



HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!
News for the week of September 20, 2026

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- **Greg Gruber**, hospitalized last week

OPEN HOUSE This summer's construction projects are complete, and you're warmly invited to attend an open house event showcasing the finished work! Major updates include fire doors in each school hallway, electrical upgrades, a redesigned resource room, and a new school library. Join us **next Saturday, September 26** (after service) or **Sunday, September 27** (between services, or after the 10:45a service) in the school. Questions? Please contact TLS Principal Tracey Hackbarth (thackbarth@trinitylutheranmonroe.org). Hope to see you on the 26th or 27th!

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION PRESENTATION Congratulations, Trinity Lutheran School! Michigan Lutheran Schools Superintendent Travis Grulke joined us for services last weekend to present Trinity's National Lutheran Schools Accreditation Certificate. NLSA has been accrediting schools in the LCMS since 1987. To become accredited in good standing, a school must fully comply with 30 required indicators of success. Following a self-study, an NLSA team visited Trinity earlier this year to interview school stakeholders and observe overall school practices. We give thanks to God for the blessing of faithful teachers, administrators, and support staff, and for the opportunity to daily share His Word with our students and their families. To God be the glory!



YOUTH GROUP High school students are invited to join Mendy Grenz for study of God's Word, lunch, and fellowship each Sunday afternoon this fall from 12:00-2:00pm in the youth room. Middle school students are encouraged to gather from 5:45-6:45pm each Wednesday evening (during Faith, Family and Fun) for their own time of study and games! Please text Mendy (734-309-6093) with any questions.

DINNER AUCTION MEETING Tom & Stephanie Morgan are organizing a dinner auction (planned for early 2027) in support of our Trinity Tomorrow capital campaign. If you'd like to lend a hand, please join the Morgans on Monday, September 28, at 6:30pm in the chapel for a planning meeting. Your help is greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED – APPLIANCE REPAIR Have experience working on appliances, or know someone who does? We could use your help! Our school's electric dryer is in need of repair, and we're seeking a volunteer who may be able to replace the heating element. If repairs aren't feasible, we'd also be grateful for the donation of another dryer in good working condition. Please contact Rich Hackbarth (rhackbarth@trinitylutheranmonroe.org) for details.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES Do you have a son or daughter, a granddaughter or grandson settling in at college? The ladies of WinGS want to pray for them, and to send cards of encouragement and little gifts to let college students know they are not forgotten. To register your student to receive a care package, please complete a "back to college" form (available on the church information tables and in the office) and submit it to an Elder or the office.



RECONCILIATION TEAM UPDATE The reconciliation team held its first meeting on Thursday, September 10. Pastor Drew Gruenhagen and Pastor Joe Polzin were there representing the Michigan District. Others in attendance were Kevin Weilnau (Head Elder), Tracey Hackbarth (TLS Principal), Henry Werner (Board of Directors Vice-President), and Cathy Toburen (Board President). The purpose of this kickoff meeting was to share information with the MI District about certain things that have taken place over the last few months and to figure out next steps. The pastors were given a list of people that we suggested they interview. They are conducting some of those interviews this week and will be reporting back to Pastor David Davis, Michigan District President, to determine how best to proceed. We thank you for your patience as we work through this process and ask for continued prayers for the ministry at Trinity and all involved.

FAITH, FAMILY AND FUN Our Wednesday night gatherings continue this week – please join us for dinner (5p) and a new slate of studies for youth and adults of all ages (beginning at 5:45pm). Flyers with details on class offerings (and meal menus) are available on the church information tables, or from the office.

GRACE LUTHERAN CRAFT SHOW Grace Lutheran Ladies' Society will host a craft show and cookie sale Saturday, October 17, from 9:00am-3:00pm (630 N. Monroe St., Monroe). Crafters are wanted – call Grace's office (734-242-1401) or send an email to susanrafkobayer@gmail.com to reserve your space (\$35 for one 8-foot table; \$60 for two; payment due by Wednesday, October 1). All are invited to come and shop for unique crafts, Christmas gifts, seasonal décor, and more!

ALTAR FLOWERS This weekend's flowers are given by Greg & Karen Brown, who are "celebrating 58 years of love, laughter...and lunacy". 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. 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. Flowers may be taken home after the 10:45a service on Sunday.



THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

(Please contact the church office for more information)

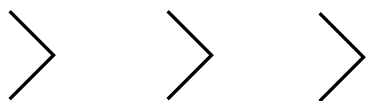
Sunday, 9/20: Worship @ 8:15a – HC (*usher team C-1*)
Bible Study @ 9:30a in Graceful Grounds
Young Adult Study @ 9:30a in youth room
0-3 Bible Study @ 9:30a in Faith's Odys. Rm.
Worship @ 10:45a (*usher team D-1*)
High School Youth @ 12p in the youth room
Trinity Family Meal @ 6p

Tuesday, 9/22: Choir @ 7p in the chapel

Wednesday, 9/23: Agape @ 11:30a in Graceful Grounds
Faith, Family and Fun @ 5p in the gym

Saturday, 9/26: Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Grounds
Braille @ 9a in the church basement
Bible Study @ 5p in the chapel
Worship @ 6p (*usher team A-3*)
Open House @ 7p in the school

9/12 & 9/13 attendance: 6:00p – 75 8:15a – 91 10:45a – 88



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday – Adult Bible Study -
9:30am in Graceful Grounds
Young Adult Bible Study -
9:30am in the youth room
Zero-Three Bible Study -
9:30am in Faith's Odys. Rm.

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

Saturday – Fuhlbrigge Bible Study –
9am in Graceful Grounds
Adult Bible Study –
5pm in the chapel

THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for this weekend's services
include Proverbs 24:3-4,
2 Timothy 3:14-15 & John 14:18-24*

"Because I live, you also will live."

John 14:19b

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.

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Facebook – Trinity Lutheran Church Monroe & Trinity Lutheran School Monroe