land lines in favor of cell phones. If you have done this, or have moved please contact the church office and give us your new number. Thank you. We appreciate it.

**Treasurer's Report:** We do not publish it in the *Messenger* because of the cost of paper. However, one will be provided via your church mailbox if you contact the church office.

**Member Hospitalization** - When a loved one goes into the hospital, please have a family member contact the church and let us know. One of the pastors will make a visit.

**Michigan Lutheran Seminary NOTES** - Concert Choir Homecoming Concert: The MLS Choir will present their Homecoming concert in the MLS Chapel on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. The choir will have just returned from their Easter Tour to 13 congregations in Florida, Georgia, Ohio, and Tennessee. It promises to be a spiritually edifying and wonderfully inspiring concert.

MLS will present the spring Band Concert on Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.. It will be followed by a performance from Hardin Street Harmony. Please join us!

The MLS Foundation invites you to attend the Cardinal Classic Golf Outing on July 18. It's not too early to start planning. Once again there is a special early bird price for registrations paid by June 1. Contact the Foundation office (793-1010 ext. 37) or visit [mls-foundation.org/Golf.html](http://mls-foundation.org/Golf.html) for more information.

### **REMINDER *Simply Giving* - Electronic Funds Transfer**

Trinity (and a few members) have participated in this program since 2002. So we have decided to promote it again as an opportunity to offer your firstfruits to our loving and generous God.

Simply Giving enables every household or individual to give their church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT). You may already be using EFT to have your mortgage, car payment, utility bills or insurance premium automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. Both members and the church benefit with this program. For those who choose to participate, withdrawing the specified amount from your bank account is truly giving the biblical "firstfruits." It also eliminates the minor frustrations of writing frequent checks or forgetting the checkbook or wondering where you put your offering envelope. For the church, the advantages are related to a consistent, predictable income.

You may enroll at any time. If you would like to participate, contact the church office for a form or pick one up from the bulletin board. You may cancel at any time.

If you have more questions regarding the program please call the church office at 892-5435.

**PROJECT SHARE**—The spirit of Project Share—area WELS churches cooperating in ministry together—is now being realized to a greater degree than ever in Bay Area Lutheran Ministries (BALM). The ministry of Project Share—reaching out with the gospel to people who would not normally set foot in a church building—is also being carried out by BALM. Therefore we thank the Lord for allowing us to have been a part of Project Share's service to him and many others, and announce that Project Share is no longer an active ministry. All offerings that have been given for funding Project Share will be placed in the BALM treasury. We ask all of our Trinity members who have so faithfully supported Project Share to redirect your offerings to our General Fund (which helps support BALM) or other special funds, such as our LES Tuition Assistance, Member Assistance, Ministerial Student Aid, Youth Group, etc.

**Dear Lord, help us be safe from all harm and danger in life. Thanks for keeping us safe going up and back from camp. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Noah Claerhout, gr 7**

**Camp Lor Ray** - Its our 50th year and we are making every effort its our biggest yet! Camp Lor-Ray is an ELS & WELS camp dedicated to teaching the Lutheran Faith to campers from preschool to 9th grade.

Consider bringing an entire group from your congregation! Or get a group of youth to come from area congregations!

Camp Lor-Ray is a great outreach tool as well. We start with some basics of the Lutheran Faith so that kids who don't know Jesus will be shown the Gospel.

Year after year we have seen the positive impact on kids who attend camp, many are more likely to attend a Lutheran high school and college after attending summer camp here. Make Camp Lor-Ray a part of your congregation's ministry this year.

You can register online at [camplorray@gmail.com](mailto:camplorray@gmail.com) or apply for a work application. Check it out.

**O Lord, we pray to you to thank you for the protection you have given us over everything thus far. We also pray to you to ask for protection of the players and everybody tomorrow in our tournament. In your name we pray, Amen.**

**CJ Burgdorf, gr 7**

### **Membership/Pastoral Activity**

**Adult Confirmation:** Aaron & Amanda Dulimba and 2 children, William and Kimber Leigh Morrone and 2 children

**Baptism:** Marlee Paige Debo

**Transfers:** Richard & Deborah Owen to St. John, Bay City; Barry & Gail Smith to Holy Scripture (ELS), Midland

**Releases:** Hans Cornelius, Charles & Candy Cunningham (3 children), Elizabeth Martinez (1 child), Trevor Richard, Robert & Brenda Robinson, Wally Sporman

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Early	Late	Mon.	Total
Feb 18 Ash Wed.				231
Feb 22	176	197	46	419
Feb 25 Lent 2				220
Mar 1	130	184	40	354
Mar 4 Lent 3				199
Mar 8	122	372	36	530
Mar 11 Lent 4				229
Mar 15	136	148	30	314
Mar 18 Lent 5				209
Mar 22	118	192	33	343

### **Schedules**

#### **Usher**

Apr 5	Team #1	Team #2
Apr 12	Team #3	Team #4
Apr 19	Team #5	Team #6
Apr 25	Team #7	Team #8

