



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
December 10, 2017

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, December 10, 2017

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:00 AM ALL ARE WELCOME TO FELLOWSHIP – DOWNSTAIRS
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 5:00 PM ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT – NAVE
- 6:15 PM YOUTH CHILI SUPPER FUNDRAISER – FELLOWSHIP HALL

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

- 9:30 AM ESTHER CIRCLE – ROOM 105/107
- 7:00 PM SOCIAL MINISTRY
- 7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

- 12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE
- 6:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER – NAVE
- 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR LOFT

Saturday, December 16, 2017

- 8:00 AM BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB – SO. BEND CHOCOLATE CAFÉ
- 8:30 AM ZUMBA – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 5:30 PM SPOKEN HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

Sunday, December 17, 2017

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:00 AM ALL ARE WELCOME TO FELLOWSHIP – DOWNSTAIRS
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT PROGRAM – FH
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 4:30 PM CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III – ROOM 104 & FH
- 6:00 PM YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM



Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

Saturdays in Advent

December 2, 9, 16, 23 – 5:30 PM
Holy Communion
(spoken service)

Sundays in Advent

December 3, 10, 17 –
8:00 & 10:45 AM
December 24 –
10:00 AM (one service only)
Holy Communion

Wednesdays in Advent

December 6, 13, 20 – 6:30 PM
Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24
4:30 and 7:30 PM
Candlelight
Holy Communion Service

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25
10:00 AM
Festival Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, December 30 –
5:30 PM
Sunday, December 31 –
10:00 AM (one service only)



*We give thanks and praise to God
for our newest member*

Hadlee Isabelle Krupinski Ilgenfritz

received today by the rite of Holy Baptism.

Her parents are Joshua Ilgenfritz & Melissa Krupinski.

*We give thanks and praise to God
as we welcome our new member*

LAUREN CHERYL MACHE

Decorating for Christmas

Mark your calendars: Christmas decorating after the 10:00 AM service on December 24.



**Advent/Christmas Concert &
Chili Dinner**

Join us today, December 10 for our annual Advent/Christmas concert and chili dinner. The concert begins at 5:00 PM. The chili dinner follows at approximately 6:15.

MISSION STATEMENT

**Trinity Lutheran Church is a Christian community
Gathered by God,
Living in grace,
Called to love and serve.**

We do this through:

Worship – Meeting Christ in Word and sacraments

Hospitality – Welcoming all people into worship and fellowship

Congregational Life – Nurturing the community of faith through faith formation, spiritual growth, building relationships, and caring for one another

Faith in Action – Spreading God’s love through Word and service in the community and world



**Stephen
Ministry**

Hey, I was wondering how many weeks or months would I meet with a Stephen Minister if I agreed to do so? Well, many Care Giving/Care Receiver relationships last about a year. Some relationships are much shorter and others can go on for over a year – perhaps two. It is hard to say as it all depends on what your need is and how long you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister. For additional information contact a Stephen Leader:

ANN BAAS

(219) 476-5926

GEORGE REICHLER

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**Saturday Service
Fellowship Time**

The Hospitality Team will be hosting fellowship time on **January 6, 2018** after the Saturday worship service with a few appetizers and beverages. This will provide a brief time to spend together along with Pastor Tim and some members of the Hospitality Team. All are welcome!



The Valparaiso Parks Department is inviting the community to enjoy their second Luminary Walk being held this year on December 16th, 6-9 p.m. The Luminary Walk will take place on the

Vale Park West Pathway opened last year. The pathway is located between Vale Park Road east (near VHS) and Vale Park Road west (near the Windsor Park/Beauty Creek housing area off of Froberg Road also called N 150 W). The pathway will be decorated with thousands of luminaries. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Everyone at Trinity is invited to attend the event. On-street parking is available in Keystone Commons (Vale Park Road east near the High School) and Beauty Creek Subdivision (Vale Park Road west off of Froberg Road). Overflow parking is also available at Valparaiso High School, 2727 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso.

