

## Opera à la Carte

Sunday afternoon

March 18, 4 p.m.

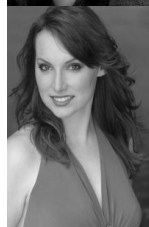
*Celebration of Music*

Concert Series Ensemble

## Trinity Members Host Home Stays

In regard to home stays, we'll need homes the evening of March 17th for 5 performers: 2 males and 3 females. Homes should be non-smoking and each performer should have his or her own room as well as access to a bathroom. The baritone is allergic to cats, but otherwise if someone had pets that would be ok. The performers are given per diems for meals but if families wanted to cook for them or take them out to dinner, that's always welcome! The baritone, Elliot, and the soprano, Angela are vegetarians. Performers will depart roughly an hour before show time to arrive at the venue, so families should expect guests from evening time until 2 in the afternoon. If you'll let us know who the host families are in advance I can put our singers in touch with them directly and they can get to know one another as well as arrange arrival times that are mutually convenient.

Please contact Sid Hoeksema, [sidney.hoeksema@tlcgr.org](mailto:sidney.hoeksema@tlcgr.org) if you are interested in hosting a singer!



# Trinity's Weekly Connection

- Today at Trinity: Sunday, Feb. 19

### Worship:

- Traditional services, 8:15 & 11:15 a.m.
- Rejoice contemporary services, 9 & 10 a.m.
- Accidental Bells, 12:30 p.m.

### Discover:

- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- High School Education, 10 a.m.
- Adult Education, 10 a.m.
- Mission Trip Meeting, 1:15 p.m.
- Sunday Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- ABC, 6 p.m.
- Middle School Youth Group, 7 p.m.



Ash Wednesday Services:

Wednesday, Feb. 22

4 and 7 p.m.

## This Week at Trinity

### Monday, Feb. 20:

- Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
- Needles, Hooks & Books, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 21:

- Women's Bible Studies, 9:30 a.m.
- Sarah Guild at the home of Margaret Crummel, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Feb. 22: (Ash Wednesday)

- Pastor Sarah's Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
- Quilting, 10 a.m.
- REMINDER, No dinner served this week.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 4 p.m.
- ~~Alleluia Chimers, 6-6:30 p.m. Canceled~~
- ~~Cantus Choir, 6-6:30 p.m. Canceled~~
- Homework Room, Movie Room & Nursery, 6 p.m.
- ~~Augsburg Choir, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Canceled~~
- Zumba, 6:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.
- ~~Trinity Lutheran Chorale, 7:15-8 p.m. Canceled~~

### Thursday, Feb. 23:

- Messenger Assembly, 10 a.m.
- Resound Bells, 6 p.m.
- Stephen Leader Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 24:

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
- AA, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 25:

- High School Youth Worship, 5 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 26: Grace Groups Begin

- Traditional Worship: 8:15 & 11:15 a.m.
- Rejoice Contemporary Worship: 9 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday School, Adult Education and High School Education, 10 a.m.
- Accidental Bells, 12:30 p.m.
- ABC class, 6 p.m.
- Sunday Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- MSYG, 7 p.m.

Looking for more details? See the calendar on our website: [www.tlcgr.org](http://www.tlcgr.org)



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Rev. Galen Knutson, Intentional Interim Senior Pastor (ext. 15), [galen.knutson@tlcgr.org](mailto:galen.knutson@tlcgr.org)  
Rev. Sarah Stobie, Associate Pastor (ext. 24), 616-291-6997 (cell), [sarah.stobie@tlcgr.org](mailto:sarah.stobie@tlcgr.org)



## Worship & Music Notes

**Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!** We are so pleased you have joined us in worship today, whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member!

**Nametags:** Please fill out a nametag (first and last name). Your efforts will help other Trinity members know you.

**Are You Visiting Trinity Today?** If you are a visitor, help us welcome you by:

- Introducing yourself to Pastor Galen or Pastor Sarah. They would like to personally welcome you here today.
- Filling out the Trinity Connections insert, and placing it in the offering plate.

**New Member Classes Scheduled for April:** We welcome you to participate in our new member classes, to be held Tuesdays, April 10, 17 and 24 and May 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., and the class begins at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided. Classes will include an overview about Trinity, Lutheranism 101, review of Sacraments, the ELCA, spiritual gifts and discipleship. New members will be received on Sunday, May 6, during both the 10 and 11:15 a.m. worship services. Contact Pastor Sarah, sarah.stobie@tlcgr.org, 949-2510, ext. 24.

