

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The high holy days are quickly approaching. These most important times in our Christian lives give us hope. Consider your transformation, redemption, and eternal life as you journey with Jesus during Holy Week. Holy Week is experiential. Participate as fully as you are able.

The **Rite of Reconciliation** is available by appointment. Call me at 248 978-5537 for an appointment or leave a message at 517 627-6287 suggesting a convenient time.

Will you journey with Jesus at Trinity during Holy Week? This year Holy Week occurs from Sunday April 5 to Sunday April 12.

The outline of **Holy Week**:

- Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on **Palm Sunday**.
- On **Monday** and **Tuesday** of that week he taught in the Temple in Jerusalem before going to an adjacent village, Bethany, for a rest on **Wednesday**.
- On **Thursday** Jesus returned to Jerusalem and ate the Passover meal in an upper room with his disciples before being betrayed by one of them, Judas Iscariot.
- After praying through the night in the Garden of Gethsemane on **Thursday night**,
- he was crucified on **Good Friday** in the afternoon and
- laid in a tomb on **Good Friday** where he remained for **Saturday**.
- On **Sunday**, that is, after sundown on Saturday, he overcame death and the tomb that we might live also.

At Trinity, journeying with Jesus through Holy Week will be:

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5. 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist

A procession with everyone carrying the ancient sign of victory, the palm branch.

(Meet in the Trinity Room)

- A dramatic reading of The Passion from the Gospel of Mark
- Two anthems of Healey Willan sung by the Parish Choir.
- The year's shortest sermon!

The Triduum (The three days from Thursday evening until Sunday evening)

Maundy Thursday, April 9. 7 pm Eucharist

- We recall the institution of the Lord's Supper, Communion, the Mass
- Sung Eucharist with the Parish Choir.
- The cantor will be the much-loved tenor and voice teacher Bill Henson
- The rector will wash the feet of the parishioners as Jesus did for his disciples.
- The Altar Guild will strip the altar and prepare the church for Good Friday
: during the chanting of Psalm 22

The Thursday All-Night Vigil from 8:30 pm until 11:30 am Friday.

- The Altar of Repose will be in the Trinity Room.
- Enter by the outside door to the Trinity Room.
- One-hour shifts are covered so that there will always be someone present.
- Come for prayer, meditation, and reading in silence.
- Stay as long as you wish

Good Friday, April 10

12:10 Good Friday Liturgy at Trinity with Immanuel Lutheran

- Dramatic reading of the Passion from John's Gospel
- Pastor Rick MacKenzie will preach
- Communion from the reserved sacrament
- Trinity Church will be open for the remaining two hours
of the 12 noon to 3 pm period
- Congregational hymns

7:00 pm Community Good Friday Service at Wacousta United Methodist Church

- Sponsored by the Grand Ledge Clergy
- Service of Tenebrae and the Reproaches
- NO SERMONS
- Immanuel Lutheran Choir

Holy Saturday, April 11

Holy Saturday Liturgy, 10 am

- This service is a prelude to the preparing of the church for Easter
- A twenty-minute service of the Word (without Holy Communion)

Homily about Joseph of Arimathaea by Sam Portaro

The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:30 pm

- Lighting of the Paschal Candle from the New Fire
- Reading of the History of Salvation
with the singing of psalms and canticles by candlelight
- Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- Homily from the Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom
- First Eucharist of Easter
- Bill Henson as cantor

Marian Stolz as organist

Easter Sunday, April 12.

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, spoken)

9:00 am Easter Sunday Breakfast.

The Vestry will be preparing and presenting this meal.

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, sung)

- Prelude begins at 9:50 am
- James and Helen Niblock, strings
- Marian Stolz, organ
- Dan Rodeck, trumpet

Hymns and Anthems of Easter with The Parish Choir

Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 am service

Thanks to those who provided soup and bread for **Wednesdays in Lent**: Ann McMillan on March 4, Bev Seling on March 11, Sallee Anderson on March 18 and Marsha Smith on March 25. Your food was very delicious!!

Thanks to Tom Anderson, John Bundy, John Lanese and others who prepared and entered the Trinity Church float in the **St. Patrick's Parade** in Grand Ledge on Saturday March 14. At the same time, Sallee Anderson and Jill Knaggs were with me for a Saturday meeting of the **Small Church Seminar** in which we are participating through the

Western Seminary of Holland, MI.

Thanks to Jim Cruickshank and Paul Viles for making **Sunday Breakfast** on March 22. There was a great crowd to enjoy their fine food!

Thanks to the **Parish Choir** for their diligence and dedication. I am very pleased with the progress that we are making! Thursday rehearsal begins in the undercroft and continues in the chancel. Singers stand for rehearsal and sing unaccompanied for about ninety percent of the time. Many choir members arrive 30 minutes early to put their music in order for the rehearsal!

