



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
December 31, 2017

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, December 31, 2017 - New Year's Eve

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE

6:45 PM HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL – ROOM 103

7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR LOFT

Saturday, January 6, 2018

8:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – ROOM 105/107

8:30 AM ZUMBA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

5:30 PM SPOKEN HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM

10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

First Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, December 30 –
5:30 PM

Sunday, December 31 –
10:00 AM (one service only)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 28, 2018

*Following the
10:45 AM service*

— Lunch will be provided —

*Deadline for
Annual Meeting Reports
are due in the office
Wed., January 3, 2017.
If possible, please
submit electronically.*

MISSION STATEMENT

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

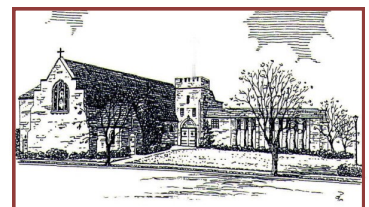
We do this through:

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



Greeting Card Ministry

The Trinity Hospitality Team will be starting their second year of presenting birthday cards to teen and adult Trinity members either in their mailboxes at TLC or through the regular mail. The Sunday school children and youth are acknowledged on their birthdays by Deaconess Barb and the various teachers. This is one way we can show our love and appreciation for all of our church family.

We obtain birth dates of our members (not the year) from the church database. If you have not received one of these birthday cards in 2017, it might mean that we do not know your birth date. If you would like to share that with us and receive a special card on your birthday, please let the church office know, or Pat or Dot as listed below.

PAT HELLMERS (219) 462-6222 pat_hellmers@yahoo.com
DOT PAKAN (219) 464-3383 dpakan63@gmail.com



From the Deaconess

The youth will go **Ice Skating** at **Central Park Plaza** on Sunday, January 7, from 4:00-6:00 pm. It costs \$5 to get in and \$3 to rent skates. You may want to bring extra for a hot cocoa or snack. If interested, please let Barb know.

Sunday School will not meet again until January 7, 2018. Wishing you the merriest Christmas season! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sunday School Christmas Program!! You did a wonderful job! I am so proud of you!!

Confirmation Class and **Youth Group** will resume on January 14. Hope you have a blessed holiday season!



Stephen Ministry

I may be a bit shy and not want others to know that I have a Stephen Minister. How is that handled? A Care Giving/Care Receiver relationship is a confidential matter. Other than the referral coordinator handling your request no one other than the Stephen Minister would know, unless you would tell them. That is how it works. For additional information contact a Stephen Leader:

ANN BAAS (219) 476-5926 **GEORGE REICHLER** (219) 477-2080 **TERRY PAARLBERG** (219) 242-4035

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:

prtim@tlcvalpo.com

BECOME A PART OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL

All confirmed members are encouraged to prayerfully consider becoming a part of the Congregation Council. The elected Council consists of twelve members, each of whom serves a three year term. The terms are staggered so that each year there are three openings on the council. At the annual meeting in January, four members will be elected.

For more information about serving on the council, you may speak to any of the current members. For a complete listing of the Council, see back page of this Parish Notice.

“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.*



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

Attention All



Facebook
Enthusiasts!

You can find us
on Facebook at:

tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo

“Like” our page & share
events with your friends.

Do you have a question for the pastor???

Periodically, your Mutual Ministry Team will offer Trinity members an opportunity to ask Pastor Tim a question concerning theology, Trinity worship, Lutheran tradition, or other aspects of our faith. The Mutual Ministry team will select a question, and Pastor Tim will respond in the parish notices.

Submit a question to Betty in the church office in person or via email bsergent@tlcvalpo.com.

Questions should focus on faith and worship at Trinity and are not meant as a vehicle for complaint, an alternative to Dear Abby, or a view into Pastor Tim's misguided fan support for the Detroit Red Wings.



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 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.