**Baptismal Instruction Class:** Are you interested in having your child baptized, or was your child recently baptized? Attend a baptismal instruction class at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, in the Parlor. We'll cover why we baptize, what it means to you as parents, and how the church can help with your child's spiritual growth as he/she grows. RSVP to Carol Hendricks, carol.hendricks@tlcgr.org, 949-2492, ex. 23. Questions? Connect with Pastor Sarah, 949-2510, ext. 24, sarah.stobie@tlcgr.org.

**Reminder of Inclement Weather Policy:** When Forest Hills Schools close during the day, all Trinity daytime activities are cancelled and the church offices are closed. After 3 p.m. and on weekends, check WOOD TV8 or WZZM TV13 (or their websites) about the status of evening or weekend activities. Pastor Sarah will always send email updates directly to youth, too.

## In Our Prayers This Week

**In the Hospital? Need a Visit?** Call the Church Office at 949-2510. Please let us know if you or a family member are in the hospital, need a visit, or would like to receive support from Trinity's staff. Hospitals won't inform us that you've been admitted. We won't share your information (even to ask for prayers) unless we have your permission.

**Pray Graciously:** Have a prayer request? Let us know in any of these ways: Trinity Connections form (in bulletin and *Messenger*), Telephone prayer chain: Jean Denton (364-4198), Anita Huizenga (949-2329), Midge Reges (676-2231), Email prayer chain: Steve Cairns, sljgcairns@gmail.com

### We have been asked to pray for members and friends with health concerns:

#### Trinity Members:

- Merry Anne Barrows
- Joyce Benkert
- Greta Breyer
- Joan Carlson
- Mary Carroll
- Betty Demmon
- Liz Heidloff
- Anita Huizenga
- Isaac Johnson
- Ken Lown
- Debbie McCall
- Bob Meyers
- Pete Moga
- Jacqueline Riegling
- Dee Scales
- Rudy & Ilene Seadal
- Melanie Searfoss
- Jeff Schlanderer
- Art VanderVen
- Susan Youngren

#### Those grieving:

The family of congregation member, Dorothy Routzahn, who passed away Feb. 15.

#### Trinity Friends:

- Mary Billings (Jim Billings family)
- Larry and Karen Bonjour (Amy Bonjour's family)
- Lisa Bonjour (Amy Bonjour's sister)
- Cindy Borsma (Brenda Conway's friend)
- Michael Chobanian (Janet Chobanian's husband)
- Ron Collins (Melanie Searfoss' friend)
- Delores Collins (Ron Collins' sister-in-law, Melanie Searfoss' friend)
- Leonard Ducat (Beth Meuser's brother's brother-in-law)
- Jodi Duke and Bella Clopton (Cheryl Ahrens' friends)
- Sandra Durkee (Denise Durkee's mother)
- Lisa Earhardt (Elizabeth Derbin's friend)
- John Flora (Janelle Ellis's father)
- Darlene Grumbeck (Nadene Delana's sister)
- Matthew Hallihau (Alice Molloy's son)
- Betty Heene (Jeanette Sorensen's family)
- Bill Hickey and Barbara Burman (Bob & Mary Carwell's friends)
- Richard & Vicky Johnson (Kim Smith's mother)
- Greg Kenwel (Wendy Johnson's brother-in-law)
- Jensen Knapp (Carol Huttenga's cousin)
- Don Krummel (Karen Krummel's father)
- Pat Lindquist (Sue Wait's mother)
- Brita & Lars Ludvigsen (Charles & Maria Krug's friends)
- Carol Machiorlatti (Mary & Jack Frick's friend)
- Sandy Maisch (Kelli Basher's mother)
- Nadine Medley (Ed Medley's daughter)
- Eleanor Mehring (Ann Schomberg's mother)
- Don Mouney (Lee & Ann Schomberg's brother-in-law)
- Melanie Narbutis (Joyce Hart's daughter)
- Michelle Pisarski (Lee & Pat Whittemore's daughter)
- Roger Price (Pat Whittemore's cousin)
- Erin Swett (Carol Huttenga's friend)
- Tricia Douglas Vanderschel (Jan Jacobson's cousin)
- Whalon Family (Jim & Melanie Searfoss' friends)
- Lynda Young (Mary & Jack Frick's sister-in-law)

## Requested Announcements

### Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Members' Program

TODAY at 3:00PM

Fountain Street Church

24 Fountain Street, Grand Rapids

11 organists on one mighty machine

*Free and Open to the Public*

Come hear the mightiest sound on the Grand!

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### Elizabeth Claar To Speak About African Safari at Women's City Club:

On Tuesday, March 6, the Women's City Club dinner and program will feature Dr. Elizabeth Claar, Trinity's organist, who will speak about her recent adventure in Kenya.