#### **Technicians**

S. Heinz	N. White
A. Ferrio	R. Fawcett
J. Arrowsmith	M. Garwick
S. Scott	D. Bula

Maundy Thursday Team #11                      Good Friday: 1 pm Team #12      6:30 pm Team #11  
Easter Sunrise 6:30 pm Team #12

Mon. Apr 6 NO service

Mon. Apr 13 George Hausmann

Mon. Apr 20 Barry Schmidt

Mon. Apr 27 Barry Schmidt

### **Greeters**

Apr 5	Delores Guettler, Nancy Englehardt	Pam Jaskiewicz, Jenny Bennett
Apr 12	Shannon & Dani Guettler	Joan Neal, Mary Masters
Apr 19	Martha Grant, Carol Histed	Ken & Cheryl Blank
Apr 25	Garnet Bogner, Laura Dey	Jim & Linda French, Mary Story

Mon. Apr 6 NO Service

Mon. Apr 13 Kim Lambert

Mon. Apr 20      Bruce Obermiller  
Mon. Apr 26      NONE

## End of February, 2015    Fund Balances

General: \$ - 3,958    Missions: \$ 7,155 (yr)    Building: \$83,168

Dear Lord, we thank you that the days are getting longer and warmer. We also pray to you that we have a good rest of the winter. Keep us safe for these last weeks of the winter. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Logan Pankow, gr 7

## Reports

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Richard Starr

### **TASKS ACCOMPLISHED BY GOD'S GRACE**

1. Prepared and presented paper on congregational counseling to the Pastor/Teacher Conference of the WELS MI District, Northern Conference, at St. John, Pigeon, MI.
2. Preached for mid-week Lenten services in a pulpit exchange with area WELS churches, using the theme: *I Tell You the Truth*.
3. Set bell schedule for March and made bulletin covers through April 5.
4. Hosted the Men Alive! 2015 conference on Feb. 21. There were about 140 men in attendance who were reminded that they are Built to Serve in the Church, Community, Home, and Workplace. The conference received great evaluations from the participants. Work has begun on planning next year's event.
5. Taught LES and public school catechism classes.
6. Reviewed a book for Northwestern Publishing House, entitled Put Jesus in Your Wagon. It is a collection of short stories about Christmas written from a Christian man's perspective.
7. Conducted services at Sheffield Bay (Sunday afternoons) and the Colonnades (Thursday afternoons).
8. Conducted staff meetings with Pastor Pankow and Principal Haefner on a regular basis.
9. Counseled with several members and non-members, giving guidance from God's Word.
10. Served as a forensics judge at the MLS Science and Fine Arts Fair on Sat., March 7, 2015.
11. Kept in contact with my two mentees: pastors in Clare and Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

### **TASKS PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL**

1. Assist with voter's and call meeting on March 15 at 12:15 p.m.
2. Continue preparing worship services, preaching, and leading Sunday School opening devotions.
3. Continue in the Bay Circuit pulpit exchange for mid-week Lenten services, which helps to foster cooperation and fellowship with our sister congregations in the area.
4. Continue to present opportunities for people to thank God for all his blessing through generous and faithful thank-offerings, allowing us to carry out the ministries we have committed to for 2015. January and February have seen us fall behind in our thankofferings.
5. Teach second semester of Youth Catechism classes, teaching the public school class at my home on Tuesday afternoons.
6. Begin work with Resurrection Lutheran Church, Maumee, OH, as a consultant for the WELS Commission on Congregational Counseling. I will be there April 25-26, 2015.
7. Investigate the possibility of Trinity participating in the WELS CCC program.
8. Conduct worship services at Sheffield Bay and Colonnades.
9. Assist with establishing new financial audit procedures.
10. Continue counseling with several people who need help from God's Word.
11. Continue to contact Trinity members who are out of our area or state and encourage them to transfer or request a release since we cannot serve their spiritual needs.

**Thank you for this beautiful day and helping us to drive safely all winter. Please cure all who are sick. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Madelyn Haefner, gr 7**

**Pastor's Report – Pastor Pankow**

Here are some of the things that been happening ...

- Daily devotions
- Beginning of the Deaconess Study
- Sermon prep and delivery
- Sunday School devotions
- Retention committee work - met with committee, made new assignments, met with Bill Rau several times to discuss several of his contacts
- Nursing home services at Colonnades and Sheffield
- Counseling
- Attended Winter Conference in Michigan District
- Attended Heart in Focus
- Attended Men's Conference
- In process of shut ins for March
- Weekly staff meetings
- Personal contact with several members
- Hospital visits

On the personal front:

- Finishing up watching basketball games with kids
- Moved children home from Seminary
- Finished playing in men's basketball league
- Looking forward to Spring

**Thank you Lord for safely bringing us through the night. Please help us to diligently study your word and grow in faith. Also, please help to keep others safe through this cold, icy winter. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Merick Goulet, gr 8**