Some of our Trinity choir members will be singing Christmas carols along the pathway during the event and we are inviting anyone in the congregation to join us. In fact, we would very much like to have members of the congregation of any age sing along with us. We will be caroling between 7:00-7:30 p.m. using simple songbooks and singing familiar carols. Janet Wade has named this group the Trinity Choral-Aires.

Another reason to attend this event is that Janet will be bringing about 50 of her elementary school students to sing at the same location from 6:30-7:00 p.m. This group is called WTS Live! (WTS is Washington Township Schools). Imagine seeing these beautiful children and hearing their lovely voices on a brisk winter's evening surrounded by gorgeous luminaries. This alone is a reason to attend this wonderful community Christmas event. Other musical groups will also be performing during the evening.

If you want to see and hear either of these choirs, or join the Trinity Choral-Aires, the closest parking is at Vale Park Road west in the Beauty Creek Subdivision off of Froberg Road.

If you would like to be a caroler, or you have questions, contact Janet or Pat below.

JANET WADE

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PAT HELLMERS

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2017 Offering Deadline

All offerings must be turned into the church by the end of the service on December 31, 2017 in order to be counted towards 2017.



Notes from the Minister of Music

Our church will be hosting a concert on February 16, 2018 and we need host families for the students! The **Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble** from Augustana College, Rock Island, IL is coming to Valparaiso on Friday, February 16, 2018. This is an advanced women's choir, 60-voice plus their choir directors, Professor Michael Zemek & Professor Sonja Hurty. We will need to provide a meal before the concert at 5:30 PM here at the church and a place to stay on Friday night. If you can host the students or you can help provide the meal for them, please let me know. I think this is a great opportunity to invite people to come to our church and share the music with the community!

Thanks, Szu-Ping



DECEMBER 10 - You won't want to miss the Adult Forum on December 10th, because our very own art teacher, author, illustrator, publisher and story teller, Patricia Cummings, will be talking about the books she has written.

According to her LinkedIn page, she states: "I love teaching children to be tolerant of others and create peace in their world. I do this by "visiting" other countries through art and by writing and illustrating my children's picture books."

Patricia has written the following books and maybe more:

Amarilla Mae - about an armadillo who is shy and needs to come out of her shell.

Oh Possum - a possum who is peculiar and precocious.
The Jerboa Who Wanted to be Big - a story from Jordan that is an almost true story.

Bully Frog - on how to deal with a bully.

Bob the Dog Saw the Lab - a 3 letter word book, an easy reader about her own dogs.

The True Story of Skippity Do Dah - how a puppy bravely overcomes his biggest fear.

Ayoug's Masterpiece, the first language - inspired after visiting some caves in France.

Doggie Kisses - the adventure of a "kiss" from the world's creation to the present time.

How Do We Know That God Is Real? - you will find lots of evidence in this book.

Come to hear the stories, see the beautiful art work, and learn some life lessons. By the way, these books are available for purchase online at: <http://www.patriciaholtcumplings.com/>

DECEMBER 17 - No Adult Forum, please attend Sunday School Advent Program

DECEMBER 24 & 31 - No Adult Forum, Christmas vacation

All are welcome at Adult Forum.

Jane Schreiner, Norm and Pat Hellmers

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

End of November fiscal status

We are pleased to report that our income has increased considerably over the last few months. Our year to date income vs. expense deficit has improved from our high of \$20,000 to our present position of slightly over \$5,000. We have seen our cash position improve from its low point of \$2,000 to our present position of \$16,500. We are pleased to see that our parishioners are taking advantage of the non-typical methods of giving to the Church. In the last month alone, donations were received from a will and through a stock transfer. We have also seen an upswing in electronic giving. If we continue on this pace through the month of December, we believe we will be able to overcome our present deficit and close the year with a balanced budget of income equaling expenses. Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord.



