



**Trinity
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Equipping individuals to
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Impact the world

Lenten Read: More than just a book

Joining Jesus On His Mission. It's a book, a challenge, comfort, motivation, goal.

The Rev. Greg Finke wrote *Joining Jesus On His Mission* and we all are invited to read it during the next six weeks. The book explains how the culture has changed our experience of "church" today. It explores what hasn't changed and what God's Word expects of His people. In under 200 pages, he provides simple ways to have a positive impact on the people in our lives—some of whom may not yet know life in Jesus Christ — and gives clear advice on how to be sure people see that love and power in us.



Reasons to be part of this book read:

- I don't know what to say to non-Christian friends/family.
- I don't want to leave to chance that those I love will be in heaven.
- I am tired of guilt being the motivation for sharing Jesus.
- I want to see more clearly what Jesus is doing around me.
- I look forward to sharing time together with friends.

Groups are forming now to read and discuss together the ideas and suggestions in this book. Most are beginning with the week of Ash Wednesday and meeting through Holy Week, April 14. If you are not part of a group yet, call TODAY for more information on how to participate. Books are available at the church office, at worship or you can get an electronic version. Contact Jim Bunkelman for more information (734-625-3344).

And after we read the book, Greg Finke is coming to Trinity! He wants to speak to us directly and personally during the weekend of April 27-28. Mark your calendar now!

READ THE BOOK!

MEET THE AUTHOR!

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

Joining Jesus on His Mission
and a Kick The Tires workshop

April 27 9 am to 3 pm

Trinity gym

Lunch and materials provided



Upcoming on the calendar:

- > March 6 — Ash Wednesday. Worship at 10 am and 6 pm in the church.
- > March 9 — Craft and Vendor Show in the gym.
- > March 10 — Time springs ahead 1 hour.
- > March 20 — SPRING
- > March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10 — Lenten services, 11 am and 6 pm in the church.
- > March 17 — Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm
- > April 12 — Student Art Auction, 5:30-7:30 pm; live auction at 6:30 pm.
- > April 21 — Easter
- > April 27-28 — The Rev. Greg Finke, author of our Lenten book read, will join us for a ministry workshop and worship services.

Tell us what you think about this newsletter

- ◆ We offer these newsletters several times a year. Do you read them? What do you like or not like?
- ◆ What information do you wish you could get?
- ◆ Contact us through Deb Saul, 242-2308, ext. 102; or via dsaul@trinitylutheran-monroe.org

Family album:

Heritage Weekend draws familiar faces; Lutheran Schools Week; Grandpersons Day



Heritage Weekend on Feb. 17 was a great reunion. Pastors Stan AuBuchon and Jeff Walsh (left) and Joanne Walsh talk with Bernd Freiny. Mark Schultz, who played in the afternoon organ concert, stands with Pastor Stan (above).

About 150 people attended the Old-Fashioned Lutheran Potluck held for Heritage Weekend (right). Thanks to all who brought the delicious dishes and to all those who planned and worked on it.

Lutheran Schools Week at the end of January included our annual Grandpersons Day (below left) with Brendan and his grandfather Dominic Sulfaro in class. Also that week was the traditional eighth grade/faculty hockey game. Teachers won 8-6 (below right).





Preschooler Nola M. and Mrs. Gross begin creating new artwork for the April 12 show.

Student Art Show | April 12 | 5:30-7:30 pm

Trinity's gym | Live auction starts at 6:30

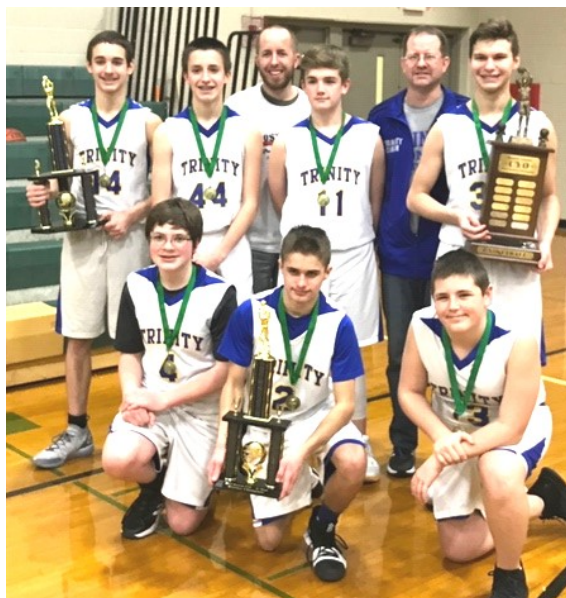
Proceeds go toward installation of an elevator for the school

Appetizers and desserts provided

\$10 minimum donation per piece of artwork

We are the champions

Trinity's Eighth Grade basketball team poses after the Monroe CYO Tournament Championship game. Trinity won the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record and won the tournament in overtime. They will play in the Michigan Lutheran State Basketball Tournament at Concordia, Ann Arbor. Standing (left to right) are Nick Cicero, Luke Witte, Coach Witte, Michael Eversman, Coach Butler, and Vance Crawford. Kneeling are Caleb Gross, Luke Butler and Billy Yenor.



What's new for Phase 2?

We are seeing God's hand in the process.

Besides the amazing transformations in the gym, kitchen and restrooms, Phase 1 also came in \$100,000 under the original estimated cost.

Now work is beginning on Phase 2. It is always exciting to begin a new project; better yet to see God's hand in it. We are grateful that Trinity alum Brandon Bunkelman, regional director for Thyssen-Krupp, asked his company to put a bid in for the elevator and the early indications are that by going with that firm there will be a savings of thousands of dollars for a product with a great track record. Where will we next see God's hand in this project?

Now for the updates:

- The Heritage Room is blocked off.
- Meetings will move to the Garden Room or elsewhere on campus.
- In several weeks the short hallway between the school and fellowship hall will be closed off for perhaps 9 months. The chapel can be entered from the main fellowship hall.



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E. Third and Scott Sts. were unpaved when Trinity's first families paid \$200 in the late 1840s to secure three lots for their future campus. The members were active in building the first church, going as far as quarrying stone and hauling logs. The 50-foot-by-30-foot structure had an 8-foot foundation so that the basement could be used for the school as well as worship services while the rest of the church was completed. It took a while. Not only did the physical labor make for slow going, the struggling congregation needed to find \$3,000 among the members to pay for it. A 1923 history of the congregation says the Aug. 15, 1852, "dedication was a day of great rejoicing." A handsome brick school house (right) was added to the property in 1869 when enrollment had grown from 30 students to 190. This undated photo shows the church and school sometime between 1869 and 1893.



Brenda Selle was one of dozens of vendors at the 2018 show.

Don't miss our 2019

**Craft and
Vendor Show**

March 9

9 am to 1 pm

**Trinity's gym
323 Scott St.**