

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

October is upon us, as is the busyness of Fall. Many students are involved in seasonal activities, football, marching band, cross country, swimming, soccer, homecomings, and dances.

There's also the busyness of attending these and other events. The same is true for us at Trinity. We've had a very busy September!

The biggest activity was our rummage sale, the first in a very long time. Under the leadership of Mary K Freel and Carolyn Pawlaczyk, so many people helped out. Carrying in donation items, sorting, pricing, making and putting up signs. Baking for the bake sale, working the rummage and bake sales, greeting shoppers, cleaning up, delivering excess items to places that could use them, and doing whatever was needed. It was hard work, fun, and built community.

This is the life of ministry with Christ. There are times of less activity and times of more activity. There are specific actions that need to take place and can be planned for while other things reveal themselves in the moment.

Sometimes the activities are the things of life, baptism, confirmation, marriage, death, and other momentous events. Sometimes they are recurrent celebrations like birthdays, anniversaries, and special holidays. And sometimes they are surprising moments that reveal God's goodness.

Maybe you're busy with some of these Fall activities at Trinity or outside Trinity. Maybe you're on overload, maybe you're energized.

One important thing to remember is to pay attention to our physical bodies. Psalm 139:14a says, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." We thank God for our wonderful bodies that teach us how to care for ourselves and therefore allow us to better care for one another.

It's always important to pay attention to where the Spirit is leading us so that we may follow. And that includes paying attention to our bodies and souls. When we engage in activities that take lots of energy, it is vital to rejuvenate and replenish that energy so we are of best use to ourselves, others, and God.

How are you doing in this regard? Are you engaging in activities that are life-giving or need to get done and/or take a lot of energy? Finding a balance between them is great, and when that doesn't happen, we can take a time out. Take a nap, sit quietly, take a walk, pray, read the Bible, read a novel, paint or draw a picture, take some photographs. Do whatever it is that feeds your soul and then jump back in again.

It's a busy time. In what ways are you caring for yourself?

In Christ's love,
Rev. Sue

Thank You!

THANK YOU TO

Mary K Freel and Carolyn Pawlaczyk for coordinating our first rummage sale in a long time and to all those who donated, sorted, priced and baked for the bake sale.

Trinity Band for their river music, Ann Shea & Denise Middleton for preparing the worship space and eating space, and to Archie Duncan for grilling for our combined worship with St. Alban's at Bigelow Park.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Michelle Hunsberger for getting the Sunday School up and running! The children and youth are excited about it!

In Christian Sympathy

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

Rayechel Berger on the death of her father, Randall Neiman, who died on September 10.

The family of Kurt Carlstrom who died on September 13.



Birthdays

Levi Keeler
David Maxim
Randall Brown
Rev. Sue Rich
Andrew Denay
Madden Brady
David York
Brennan Denay
Jacob Suchodolski-Denham
Linda Ryder
Lauren Denay
Terry Oliver

Anniversaries

Steve and Susan Beckert
Rodney and Faith Culler

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

The Order of St. Luke is a healing ministry. Both Rev. Sue and Archie Duncan are now licensed to teach the bible study, "The 26 Healing Miracles of Jesus". You are cordially invited to join in this amazing bible study.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday Funday is back! On Sunday, October 13th, following the service, we will have Sloppy Joes and then play Left, Right, Center. Please stay for food, fun, and fellowship!



TRINITY HARVEST SUPPER

Tuesday, October 15th, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM,
 Adults \$17 (Presale \$15- through Oct. 13th),
 Children 4-10 \$5, Info and Presale 892-5813.
 Roast Beef and all the fixins.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. We are a little behind selling tickets and advertising. Please help us by telling your family and friends. Also, posting this event on your social media, and asking others to repost it for you, would be greatly appreciated.

There is a sign-up sheet for workers in the social hall.