Christian Food Pantry

NOVEMBER REPORT: There were 328 families served (providing food for 830 people). There were 90 Thanksgiving turkeys given out along with other holiday dinner items. It is hoped that the Valparaiso FOP will be able to help with Christmas dinner 'baskets' again this year. Luckily the pantry will be able to supplement more 'baskets' if the 100 needed cannot be given by the FOP. Both Strack and VanTil stores have been generous with the holiday bags purchased by shoppers which aids in the regular and holiday giving from the pantry. (If you are asked about the Christmas pick-up dates, they are December 18 and 20 – days the pantry is regularly open.) Basic items that are always needed and not often donated are cereal, bathroom tissue, tuna (in water), canned fruit, pork 'n' beans, canned pasta, and peanut butter. Juices, coffee (small cans), and teas are also appreciated by many clients. All donations are gladly received by 'someone.' Thank you to all who care to help your 'neighbors' by giving to the pantry.

Holiday Greetings and Merry Christmas, Nan, Sharon and Anne

Food Pantry Items for Dec. & Jan.

For December and January, Trinity members are asked to meet a Christian Food Pantry need by donating coffee and laundry detergent. Any size ground coffee or instant coffee, either regular or decaffeinated, will be helpful. Of course, donations of any kind, cash or food items, are always appreciated.

Trinity is one of seven churches supporting The Christian Food Pantry housed at the Asbury Center of First Methodist Church across the street from our location. The pantry continues to supplement families by providing food staples to those who are in need right here in our community. Thank to members of Trinity who have continually supported the independently run food pantry in our neighborhood.



From the Deaconess

Sunday School - Sunday, December 17, the children will present their annual Christmas Program at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Confirmation Levels I-III meet next on Sunday, December 17 from 4:30-7:00 PM for grades 6-8, youth **Christmas party** at 6:00 PM, and the **high school youth** meets at 7:00 PM.



Gifts of Hope Returns

They're back! The Faith in Action team offers the TLC alternative Christmas gift option again this year. You can donate any amount of money to any of the 21 worthwhile charitable organizations from our Christmas catalog. You donate in honor of another person, and you receive a beautifully hand crafted original card to give to the person in whose name you have donated. This is the Christmas gift that keeps on giving.

The Faith in Action/Social Ministry Team will sell **Gifts of Hope** during Advent on four consecutive Sundays prior to Christmas. Pick up our catalog in the church foyer before or after services on Sundays on December 10th and 17th. Purchase a **Gift of Hope** for each of your loved ones and experience the joy of giving in a unique way this Christmas.





YOGA! — meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Choose \$5 per class or \$20 for a 5 class punch card. Everyone is welcome!

ZUMBA — meets Saturdays through March 31, 2018 at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Choose \$5 per class or \$20 for a 5 class punch card. Come join us and have some fun!

Cold/Flu Season Reminders — To protect everyone, especially the youngest and oldest among us and those with chronic illnesses, please do not attend church functions if you are ill. In general, remember the simple ways to help prevent the spread of common contagious infections.

1) Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer, 2) Cover your coughs and sneezes with tissues, then wash/sanitize your hands, 3) Use an alternative “passing of the peace” by nodding, crossing your arms across your chest, or hand waving a peace sign, 4) Before serving and/or receiving communion wash/sanitize your hands, and 5) If concerned, avoid the common cup during communion (or skip communion).

Name Tag Orders — I will be sending in some new orders for name tags soon. The cost is \$6.00 for the clasp type and \$7.00 for the magnet type, paid to me after you receive your name tag. I just need to know how you want your name on the name tag and which type you want. This is a piece of “jewelry” that you do not want to be without!

Contact me at: pat_hellmers@yahoo.com • (219) 462-6222

Church Council News

BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY: TLCV is committed to providing a safe church environment. In October, the Church Council approved the Background Check Policy submitted by the Safety Team. This policy requires background checks to be performed on all volunteers who participate in TLCV programs and activities related to youth and family ministries, health ministry, or Stephen Ministry. If you are presently involved in one of these ministries, we ask you to verify with your team leader that you are current with your background check. Background check screening is required every 3 years. If you only fill in or act as a substitute, you are still required to follow this policy. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the safety team or the Church Council. Background check forms are available from Betty in the church office and can be returned to her after completion.