Everyone in the choir is learning to read music using *tonic-solfa*, which assists them with the reading of staff notation. If you have seen the 'Sound of Music' [doh a deer, a female deer . . .], you have heard of the system. If you are able to sing the first eight notes of 'Joy to the World' in tune, you are capable of choral success with us. Please speak with me if you are interested in becoming a member of this choir. Rehearsals are from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Thursday and Sunday morning from 9:15 to 9:45.

Wednesdays in Lent finish on April 1 with **Evening Prayer** in the church at **5:30**, **Soup supper** in the undercroft at **6 pm**, and a presentation at 6:30 pm. This week will be the last of the presentations by Diana Butler Bass concerning successful mainline congregations. Thanks to those who have shown delight in looking to our future through Diana's insights from her research for **Christianity for the Rest of Us**.

Wednesday Bible Studies at 2 and 7:30 pm will resume on April 22. We are nearly finished our survey of the Old Testament and will then continue with the New Testament Survey.

I have begun visiting all of the parish families. Please expect a call. I have questions. I hope that we will look for the answers together.

May God richly bless you in His service,

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Altar Guild

Altar Guild members please remember at the Maundy Thursday service, April 9, 7pm., the altar will be stripped; linens will be taken home for cleaning.

Have your brass polished before the Easter vigil on Saturday, April 11.

Altar Flowers

These Sundays are still open for altar flowers, July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 23, 30, September, 20 & 27, and October 11. If you would like to donate flowers for one of these Sundays, please call the church office at 517-627-6287.

Easter Flower Donations

Easter flower donation envelopes are on the table in the narthex

Betty Bottom

Betty Bottom has moved, she is now in Charlotte at the Eaton County Medical Care Facility.

Her new address is:

Betty Bottom

Eaton County Medical Care Facility
530 W. Beech St.

Room 206, Victorian Lane

Charlotte, MI 48813



A great big Thank You to Trinity for the recent United Thank Offering in-gathering. The total so far is \$214.54. Thanks to a very thankful congregation.

Name one thing you are thankful for. This was asked of some of our members last Sunday. The answers were not surprising: My children (BJ), My family (JB), My family (TF), Today's good attendance (NM), The generosity of Trinity (EW).

Counting your blessing may be hard in these troubling times, but it helps us remain on the positive side of things. What are you thankful for today? UTO boxes are available in the narthex and the trinity room.

Real Beauty weekend Conference

The Grand Ledge Baptist Church is hosting a "What Not to Wear" on May 8 & 9, 2009. Guest speaker will be nationally known speaker Shari Braendel (www.sharibraendel.com).

Friday evening will be a night devoted just for girls (ages 8 & up) and their moms. *What Not To Wear – Teen Edition.*

Saturday is a day devoted just for women. *What Not To Wear – A Girlfriends Guide.*

All events will take place at Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1120 W Willow Hwy. on May 8 & 9. Friday evening is from 7-10 pm with doors opening at 6 pm. Friday tickets are \$10. Saturday is from 10 am to 3 pm with doors opening and individual color analysis available at 9 am. Saturday tickets are \$20, which includes lunch. If tickets are still available, the cost at the door for Friday will be \$15 and Saturday \$25. Tickets can be purchased at either Grand Ledge Baptist Church office or Immanuel Community Reformed Church office, or email realbeauty-weekend@gmail.com.

"Joy in the Jungle"

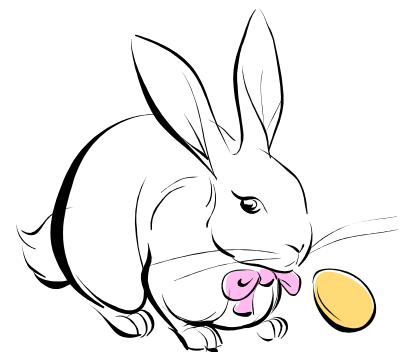
"Joy in the Jungle" a celebration for women, is a Christ-centered women's conferences in Lansing on May 2, 2009 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 East St. Joe Hwy, 517-882-8665. More information and registration form on the table in the undercroft.

Quilt Show & Silent Auction

Habitat for Humanity's 8th Annual Quilt Show and Silent Auction will take place at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Hemmeter Road at Weiss in Saginaw, Michigan on April 17-19, 2009. For more information contact Jane Werner 989-326-1192.

Capital Region Community Foundation

If you or someone you know is in the possession of a cemetery plot that is no longer needed due to a change in final arrangements, the Capital Region Community Foundation asks that you please consider donating the plot to their organization. The Community Foundation works with local funeral directors to grant the plots to less fortunate individuals in the tri-county area who otherwise do not have the means. By donating your plot, you will be providing a valuable resource to the needy in your community while being eligible for a charitable deduction under Federal Law. If interested please contact Traci Goulding at 517-272-287. The Capital Region Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been serving the area since 1987.



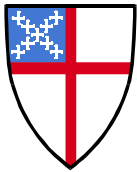
Happy Easter

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Our Mission Statement

Trinity Episcopal Church is an inclusive environment, open to everyone, actively promoting God's love in our community and the world through liturgical worship and outreach.

Interim Priest

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Service Schedule

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m..

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