**Upcoming
EVENTS**

SPECIAL OCTOBER DATES

- Sat, Oct 5 at 11am – Blessing of the Animals
- Sun, Oct 6 – 100-year rededication of the reredos and visit from Canon Sunil Chandy Friends of Music’s Bring Your Empty Can Day
- Sat, Oct 12 – 11am, Kurt Carlstrom’s memorial service
- Sat, Oct 12 – 4pm Trunk or Treat at/with St. Alban’s, 3:15pm set up
- Sun, Oct 13 – Trinity Band, Sunday Funday
- Tues, Oct 15 – 5-7pm, Harvest Dinner
- Oct 18-19 – Diocesan Convention

MEN’S OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Men’s Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm. They will meet at Coonan’s this month on October.



DIOCESAN JUNCTURE UPDATE

At our diocesan convention on October 18-19, we will officially become the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes with Western Michigan. Our delegates to convention are: Archie Duncan, Mickie Leibrand, Carolyn Pawlaczyk, Kylene Sutter and Rev. Sue Rich. Grace Gray was appointed as a youth delegate again! They will provide information upon their return.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Trinity’s Christmas Bazaar will be November 2nd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. WE NEED VENDORS!! Maybe you have a craft or items you’d like to sell? Maybe you have a relative who has some craft or sells something like Paprazzi or Tupperware or-----you see where we’re going with this. Contact Mary K Chief Elf at sunbeam@att.net or call the office.



SAVE THE DATE

- Sat, Nov 2 – 9am-3pm, Holiday Bazaar with bake sale & lunch
- Sun, Nov 3 – All Saints’ Sunday remembering those who died in the past year, Daylight Savings Time, Sunday Funday, Friends of Music Empty Can Day
- Sun, Nov 10 – Trinity Band
- Mon, Nov 11 – 11am, Tolling of the Bells for Veterans’ Day
- Sun, Nov 24 – 4pm, Harvest Evensong



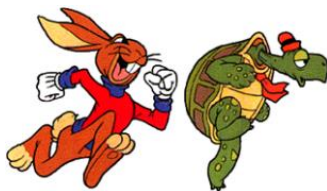
Mary K was hiding behind the pole 😊

JOINT EUCHARIST WITH ST. ALBAN'S

We gathered on Sunday, September 15th for a joint Eucharist and picnic at Bigelow Park with St. Alban's. The weather was perfect, the view of the river was beautiful, and the Trinity Band outdid themselves! They chose songs about the river – just perfect! Thanks to Chef Archie Duncan for grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs to perfection! Thanks to Rev. Sue and Rev. Nancy for beautiful service and thanks to all who attended and brought food. Last but not least, thanks to Denise Middleton and Ann Shea for doing all the shopping and transporting everything back and forth! It was a great day with lots of great fellowship!

FRIENDS OF MUSIC CAN DRIVES

Please save your empty cans for Friends of Music as we begin monthly empty can drives again on the first Sunday of the month.



Have you fallen behind on your pledge payments over the summer? If so, please try to catch up before the end of the year. Thank you!

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

St. Elizabeth's Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us at 11am at Trinity to write cards and/or at 12:30pm lunch: October 10 lunch will be at Broadway Grill. All are invited!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Do you like to work behind the scenes to help make our worship service uplifting to all? Please contact Archie Duncan if you would like to learn be a part of a rotation of people to work the audio and/or visual technology during our worship. He's offering training to all interested parties.

Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.

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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

DID YOU KNOW?

During the school year, we have students come in from Bay Arenac Intermediate School District twice a week to do some cleaning and other jobs. Thanks to Tracey Krzysik who coordinates this program.



...welcome him
as you would
welcome me.
PHILEMON 1:17, NRSV

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Please note: Our virtual services are live streamed or recorded/preserved to be available to others by way of our website, social media, or other on-line platforms. Even though there is no deliberate attempt to include the congregation in the broadcast or publication, you are hereby notified there is the possibility of your image being shown and your presence and participation constitutes your permission for that to occur.



CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee

and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org, click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.

The harvest is *plentiful,*



but the laborers are *few...*
Luke 10:2, NRSV

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to or remove from our prayer list, please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call the office at 989-892-5813.



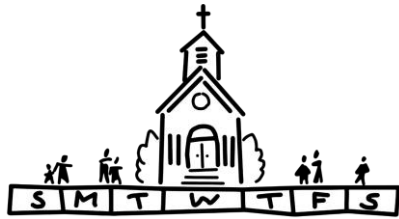
Did You Know?

