



**HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!**  
News for the week of January 18, 2026

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

- **The Chytil family**
- **Linda Richter**, preparing to undergo testing and surgery

*Have a prayer request? Please share it with us! If you (or a friend) desire to be included in the newsletter prayer list and in the Prayers of the Church at weekend services, call 242-2308 or email [kkruger@trinitylutheranmonroe.org](mailto:kkruger@trinitylutheranmonroe.org).*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS INSTALLATION** Those elected to serve on Trinity's Board of Directors will be installed during services this weekend. A special welcome to new board members Scott Essex, Lance LeFevre, and Bryan McIntyre (elected at the Nov. 16 voters' meeting), and heartfelt thanks to outgoing members Deb Saul, Jim Vallade, and Sarah Younglove. Please join us in prayer for all those who serve our congregation in decision-making vocations: *Almighty God, direct and guide us by Your Holy Spirit both to plan and to accomplish those things that will benefit Your Church and glorify Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (LSB p. 307)*



**MEETING RECORDING** Missed the Jan. 12 Town Hall meeting with Pastor Grenz? A recording will be made available on our YouTube page ([youtube.com/@TrinityLutheranChurchMonroe](https://youtube.com/@TrinityLutheranChurchMonroe)).

**SPECIAL PROJECTS SURVEY** Pastor Grenz and the Special Projects Team (formerly the "Dream Team") are compiling a list of events, fundraisers, and other initiatives Trinity has hosted in the past and/or might host in the future. Please [click here](#) to add your project to the list.

**SECURITY TRAINING** Elders, ushers, Communion assistants, and any others interested in serving on a potential security team are asked to attend a security training event with Pastor Grenz and Julian Petzold (Lion Safety Consulting) on Sunday, Feb. 1. A light lunch will be served after church, and the training will last from approximately 1:00-4:00pm.

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** Want to make a bigger difference? Now's your chance! For the next several months, every donation to the Staff Tuition Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$20,000! Your support will provide the children of our dedicated staff members with a scholarship to attend our school and receive a quality education. Together, we can support our staff and invest in the future of their children!

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** The Community Foundation of Monroe County, through the generous donation of Milt and Sally Knabusch, invites individuals pursuing careers in Lutheran churches and schools to apply for the Milt and Sally Knabusch Ministerial and Parochial School Teacher Scholarship. Deadline to apply is Feb. 21 – please visit [www.cfmonroe.org](http://www.cfmonroe.org) (or contact the church office) for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – FUNERAL DINNER TEAM** We give thanks to God for the faithful service of all who make it possible for Trinity to offer funeral dinners to families who've suffered loss. These meals are a great blessing to grieving families. Our team leader, Kelly Greer, generously donates her time and culinary expertise to prepare hot dishes, serve, and clean up after 50-125 guests at each meal, but she is in need of additional volunteers to provide salads and desserts. The larger our pool of willing volunteers, the less often individuals will be called upon to help. Would you prayerfully consider joining the team? Please call Kelly (734-693-3411) or the church office (242-2308).



**TLS BAND CONCERT** On Friday, Jan. 23, 5-8 grade Trinity Lutheran band students will proudly present their winter concert (under the direction of Mr. Dom Santini) at 6:00pm in the church. Congregation members are warmly invited to attend – come support the efforts of our young musicians!

**FAITH, FAMILY AND FUN** Our Wednesday night gatherings continue this week – join us for dinner (5p) and a slate of studies for youth and adults of all ages (5:45p). Questions? Please contact the office (734-242-2308). Hope to see you on Wednesday!

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY SUMMIT** You're invited to attend the Michigan District's 2026 Congregational Ministry Summit, "Live to Tell About It!", on Saturday, January 31, at St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center in Frankenmuth. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler of Lutheran Hour Ministries; many breakout speakers will also present on topics such as prayer, family discipleship, healthy church meetings, church partnerships, mental health, cultural differences, and bleacher evangelism. General registration is \$40 (student price is \$30) and includes a boxed lunch, or you may register to view the livestream at no cost. Visit <https://michigandistrict.org/event/live-to-tell-about-it/> for more information or to register online.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** This weekend's flowers are given in memory of Lois Vorrath's birthday (Jan. 19) by Scott and Shelly Vorrath. If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/memory of someone, contact Shelly Vorrath at (734) 621-3548 or email: [1wyldkingdom@comcast.net](mailto:1wyldkingdom@comcast.net). The sign-up board is posted on the wall near the rear of the sanctuary. If you sign up on the flower board, please include your phone number and email address.



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### THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

*(Please contact the church office for more information)*

**Sunday, 1/18:** Worship @ 8:15a – HC (*usher team B-4*)  
Bible Study @ 9:30a in the gym  
0-3 Bible Study @ 9:30a in Faith's Odys. Rm.  
Worship @ 10:45a (*usher team A-4*)  
Trinity Family Meal @ 6p

**Monday, 1/19:** Bible Study @ 1p in the chapel  
Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.

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Choir @ 7p in the chapel

**Wednesday, 1/21:** Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds  
Faith, Family & Fun @ 5:00p in the gym

**Thursday, 1/22:** Bible Study @ 10am in Graceful Grounds  
Board of Directors @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.

**Saturday, 1/24:** Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Grounds  
Braille @ 9a in the church basement  
Bible Study @ 5p in the chapel  
Worship @ 6p (*usher team A-3*)

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday – "Small Books of the Bible" -  
9:30am in the gym  
"Zero-Three Bible Study" -  
9:30am in Faith's Odys. Rm.

Monday – "Will the Real Jesus Please  
Stand Up?" - 1pm in chapel

Wednesday – Agape women's studies -  
9am & 11:30am  
Faith, Family and Fun –  
5pm in the gym

Thursday – "Hope in the Wilderness" -  
10am in Graceful Grounds

Saturday – Fuhlbrigge Bible Study  
9am in Graceful Grounds  
"Small Books of the Bible"  
5pm in the chapel

1/9 & 1/10 attendance: 6:00p – 76 8:15a – 70 10:45a – 101

### Weekend Service Times

Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Homebound? Ill? Watch our 8:15 a.m. service live on Facebook on Sunday mornings.

### Office Contact Information

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*In need of pastoral care? Pastor Grenz may be reached at (734) 309-6092.*

**Websites** – [www.tlcmonroe.org](http://www.tlcmonroe.org) (church) & [www.tlsmonroe.org](http://www.tlsmonroe.org) (school)

**Facebook** – Trinity Lutheran Church Monroe & Trinity Lutheran School Monroe