



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
December 3, 2017

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, December 3, 2017

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:00 AM ALL ARE WELCOME TO FELLOWSHIP – DOWNSTAIRS
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 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 GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- 12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE
- 6:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER – NAVE
- 6:45 PM HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR LOFT

Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 8:30 AM ZUMBA – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 5:30 PM SPOKEN HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

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

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

Name of Jesus

(First Sunday of Christmas)

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

Decorating for Christmas

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



Advent/Christmas Concert & Chili Dinner

Join us on Sunday, 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.

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

Heath, Thais, Isaiah,
James, and Sam Carter

...
Diane & Rolando Chilian

Debbie Fray

...
Sara Manning
(Associate Member)

...
Tamara and
Brianna (Skylar)
McCumber

...
Michael Moore

...
Jason Warne



Food Pantry Items for DECEMBER & JANUARY

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.

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



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!

You can contact me at:
pat_hellmers@yahoo.com
(219) 462-6222



DECEMBER 3 - There will be no Adult Forum so that everyone can enjoy welcoming our new members and also the STEM Woodwind Ensemble from VU during Fellowship Time. Please plan to spend the Sunday School hour having a snack, relaxing, and joining in conversations!

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/>

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.



Notes from the Minister of Music

There are two events that I would like to highlight before the Advent season:

The **STEM Woodwind Ensemble** from VU joins us at Trinity this Sunday, December 3 at the 8:00 AM service. This is a student run musical ensemble at Valparaiso University. Their mission as an ensemble is to promote the crossover between music and STEM (Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields, as well as to provide beautiful music. They seek to encourage middle and high school students to continue their musical passions into college. They are hoping to begin to raise some money for their spring tour to churches and schools. We will have a free will offering this Sunday to support the funds for their Spring STEM Tour. They will also stay after the first service and have a short presentation to the Sunday school children. It should be fun!!

Our church is going to host 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



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 this Sunday, December 3 from 4:30-7:00 PM for grades 6-8 and the **high school youth** meets at 6:00 PM.

Any questions, contact Deaconess Barb at:
(219) 462-9624 ext. 4 • bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com



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 in December: the 3rd, 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.

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

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 **Housing Opportunities, 2001 Calumet Ave.** For more information, call (219) 286-3311 or email amclaughlin@hoi.help.

“Monthly Memo”

Trinity sends out emails called “Monthly Memo.” These emails 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.*



**Stephen
Ministry**

If I were to request a Stephen Minister, when and where would we meet? A Stephen Minister meets with a Care Receiver at a mutually agreeable meeting place. Generally the meeting is weekly, planned for an hour, and takes place at the Care Receiver's home, at Trinity, or at a coffee shop or restaurant. For additional information, contact a Stephen Leader:

ANN BAAS

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GEORGE REICHLER

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TERRY PAARLBERG

(219) 242-4035

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

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

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Jane Fryer

NAME:

Jean (mother)

Lee

Fred (father)

Earl (father)

Barb (mother)

Harold (stepfather)

Bruno

Jenny

Barb

Zach, Erin, Andrew,
& Stella Rongers

Matthew (niece)

Audrey (sister)

Vanessa (family friend)

Nikki (daughter)

Brady (son-in-law)

Les (father)

Caron (sister)

Christine (wife)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Mike Kinsey

Juanagene Nietert

Amy Parsons

Marty Swinehart

Cynthia Breitingner

Cynthia Breitingner

Karen Tognetti & family

Lene & Gary Behrens

Lene & Gary Behrens

Mike Beaver

Karen Tognetti & family

JoAnn Murphy

Roger & Judy Phillips

Dan & Beth Garwood

Dan & Beth Garwood

Jennifer Hora & Craig Heisel

Lori Olson

Mark Forker

For Friends & Family

NAME:

Gary (son)

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:

Annamae Wheeland

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 2, 2017 | DECEMBER 9, 2017 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Presiding Minister | | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke |
| Assisting Minister | | | |
| SUNDAY SERVICE 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM | | DECEMBER 3, 2017 | DECEMBER 10, 2017 |
| Presiding Minister | | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke |
| Minister of Music | | Szu-Ping Chang Wong | Szu-Ping Chang Wong |
| Choir | | 8:00 10:45 Adult Choir | Handbell Choir |
| Musicians | | | |
| Guitar | | Paul Schreiner | Paul Schreiner |
| Saxophone | | Anna Cox | Anna Cox |
| Acolyte | | 8:00 Tom Muchesko 10:45 Audrey Leitzke | Audrey Leitzke Sophia Webdell |
| Assisting Minister | | 8:00 Jeff Hellmers 10:45 Marty Swinehart | Patricia Cummings Barb Herzinger |
| Communion Assts. | | 8:00 Nan Paarlberg Mary Jo Nuland Chuck Anderson 10:45 Lucas & Sally Ecklund-Baker | Lu Krieger-Blake Mary Jo Nuland Sally Finck George Reichler Mia Webdell |
| Greeters | | 8:00 Larry & Ann Baas 10:45 TLC members | Mary Jo Nuland Larry & Ann Baas Norm & Pat Hellmers |
| Lector | | 8:00 Patricia Cummings 10:45 Mike Beaver | Lu Krieger-Blake Linda Beach |
| Ushers *offering only | | 8:00 Pete & Kathy Brannen Scott Young Chuck Anderson 10:45 Dennis & Linda Beach Lucas & Sally Ecklund-Baker | Mike & Rita Delliquadri Bob & Nancy Tittle Matt & Karen Hernes Craig & Becky Lutz |
| Secure Offering | | 8:00 Scott Young 10:45 Dennis Beach | Bob Tittle Matt Hernes |
| Bread Baker | | Terry Paarlberg | Diann Ptacek |
| Altar Guild | | Norm & Pat Hellmers | Norm & Pat Hellmers |
| Unlock Doors | | Chuck Anderson | Mike Delliquadri |
| Fellowship Time | | Hospitality Team & many others | |

Worship Team

Worship is one of Trinity's four "mission areas" discerned in the course of our Healthy Congregations work several years ago. As a new Minister of Music will soon be joining us, this seems a good time to get a Worship Team up and running. 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 met for the first time on June 7. Current members are Paul Mache (Worship Leadership), Janet Wade (Music), Elene Amundsen (Altar), Valerie Steil (Decorating), Michael Beaver (Seasonal Themes and Planning), 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:

prtim@tlcvalpo.com

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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

| <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| \$4,562 | \$274,514 |

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

| <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| \$456 | \$27,452 |

3. Attendance:

| <u>Last Week</u> |
|------------------|
| 129 |

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.

