

# FUELING FAITH

## TRANSFORMING LIVES



*Fueling Faith, Transforming Lives*

*Exploring Digital Ministry*

*Faith Promise Weekend*

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Sunday, October 13, 2024



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

October 13, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

### *Generosity Series: Fueling Faith, Transforming Lives*

#### *Week 3 - Exploring Digital Ministry*

#### **Faith Promise Weekend**

On this final weekend of our Generosity Series, we explore how digital tools are transforming the ways ministry happens. From outreach to support groups to worship, the internet helps us connect in ways we couldn't have imagined a few years ago. Where might God be calling us next? Join us as we explore the present and future of digital ministry!

All are invited to bring their **2025 Faith Promise Forms** to worship as we prayerfully offer them at each service. To complete your FPF online, go to [trinity-mc.org/pledge](http://trinity-mc.org/pledge)

**Welcome to Trinity!** We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

**We love having small children in worship!** Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. An **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

#### **Toddler Sunday School:**

*Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.*

**Seating for People with Limited Mobility** is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

**Large print bulletins and listening devices** are available from the ushers.

**Activity Bags** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

#### **Serving in Worship This Weekend**

**Pastor** Rev. Dan Gerrietts  
Rev. Daniel Hanson  
Rev. Beverly Butler

**Organist** Kim Reisinger (Saturday)  
Teresa Jacobsen (Sunday)

#### **Cantor**

**Greeters** John and Mary Wicks

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

Mark LeDuc  
Bernie & Jena Bjorkland

#### **Scripture Reader**

5:00 p.m. Sally Becker  
9:00 a.m. Kathy Dobrzynski

#### **Technical Support**

9:00 a.m. Lucas and Colleen Frien

#### **Ushers**

5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman  
9:00 a.m. Arlyn Butler, John Rodriguez  
Joe Sanchez, Gary Wattnem  
Bob VanDenBosch

#### **Alcolytes**

9:00 a.m. Elyse Schweitzer, Lear Shultz

#### **Worship Transportation**

Randy Elsbernd  
Jake and Nancy Rockman

#### **Custodian**

Dave Smith

**Our Mission** *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Holy Baptism - Spencer Grace Scheberl (5pm)

ELW pg. 227

## Confession and Forgiveness (9am)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**

**but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,**

**our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

**C Amen.**

## \*Gathering Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

## \*Greeting

P The grace, the wisdom, and the power of almighty God be with you all.

C And also with you.

## \*Kyrie

Marty Haugen

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - men.

# \*Thanks Be To You

Marty Haugen

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty and ever-living God,  
increase in us your gift of faith,  
that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead,  
we may follow the way of your commandments and  
receive the crown of everlasting joy,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon — Noisy Offering Benefitting the JAMS Pantry (9am)**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

L <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> "Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

L Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Verse

Marty Haugen

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

P <sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message—Exploring Digital Ministry**

**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665

**\*Apostles’ Creed** (9am)

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,  
C hear our prayer.

### **\*Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C And also with you.

### **Announcements**

## **THANKSGIVING**



**Faith Promise Form Dedication— Scan the QR Code to the left if you'd like to pledge online.**

### **Offering**

Text to Give is available at Trinity!  
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.  
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.  
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.




### **Special Music** (5:00)

**\*Offertory**

*As the Grains of Wheat*

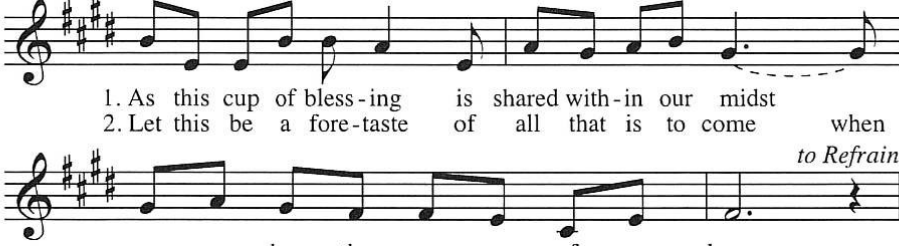
Marty Haugen

**Refrain**  
*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
*to Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**\*Offering Prayer**

P Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\* Blessing**

**P** God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
‡ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW 840

**\*Sending**

**P** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given in memory of **Bill Britven** given by *Mary Lou and family.*

## Holy Baptism

On Saturday, we celebrate the baptism(5:00) of **Spencer Grace Scheberl**. Spencer is the daughter of Benjamin and Malinda Scheberl. Spencer's sponsors are Sarah Kruse and Joshua Zubke. Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Spencer to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!



**OCTOBER 12 & 13**

**Faith Promise Weekend**  
Exploring Digital Ministry

*How Trinity's online ministry has changed the way we think about church.*

We invite you to complete your 2024 Faith Promise Form and bring it to worship or complete the form online at [trinity-mc.org/pledge](http://trinity-mc.org/pledge).

**A noisy offering benefiting the John Adams Middle School Food Pantry** will be taken during worship on Sunday Oct 13.  
Thanks for your generosity!