Her African trip included participating on a safari in the Masai Mara game reserve (one of the best known and most popular reserves in the whole of Africa), where she viewed elephants, rhinos, lions and water buffalo. She also visited a beautiful tea plantation. Kenya has many contrasts of vegetation, climate, landscapes and nationalities, wealth and poverty.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., the dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the program will follow dinner. The menu includes East African sweet pea soup, roasted chicken breast or Mtuza wa Samaki (baked curried cod fish), couscous, plantains, and sweet potato pie.

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### Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 1 p.m.

Blue Lake Public Radio

Organ Sounds on the Grand

WBLV-FM 90.3 in the Muskegon area and WBLU-FM 88.9 in Grand Rapids.

### Featuring the organs of:

*Trinity Lutheran Church*

Mayflower Congregational Church

Fountain Street Church

Brought to you by the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



## In Today's Services

### Did You Know?

**For the Record:** On Sunday, Feb. 12, offerings for God's ministry through Trinity were \$15,179.69, with total attendance of 545.

**Holy Communion:** In Holy Communion, we recall the saving acts of God through Word, bread and wine, and are connected with Christ and with Christians of all times and places. In this sacrament, we are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ. Christians are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. The purple cups are filled with grape juice; the other cups are filled with wine.

**Gluten Free Wafers:** Available in Pastor Sarah's office (in a Ziploc bag, on the table under the light switch).

**Perfumes/Colognes:** Some people are highly sensitive/allergic to fragrances. Please limit the use of perfumes/colognes to ensure our worship environment is welcoming for all.

**Hearing Devices:** Hearing assistance devices are available for people who worship in the Sanctuary (Tele-Coil Personal Loop system and miniature FM radios). They're in the Narthex, or ask an usher for assistance.

**Family Restroom:** Located on the lower level (near elevator), this restroom is also for adults with medical/personal needs for which a family restroom is helpful.

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Galen Knutson,  
intentional interim senior pastor

Rev. Sarah Stobie,  
associate pastor

### Music Staff

Dr. Elizabeth Claar, organist  
Sid Hoeksema, partner in ministry—music  
Larry Biser, director of bell choirs  
Diane Biser, director of children's choirs

### Traditional Service

*Acolytes:*

- Suurren Bossuah & Emily Oswald,  
8:15 a.m.  
- Andrew Ashby & Addy Black,  
11:15 a.m.

*Choir:* Augsburg and TLC Choirs  
Resound Bell Choir

*Communion Assistants:*

- Bill & Sue Bailey, 8:15 a.m.  
- Donna & Jack Danielson, 11:15 a.m.

*Lectors:* Gloria Von der heide, 8:15 a.m.  
- Gregg Gallagher, 11:15 a.m.

*Recording Team:*

- Anne, Emily & Gabe Larson, 11:15 a.m.

*Sacristans:*

- Bill & Sue Bailey, 8:15 a.m.  
- Deb Williams, 11:15 a.m.

*Ushers:*

- Dan Pollert, George & Julia Bauer, and-  
Paul Getzin, 11:15 a.m.

### Rejoice Service

*Band:* Beyond Belief

*Communion Assistants:*

- Dave & Mary Kovac, 9 a.m.

*PowerPoint Creator & Operator:*

- Darin Estep

*Sacristans:*

- Bruce & Joyce Schlanderer, 9 a.m.  
- Deb Rohde, 10 a.m.

*Sound Board Operator:* Brooks Alder

*Ushers:* Dave Kovac, 9 a.m.

-Nathan Peters, 10 a.m.

## Connect, Care & Share Notes

**Trinity Partners with Pine Rest to Serve Parishioners:** Access to mental health care has been a challenge for a long time but recently, higher unemployment has left many without insurance in a time when there is need for *more* mental health care, not less.

Trinity's Health Ministry is excited to provide a new service for our members: We are entering into a Church Assistance Program (CAP) with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, giving our members benefits similar to Employee Assistance Program benefits offered by some employers.

To access Pine Rest CAP services, call 800-442-0809 or 616-455-6210. CAP services are available to all members and regular visitors, and are completely confidential.

Trinity will be given statistical data only and not the names of people who utilize the services. For further details, see the February *Messenger*, or pickup a brochure at church, they will be located throughout the church.

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**Lenten Grace Group Signups:** Consider participating in one of these short-term weekly small groups to read and reflect on God's Word. This year's Grace Group Study is entitled "Path of Discipleship," is Lectionary-based and focuses on the New Testament Lesson for each Sunday during Lent. Sign up to join a Grace Group today on the large poster board located outside the church office. If you have questions, please contact Sylvia Stouten, Partner in Ministry for Discipleship, at 949-2492 ext. 21 or email her at, [sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org](mailto:sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org).