Thrivent Members Can Help Out

Are you a Thrivent member and a Trinity member? If so, Trinity could use your help. Depending upon your Thrivent membership status, you may be eligible to apply for one or two Thrivent grants each year. These \$250 grants can be used for many Trinity related activities for both church needs and outreach.

The grants allow various Trinity groups to fund their events and activities. We have used Thrivent grants to help supplement the cost of running our Gifts of Hope program, feeding our homeless guests, and offering our in-house yoga program. Other grant ideas are being planned by various groups including health ministry, hospitality and faith-in-action/social ministry.

If you are willing to apply for a Thrivent grant, you can call the church office (462-9624) or stop in Monday through Friday and leave your name with Betty. On the weekend at church, you can talk to Pat Hellmers, Larry Baas, or Mike Delliquadri. Help will be available for the application process.

LGBT, life-gets-better-together

A peer support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender men, women, teen (w/parent permission), and questioning community members takes place **Thursdays at 6:00 PM** at the **Dayspring Counseling Center, 1005 N. Campbell Street.**

For more information, call:
(219) 364-2732 or email rochse@pcfcc.org

Occasionally during services and church functions, our parking lot can become very full. In order for us to remain a good neighbor in our community, please be mindful not to block cars or driveways. Thank you!

“Monthly Memo”

Watch for emails from Trinity which will contain reminders and events happening at Trinity. If your Trinity team or group has any church related items you would like to include, please submit the copy electronically to the office three (3) business days prior to the end of the month. The "Monthly Memo" will be sent out prior to the first Sunday of the month and repeated prior to the third Sunday. Be sure to watch for emails from Trinity!

NOTE: If you have not been receiving our “Monthly Memo” or announcements such as church functions, funerals, etc. and would like to receive them, please stop by, call, or email the church office with your email address requesting to be added to the list.

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Sandi Anderson
Brandon Brkljac
Richard Cornman
Lauren Mache
Eden Preston
Nikki Schofield
Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson
Susan Swanson
Ruth Swelstad
Bob Tittle

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Jane Fryer

For Friends & Family

NAME:

Larry (uncle)
Jean (mother)
Lee
Fred (father)
Earl (father)
Bruno
Jenny
Barb
Zach, Erin, Andrew,
& Stella Rongers
Matthew (niece)
Vanessa (family friend)
Les (father)
Caron (sister)
Christine (wife)
Gary (son)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Barb Herzinger
Mike Kinsey
Juanagene Nietert
Amy Parsons
Marty Swinehart
Karen Tognetti & family
Lene & Gary Behrens
Lene & Gary Behrens
Mike Beaver
Karen Tognetti & family
Roger & Judy Phillips
Jennifer Hora & Craig Heisel
Lori Olson
Mark Forker
Annamae Wheeland

NAME:

Sherry (aunt)
Robert (uncle)
Robert (grandfather)
Mildred (grandmother)
Teresa (cousin)
Ted (cousin)
Abby (granddaughter)
Dean (father)
Bridgette (aunt)
Lucas
Linda (sister)
Garlan (brother-in-law)
Jim (cousin)
Mike (father)
David & family
Arlene & family
Thomas (grandson)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Reese & Madi Mayernik
Reese & Madi Mayernik
Christine Cawby
Christine Cawby
Lauren Mache
Cheryl Dieter
Rev. Jane Aicher
Carey Johnson Young
Valerie Webdell
Arlene & Will Gross
Barbara Pearson
Barbara Pearson
Larry & Ann Baas
Matt & Karen Hernes
Christine Cawby
Christine Cawby
George Reichler

Names will appear for approximately one month.