**Sunday, October 13**  
**is Pastor & Staff**  
**Appreciation Day.**

*1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV):*  
*"The elders who direct the affairs of the*

*church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."*

We are truly grateful for the leadership that our staff provides on a yearly basis. There will be a reception between services in the Gathering Space— please share a word of thanks to the staff.

## *Wednesday Night* **ALIVE**

**Wed., October 16th**

**Meal / 6:00 PM** - Pizza and Salad & Dessert  
*(free will offering)*

**Programming / 6:30 PM**

- **LIFETREE CAFÉ** Lifetree Café - ***A Day in the Life of the Hidden Homeless.*** *A mother's struggle to keep her family together.* An hour-long, interactive video experience featuring real people's real stories, biblical insights, and plenty of time for meaningful spiritual conversations. Led by Pastor Dan Gerriets and Pastor Steve Hansen in the Gathering Space
- **Doing Life with Your Adult Children: Keep Your Mouth Shut and the Welcome Mat Out**  
"Are you struggling to connect with your child now that they've left the nest? In *Doing Life with Your Adult Children*, best selling author and parenting expert Jim Burns provides practical advice and hopeful encouragement for navigating this tough yet rewarding transition. These video sessions provide insights to promote group discussion. The book *Doing Life with Your Adult Children* by Jim Burns can be purchased online if desired but it is not required. Facilitated by Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse.
- **TRINITY CHOIR** Trinity's choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Choir practice is held in the Choir Room.
- **KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6** Students will come to the 2nd floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with new activities each week.
- **CONFIRMATION GRADES 7-8** Confirmation students will gather 6:30-7:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall and experience small group and large group learning as they study for their Confirmation.
- **FLAME GRADES 9-12** High School Youth Group meets 6:30-7:45 PM in the Youth Room.
- **NURSERY** The Nursery is **UNSTAFFED** but open to preschoolers and their parents.

**Trinity's Pastoral Care Staff** makes regular visits to Mercy One North Iowa hospital. But not everyone who is hospitalized appears on the clergy list. If you are hospitalized and wish to be visited, please contact the church office.

### **Yoga for All Bodies**

**Wednesdays in October | 3:00-4:00 PM / Gathering Space**

Join us for a yoga class for all ages, stages, and degrees, beginners or experienced. Instructor is Nora Neff Hardy who has taught yoga for over 25 years in the Mason City area.

### **Belong & Grow—New Member Class**

**Wed. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. or Sun. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** (*Choose one session*) in the Fellowship Hall

Are you looking for a church home? A place to belong? Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission, or whether this might be the place to connect and grow? Pastor Dan Gerriets leads an interactive class session for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn more about the worship life, mission commitments, and faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Childcare is available by request. **Please contact the church office.** **New Members will be Received on Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. service** with a reception during coffee fellowship time.

### **Fellowship Coffee**

**Tuesday, October 15 | 9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall**

Join us for Fellowship Hall and enjoy a time of coffee and treats, and to hear our Youth Director, Dani Vogel, share highlights from her life story!

### **Rejoicing Spirits**

**Wednesday, October 16 | 5:00 PM / Fellowship Hall**

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, October 16 as we learn about All Saints Day through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

### **Bike Ride**

**Thursday, October 17 | 4:30 PM / Scrip Trailhead N. Illinois Scrip Trail to NIACC**

Join us for a leisurely bike ride to NIACC and back starting at the Scrip Trailhead on N. Illinois Ave. It is a down and back trail so bikers can ride as many miles as they wish. Hard surface road. Please contact Parish Nurse Becky if you need transportation for you and/or your bike. ***Weather permitting.***

### **Lunch and Learn**—Presentation about **43 North Iowa** and optional **walking tour**

**Thursday, October 24 | 12:00 PM / Fellowship Hall**

43 North Iowa Director John Derryberry will share how 43 North Iowa is providing essential services to the community to assist people find their way and move toward independent living and employment. After lunch, John will offer an optional walking tour of the downtown 43 North Iowa facilities. Soup and salad provided for a free-will donation. See the sign up sheet posted by the offices.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**SCANDINAVIAN  
BAZAAR**

Thursday, November 7, 2024

213 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA AVE - MASON CITY, IA 50401

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

### **Help Defray the Cost of the Bazaar Luncheon**

You are invited to help defray some of the cost of the Bazaar luncheon. Items can be dropped off in the Kitchen, please mark Bazaar on them; *Butter, Cream Cheese, Cool Whip and 20 oz cans of crushed pineapple in natural juice.*

### **IT IS LEFSE TIME!**

It's time to make lefse for the Bazaar! ***We are looking for volunteers for lefse-making, especially rollers!*** Don't know how? No worries! We can teach you! Potato peeling begins at 6:00 AM, with rolling beginning at 8:30 AM and packaging at 11:30 AM. We will meet every Monday through October 28. Join the fellowship!

### **Potatoes Are Needed**

Each week the Lefse makers are averaging 70 lbs of potatoes to make the Lefse. Donations are now being accepted—they need to be Hy-Vee "One Step" 5 lb bags. Please drop your donations off in the kitchen.