Relief, in carving, comes from the Italian word, "relievare," meaning "to raise." In sculpture, it is any work in which the figures project from a supporting background. In Trinity's reredos, the three central panels are carved in high-relief (more than half of the implied thickness is carved). Work of Bavarian-born artisan, Alois Lang, 1924. This year Trinity celebrates 100 years of these beautiful wood carvings.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

As a way to offer enduring support ministry here, please consider putting Trinity in your will.





Weekly here at Trinity

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays:

Worship @ 10am

FOF doors open 1:30, meal served 2:30

Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous 10am

Tuesdays: Compline online 9pm

Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer online 11:30am

Thursdays:

Fun & Games 1pm

Senior Choir rehearsal 7pm

Overeaters Anonymous 7pm

Compline online 9pm

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm



TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 12th, we will be joining St. Alban's for their Trunk or Treat event. It will be held in St. Alban's parking lot. Set up is at 3:15pm.



FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Please make sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel, like our Facebook page and then share our events and posts on Facebook. We get lots of views when you share our posts and services!



FUN & GAMES

Just as a reminder - Fun & Games meets every Thursday from 1-3 pm in the Parish Hall.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that information gets to us! Thank you.

CHIMES

Putting Chimes together each month, is a group effort. I want to take a moment to thank all of you that help me with getting the information to me and editing my verbiage. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. There's too many to mention, but you know who you are, and I'm grateful!

Trinity Church Her People, Her Building Then and Now

*Alois Lang -
Sculptor of Trinity's Reredos*

Alois Lang (1871-1954) was a master woodcarver at the American Seating Company and one of the artists responsible for bringing the medieval art of ecclesiastical carving to life in the United States.

Born in Oberammergau, Bavaria (southern Germany), in 1871, Alois Lang came from a family with a long heritage of woodcarving having been involved with the craft since the early 1700s. The town itself has a tradition of woodcarving going back to at least the 12th century.

He was apprenticed to his cousin Andreas Lang around the age of 14 and began to hone his skills in this fine craft. He later spent one year's study with the great sculptor Fortunato Galli in Florence, Italy.

In 1890, he immigrated to the U.S., soon finding work in Boston carving elaborate mantelpieces for Back Bay families. In 1903, he moved westward, joining the American Seating Company, head-quartered in Chicago, and worked at the company's Manitowac, Wisconsin site, where ecclesiastical work was done. Upon the site's closure he moved to the company's Grand Rapids, Michigan location in 1927.

In 1923, Trinity Church commissioned the reredos (carved altar screen) behind the High Altar. Though we don't know the exact date Mr. Lang started the oak carvings, there is no doubt countless hours were involved for such a large task – three high-relief sculpted panels of the Crucifixion, Transfiguration and Supper at Emmaus, flanked by figures of St. Peter and St. Paul executed as sculpture in the round.

Parish records tell us Mr. Lang was present when Michigan Bishop Page dedicated the reredos to the Glory of God on October 5, 1924.

Afterwards, a reception was held in Mr. Lang's honor in the newly expanded Parish Hall. It must have been very moving to have witnessed this event and to have met this fine man.

Alois Lang was in his early 50s when he executed Trinity's reredos. He went to his eternal home in 1954 in his early 80s. Looking closely at his work, we can see Christ's suffering and the sorrow in the faces of those near Him. The other carvings give a sense as if you were almost there with them during the events portrayed.

Alois' deep faith, and patient skill have brought the gospel story to life. His legacy and fine craftsmanship live on today as his work still tells the story of our faith and salvation.



Above, Mr. Lang pictured working on one of the several Last Supper carvings that he executed for various churches.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

In-person and Online:

Sunday-10:00 AM – Holy Communion

Online only:

Wednesday-11:30 AM – Morning Prayer

Tues & Thurs-9:00 PM – Compline

FOOD OF FAITH

Sundays: 1:30 PM – Doors open

2:30PM – Meal served

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 9am-1pm

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MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage growth through fellowship, follow the teachings of Jesus, and reach out to our community through prayer and service.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to grow the body of Christ by being a welcoming, vibrant, service-based faith community that actively lives our values, especially the commandment to “love God and our neighbor.”

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