

# THE MESSENGER

Trinity Methodist Church, Lapeer

May 2025

## THE LOBBSTER TALE

What a wonderful Easter Sunday we experienced this year! The music was majestic, the sanctuary was packed, which included a number of visitors and members that we had not seen in worship for a while. We had all ages represented and we joyfully celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus! It was a wonderful morning!

Now we start the month of May. Flowers and trees are starting to bloom, the grass is growing and the days are getting longer and warmer each week. Before we know it, we will be celebrating Memorial Day on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

I believe that the people involved in Trinity Church are becoming closer to each other and learning to love their fellow attenders more and more. People are not in a hurry to leave the building on Sundays and enjoy having conversations.

I think that we do a pretty good job of welcoming visitors and we are improving upon inviting our family and friends who are not involved in a church to consider attending here.

Some regular activities will be taking the summer off, such as choir practice, handbell practice, Kid's Street, MomCo and Sunday School. We will still serve our free Monday meal and provide bags of food and personal needs items to support people going through difficult financial times. And, of course, we will gather on Sunday mornings as a congregation to worship and praise the Lord! We are blessed!!

Have a great month,

***Pastor Grant***





CAMP NEWS-Thank you everyone who supported the noisy (silent) offering. All the proceeds from each of these events go toward sending kids to camp. Camp is July 7th thru the 10th. It runs from 8:30 til 4:30. Lunch and snacks are provided. If you have kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, or just know of kids who would enjoy camp they are welcome. Applications will be available soon on the table in the lobby, **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!** If you have any questions, please contact me at 810-577-4191.



The Kid Street program will be ending this season on May 14th. Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this year so special.

*Debbie Muldoon, Christian Education Director*



**THURSDAY, May 8th**  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Take out dinner fundraiser for sending kids to camp.  
Drive to upper parking lot to place orders and pick up  
at lower level door. Free Will Offering!

**TRINITY CHRISTIAN MEN'S GROUP**

**MONDAY, May 5th @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Leo's Restaurant**

**All men invited!**

Thanks for supporting  
the youth at the Easter  
breakfast and the  
Sonrise Service. Several  
youth were very nervous  
but they felt the love  
from the congregation.  
Thanks for supporting  
their efforts.

**FILL A BOTTLE  
SAVE A LIFE**



***This unique fundraiser starts May 18th  
and ends on June 15th.*** Plan to take home  
a baby bottle from the lobby at the church  
and fill it with change, some bills or a  
check. Or you can turn in a check to the  
church office in an envelope labeled  
"Pregnancy Center". This bottle Campaign

accounts for 1/3 of the center's annual budget. The center  
provides free services to women in the community. Services  
include pregnancy tests, options counseling, Ultrasound and  
parent mentoring.



## TRINITY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

This month's meeting, May 12th, will have Dr. Barb and Mark Foran as our guests. Dr. Barb is a veterinarian who works with the Pokot tribe in Kenya. They were restricted from travelling to that area for 5 years and recently went back. During their stay, they immunized 8000 sheep and goats (in 5 days) while the Gospel was being shared! **Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the North Parlor.**



Our annual rummage sale will be **Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th**. Items can be brought in to Room 106 during office hours and the week of the sale. **Again, we will be not accepting any clothing—and no large furniture or appliances.** Sign up sheets will be out or you to volunteer to help! We need lots of help! Set up will begin on Tuesday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m.



THE MOMCO

Don't forget—our Mom 2 Mom Sale & Craft Fair is coming up on Saturday, May 3rd! In addition to tons of gently used children's items and local vendor booths, we'll have a food truck and coffee bar available outdoors—AND, a petting zoo and bounce house! Hours are 9-1 p.m. Early admission at 8:30 a.m. for \$4. Regular admission for indoor shopping is \$3.

Outdoor shopping and food vendors are open to the public—no admission needed! Come support local moms, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the community. We hope to see you there!

## OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

What is LoveINC (Love In the Name of Christ) and how does Trinity participate? LoveINC is a faith based non-profit that assists churches and other community organizations in meeting the needs of people in the local area. Currently, 22 churches in Lapeer participate along with several other service ministries.

In the past, when a person came to the church requesting assistance, the church staff would do their best to determine what help was needed and what they were able to offer. Now, however, the staff directs the person to LoveINC, located on North M-24, just past Davis Lake Rd., behind the Church of Christ. The staff at LoveINC evaluates the individual or family on a case-by-case basis with care and respect and determines the needs. To qualify for assistance they must be at or below 150% of the U.S. poverty level. For a family of 4 that would be \$48,400.00 annual income. A family could need help with food, clothing, housing, utilities, transportation, personal care items, or furniture. No church could provide for all of these, but LoveINC knows which services are available and where. LoveINC then provides a voucher to the church or agency requesting their specific help for the need. This frees churches from the burden of trying to determine who, and how to help.