### **Craft Creations**

Craft Creations is looking for your craft donations! If you have anything to contribute you can bring to the church on November 6, or contact Patty Flatness at 641-210-8223. Items **need to be priced**.

### **Book Nook Donations**

Thank you for your generous donations, we don't need any additional books! LARGE PRINT Novels are being accepted as well as gently used puzzles. For questions, contact Lavonne Welch 641-210-9644

### **Coffee Shop**

We need the famous Danish Puff, cinnamon rolls, fruit breads, almond cake/bars, rosettes, sandbakkels, krumkake, kringla, kavring and flatbread. The popular open-face Scandinavian sandwiches will be made by our experienced team of sandwich makers. If you have questions, please call Kay Larson, 423-4066.

### **Bake Shop**

We are in need of assorted breads/rolls, almond bars, mini pies, banana/pumpkin/zucchini breads, brownies, any variety of cookies, Swedish brownies, fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, any gluten-free or any other specialty items. The famous Scandinavian delicacies are in great demand. There will be help to package and price your items. If you have questions, please call Karen Bolding, 641-696-5660 or Candy Marshall, 641-529-2854. All baked items may be dropped off at the church (east entrance) on Wednesday Nov. 6 or Thursday Nov. 7 before 8am.

**Bazaar Meal Tickets** can be purchased during office hours in the church office; \$10.00 per ticket. They will also be sold before the Saturday service and between services on Sunday.

### **Norwegian Pastries Workshop/Bake Day**

Will be **Monday, November 4th, 8:30-11:00 a.m.** Please join us for a fun morning making several different Norwegian pastries for the Bazaar. All ingredients and equipment will be provided. No experience necessary.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, 14

- LEFSE Making (*Kitchen*)  
(6-7am/Peelers | 8:30am/Rollers | 11:30am/Pkg.)
- 9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Mission  
(*Fellowship Hall*)
- 9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (*Rm. 322*)
- 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (*Rm. 300*)
- 6:00 p.m. Bronze Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)

### Tuesday, 15

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Gathering Area*)
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Rm. 308*)
- Noon Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 5:00 p.m. Education Comm. (*Rm. 308*)  
Finance Comm. (*Rm. 300*)  
Ministries Comm. (*Gathering Space*)
- 6:00 p.m. Generosity Comm. (*Rm. 300*)

### Wednesday, 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Bazaar Mtg. (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 3-4:00 p.m. Yoga for All Bodies (*Gathering Space*)
- 5:00 P.M. REJOICING SPIRITS SERVICE (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:00 p.m. **WNA Meal** (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m. **WNA Programming** (*See Announcement*)

### Thursday, 17

- 8am-4pm KCMR Fall Sharathon (*Gathering Space*)
- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Rm. 219*)
- 10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
- 4:30 p.m. Scrip Trail to NIACC
- 7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Friday, 18

- 8am-4pm KCMR Fall Sharathon (*Gathering Space*)

### Saturday, 19

*Holy Communion Celebrated*

**5:00 p.m. Worship Service**

### Sunday, 20

*Holy Communion Celebrated*

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
(*Gathering Space*)

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**

**1-3:00 p.m. GOD'S WORK/OUR HANDS EVENT**

3-4:00 p.m. Middle School Halloween Party

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
And Banquet

### **God's Work/Our Hands—October 20 from 1-3:00pm**

Our churchwide servant day: **God's Work Our Hands**. We need all hands on deck and hope to have a big turnout again this year!

We have chosen the following projects to be included this year: *Affordables*, *work sorting donated items*; *Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank most likely cleaning*; *Freedom In His Grace/Beacon Warming Shelter*, last year we raked and cleaned up the yard, but we haven't defined our work for this year; and finally a note writing session to members of our congregation who are shut-ins. Please consider blessing others by sharing your time and talents this year. **WE NEED YOU!!** See the sign up sheets in the Gathering Space.

### **KCMR Sharathon will be at Trinity— Oct. 17 and Oct. 18**

KCMR is looking for volunteers to answer the phones at the radio station during the Sharathon. One hour shifts between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. They also need volunteers to help serve during the Listener Appreciation Lunch on Friday, October 18th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact KCMR if you are able to help at 424-9300.

### **Hygiene Pantry Reminder**

Hygiene Pantry items can be brought to Trinity's east entrance on the second weekend each month.

*Shampoo; Bath Soap; Toothpaste, Toothbrush*

*Dish Soap; Laundry Soap; Deodorant*

*Toilet Tissue; Feminine Hygiene Products*

*Wipes; Bar of Soap*

Questions? Contact us at 641-423-0536.

### **Global Health Ministries Newborn Kits**

Items are needed for newborn kits that are distributed to mothers after the baby arrives in Liberia and Madagascar at GHM Hospital locations. **Bath Towels**—from Dollar General, Family Dollar or Dollar Tree need to be 55" x 26"; **Wash Cloths**—no microfiber; **Ivory Bar Soap**—White in original package; **Newborn Onesies**—Cotton 0-3 mths; **Pillowcases**—kits are placed in a pillowcase before tied and shipped. Questions call Lea Norlinger, 641-494-7614