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**Family Promise Kids' Care Carnival:** Join in the fun, food and games at this fundraising event to help homeless kids and their families. Mark your calendar today for Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tabernacle Community Church (2530 Eastern Ave. SE, Grand Rapids 49507). There will be clowns, face painting, a cake walk, silent auction and more! For more information about how you can help and ways to get involved, contact Lauren at Family Promise: 616-475-5220, [lauren@familypromisegr.org](mailto:lauren@familypromisegr.org).


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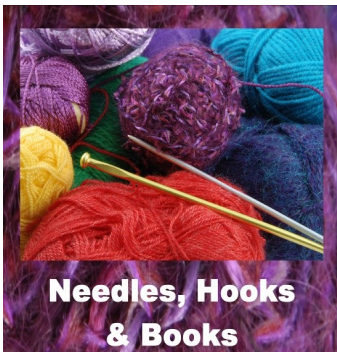
**Double Impact: Blood Drive & Malaria Campaign:** In honor of every person who tries to donate blood at Trinity's Blood Drive on Monday, March 5, a \$20 contribution will be made to the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Questions? Contact, Linda Taffs, 340-5901 or by email [ltaffs@wnj.com](mailto:ltaffs@wnj.com)

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**Needles, Hooks & Books:** A group of needlework enthusiasts (beginners through advanced skill levels) meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

Participants bring a current project to work on, or get inspired for their next project. They share project ideas/supplies, learn new techniques (informally and through workshops), talk about favorite books, and just enjoy connecting with each other.

 **Monday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.:** Learn to knit or crochet (bring a skein of four-ply worsted yarn and a G or H hook for crochet, or size 10 or 11 pair of knitting needles).



**Needles, Hooks  
& Books**

## Discover Notes—Children's Ministries

**Help End Malaria:** Our Sunday School offerings will help end malaria by 2015. Funds raised will go toward purchasing mosquito nets and medical treatment for families in Africa. Thank you for your support of this ELCA initiative.

**Pre-school Sunday School Class for 3 Year Olds:** Starting Sunday, March 4, all 3 year olds who are fully potty trained are invited to join the pre-school Sunday school class. Email Mr. Tim with questions, [tim.vanderbilt@tlcgr.org](mailto:tim.vanderbilt@tlcgr.org)

**Family Experience Ministry (FX) Presents:** Saturday Night Live, Saturday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars today: This is an event you do not want to miss!

**Attention young and sleepless:** families with at least one kid pre-k and younger, our next event is Sunday March 25 from 3:00-5:00pm at Java Gym. Come enjoy a great time with your family and other families on a huge indoor play structure and enjoy great food options and gourmet coffee. Admission, for ages 3 and up is \$5.60; for ages 2 and under is \$2.40; infants and adults are free. Please RSVP with Venta Norris by March 17 at [venta525@yahoo.com](mailto:venta525@yahoo.com) or (440) 655-0855.

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## Discover Notes—Youth Ministries

**High School Youth Group:** Watch your email and home mail for exciting news about dates, times, and special events for High School Youth Group.

**Middle School Youth:** The Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) and ABC class meets tonight, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. ABC students, you should plan on staying for MSYG after each ABC class!

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## Discover Notes—Adult Education

**Pastor Sarah's Bible Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Looking Ahead:** Pastor Sarah's Wednesday morning Bible study usually focuses on the Bible 101 texts. During Lent, however, the focus will be the Grace Group series materials for five weeks. This Bible study meets from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesdays (whether or not there is JOYful Days scheduled). Upcoming topics include:

- Feb. 22—Psalms 1-42
- Feb. 29—Grace Group (5 weeks)
- April 4—Return to Bible 101: Isaiah

**Bible 101 Challenge:** Join Pastor Sarah as we read the Bible in one year! Reading schedules are in the Narthex and Centennial Hall (also online at [tlcgr.org](http://tlcgr.org)). You're welcome to connect with Pastor Sarah on her blog, too, where she provides perspectives on the readings: <http://bible101challenge.wordpress.com/>. You can start today! This week's readings:

- Sunday, Feb. 19: Psalms 8-14
- Monday, Feb. 20: Psalms 15-18
- Tuesday, Feb. 21: Psalms 19-24
- Wednesday, Feb. 22: Psalms 25-30
- Thursday, Feb. 23: Psalms 31-34
- Friday, Feb. 24: Psalms 35-37
- Saturday, Feb. 25: Psalms 38-42