LoveINC lives by the motto: A hand up, not a hand out. They work with other agencies to help resolve the problems that lead to the need to ask for help. The Refuge, Pregnancy Center, Salvation Army, LACADA, are examples.

Trinity Methodist Church is known as a giving and praying congregation. It seems, no need or request goes unanswered once the congregation is made aware of it. It might amaze and challenge you to know that above and beyond our budget needs to maintain the church, our food and personal needs pantry is receiving requests of \$2,500.00-\$3,000.00 per month! Who knew? Now you know.

We pray you will continue your faithful giving to the General Fund of the church to maintain our facility and staff, but also consider the needs beyond our walls. As a body of Christ, we can rise together as the Holy Spirit leads, to provide for the "hidden" needs we have in our community.



### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

05/02	Carolyn Elzerman
05/04	Madeline Vangel
05/05	Fred McAlpine
05/07	Lynn Hable
05/09	Nancy VanWagoner
05/10	Shannon Florshinger
05/10	Debi Lobb
05/10	Deanne Schlusler
05/11	Chris Perry
05/11	Sheila Ward
05/16	Jim Andrews
05/16	Dale Parsons
05/20	Ramsey Kress
05/20	Miya McRorie
05/20	Sue Wojcicki
05/21	Aiden Florshinger
05/21	Clare Richmond
05/22	Sarah McFarland
05/23	Mike Best
05/23	Corbett McCoy
05/23	Cash Muldoon
05/23	Taylor Muldoon
05/23	Parker Ward
05/23	Evangelyste Palmer
05/27	Ed Smith
05/29	Brendan Hall
05/30	Darlene Pinkston

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

05/03	Carl & Sally Gillies
05/06	Steve & Amy Morehead
05/13	Jason & Milissa Louwaert
05/13	Bob & Karen Rapson
05/24	David & Peggy Wenzel



Please continue praying for the following:

Kim Schoeppach  
Ken Nelson  
Dorothy Mumford  
Beth Bungard

The Haskell Family  
The Stuart Family  
The Hable Family  
The Rosebush Family  
The Carr Family  
The Morey Family



### GATHER TOGETHER POTLUCK

Plan to join us for our Gather Together potluck following the 10 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 4th. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided. Last one until Fall.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—ALL CHURCH PICNIC JULY 20TH!!**

# May 2025



## Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9 - 3 p.m.

Preaching Schedule:

May 4, 11, 18, 25 — Rev. Grant Lobb

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> 10:00a Worship <b>11:15a Gather</b> <b>Together Potluck</b> 4:00p LCCC Spring Concert	<b>5</b> 9:00a TCW Exec Board 10:00a Pantry Activities 3:30p Food for Families 6:00p TCM @ Leo's	<b>6</b> 9:00a MomCo 9:30a Tuesday Quilters 6:30p Bell Choir Practice 6:30p Trustees	<b>7</b> 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 3:30p Kids Street 5:45p Night Time @ Kids Street 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Choir Practice	<b>8</b> <b>4:00p Spaghetti Dinner</b> 7:00p Revelation Bible Study	<b>9</b> 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	<b>10</b> 8:00a Mom2Mom Sale
<b>11 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 10:00a Worship 11:00a Sunday School	<b>12</b> 10:00a Pantry Activities 3:30p Food for Families 7:00p TCW Unit Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:30a Tuesday Quilters 6:30p Bell Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 3:30p Kids Street 5:45p Night Time @ Kids Street 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 7:00p Revelation Bible Study	<b>16</b> 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10:00a Worship 11:00a Sunday School	<b>19</b> 10:00a Pantry Activities 3:30p Food for Families 6:00p Finance Committee 7:00p Worship Committee	<b>20</b> 9:00a MomCo 9:30a Tuesday Quilters 6:30p Christian Ed Committee	<b>21</b> 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 10:30a MomCo Homesteading Class 7:00p Revelation Bible Study	<b>23</b> 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00a Worship 11:00a Sunday School	<b>26</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 3:30p Food for Families	<b>27</b> 9:30a Tuesday Quilters 7:00p Administrative Council	<b>28</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p Youth Group	<b>29</b> 7:00p Revelation Bible Study	<b>30</b> 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	<b>31</b>

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