To “renew,” call (219) 462-9624 before noon on Wednesday for Sunday’s parish notices.

Worship Servers

SATURDAY SERVICE 5:30 PM		DECEMBER 9, 2017	DECEMBER 16, 2017
Presiding Minister		The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Charlene Cox
Assisting Minister			
SUNDAY SERVICE 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM		DECEMBER 10, 2017	DECEMBER 17, 2017
Presiding Minister		The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Preacher			The Rev. Dr. Charlene Cox
Minister of Music		Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	8:00 10:45	Handbell Choir	Adult Choir Joyful Noise!
Musicians			
Guitar		Paul Schreiner	Paul Schreiner
Saxophone		Anna Cox	Anna Cox
Acolyte	8:00 10:45	Audrey Leitzke Sophia Webdell	Karen Muchesko Mia Webdell
Assisting Minister	8:00 10:45	Patricia Cummings Barb Herzinger	Mark Maassel Jeff Hellmers
Communion Assts.	8:00 10:45	Lu Krieger-Blake Mary Jo Nuland Sally Finck George Reichler Mia Webdell	Kay Kielpikowski Erma Eichhorn Pete Brannen Terri Gingerich Nan Paarlberg Sophia Webdell
Greeters	8:00 10:45	Mary Jo Nuland Larry & Ann Baas Norm & Pat Hellmers	Kay Kielpikowski Scott Young Norm & Pat Hellmers
Lector	8:00 10:45	Lu Krieger-Blake Cynthia Breitinger	Darrel Eichhorn Linda Beach
Ushers *offering only	8:00 10:45	Mike & Rita Delliquadri Kandyce Hannon Dot Pakan Matt & Karen Hernes Craig & Becky Lutz	Gary & Lene Behrens Pete & Kathy Brannen Lucas, Sally, Isabel, & Jackson Ecklund-Baker
Secure Offering	8:00 10:45	Mike Delliquadri Matt Hernes	Gary Behrens Lucas Ecklund-Baker
Bread Baker		Diann Ptacek	Scott Otterbacher
Altar Guild		Norm & Pat Hellmers	Judy & Roger Phillips Elene Amundsen Pat Hellmers
Unlock Doors		Mike Delliquadri	Darrel Eichhorn
Fellowship Time			

Trinity's Worship Team

Worship is one of Trinity's four "mission areas" discerned in the course of our Healthy Congregations work several years ago. The Worship Team's job is to coordinate the worship life of Trinity, from planning music and decor to making sure linens are pressed, bread is on the table, and the correct hymns are printed in the worship folder. Those individual tasks are handled by subgroups, some long standing, others ad hoc.

The Team will be meeting again in January. Current members are Paul Mache (Worship Leadership), Janet Wade (Music), Elene Amundsen (Altar), Valerie Steil (Decorating), Michael Beaver (Seasonal Themes and Planning), Szu-Ping Chang Wong, and Pastor Tim.

Worship is a lot of work. If you are interested in helping, either on the team or in one of the areas it handles or just have a question, there will be a signup in the lobby, or you may contact Pastor Tim at:

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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$11,852	\$286,366

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$1,185	\$28,637

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
166

1. The offerings total for general fund excludes any designated or restricted gifts.
2. Trinity Lutheran Church is a "tithing" congregation. We send the Indiana/Kentucky Synod 10% of our general fund offerings each week.
3. Attendance at all services last week through last Sunday.

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Staff Office Schedule

Pastor Tim's office hours are Mondays 9:00 AM to noon, and Wednesdays & Thursdays noon to 2:00 PM. Outside office hours, please call (219) 462-9624, ext. 3.

Deaconess Barb's office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM and Wednesdays 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Outside of office hours, call (219) 561-3887.

Notice of Hospitalization

Please notify the church office at (219) 462-9624 if you or a loved one is hospitalized or recovering at home and wishes a visit. Because of the HIPAA laws, that information is not shared by the hospital.