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



FLOWERS

If you would like to recognize or honor a loved one or special occasion with altar flowers on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board. You may bring your own arrangement or have the church place the order.

Forms are available below the flower chart. If you wish for the church to place the order, you may place form and payment in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. If you prefer to bring your own arrangement, please be sure to notify the office by the Wednesday before the date so the information can be included in the Parish Notices.





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 — No Zumba class on December 23rd & 31st. Class will resume on Saturday, January 6 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 and start the New Year with some exercise and 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.

Member Pledges Continue to Support Trinity: Not Too Late to Pledge for 2018

Once again this year, many Trinity givers have chosen to pledge their time, talents, and financial resources to Trinity Lutheran Church, our faithful worship and our missions. Regular weekly financial pledges help the congregation to plan and afford our yearly expenses. Regular giving affords the opportunity to faithfully commit to doing God's work each and every week.

Pledges can be made at any time by picking up a pledge card in the church office or at the welcome center in the foyer. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates during services or delivered to the church office. Trinity offers a Simply Giving direct deposit option, a "Give" button on the Trinity home page, and a stock giving program. Pastor Tim can provide more information to interested members.

As of December 20, 2017, seventy-five (75) giving units have returned pledges for 2018. The total amount of these pledges is \$220,940. The total amount of all pledges (83) for 2017 equaled \$224,227. Several giving units that pledged in 2017 have not yet pledged for 2018. If these units pledge the same amount they did in 2017, the total pledge amount for 2018 would increase significantly. Thank you to all who have made commitments to Trinity's ministries.

2017 Offering Deadline

2018 Offering Envelopes

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. Please check your mailboxes for your 2018 offering envelopes. If you did not receive any offering envelopes and wish to have them, please contact Mike Kinsey at:

(317) 385-7259

or

mandlk1@frontier.com.

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)
Lee
Fred (father)
Bruno
Jenny
Barb
Zach, Erin, Andrew,
& Stella Rongers
Matthew (niece)
Vanessa (family friend)
Caron (sister)
Christine (wife)
Gary (son)
Sherry (aunt)
Robert (uncle)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Barb Herzinger
Juanagene Nietert
Amy Parsons
Karen Tognetti & family
Lene & Gary Behrens
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Mike Beaver
Karen Tognetti & family
Roger & Judy Phillips
Lori Olson
Mark Forker
Annamae Wheeland
Reese & Madi Mayernik
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NAME:

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:

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

	DECEMBER 30, 2017	JANUARY 6, 2018
SATURDAY SERVICE 5:30 PM		
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Charlene Cox
Assisting Minister		
SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 AM	DECEMBER 31, 2017 10:00 AM	JANUARY 7, 2018 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Charlene Cox
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Adult Choir	8:00 Adult Choir 10:45
Musicians		
Organist	Dot Pakan	Paul Schreiner
Guitar	Paul Schreiner	Anna Cox
Saxophone	Anna Cox	Anna Cox
Acolyte	Tom Muchesko	8:00 Audrey Leitzke 10:45 Eden Preston
Assisting Minister	Marty Swinehart	8:00 Marty Swinehart 10:45 Jeff Hellmers
Communion Assts.	Kati Kallay Kay Kielpikowski Sally Finck	8:00 Donna Gierse Mary Jo Nuland Erma Eichhorn 10:45 Barb Herzinger Kati Kallay Chuck Anderson
Greeters	Kay Kielpikowski Chuck Anderson	8:00 Kandyce Hannon Larry & Ann Baas 10:45 Norm & Pat Hellmers
Lector	Lu Krieger-Blake	8:00 Darrel Eichhorn Cassie Otterbacher
Ushers <i>*offering only</i>	Mike & Rita Delliquadri	8:00 Scott Young Mary Jo Nuland Erma Eichhorn 10:45 Scott, Brett, Max, & Christine Otterbacher
Secure Offering	Mike Delliquadri	8:00 Scott Young 10:45 Scott Otterbacher
Bread Baker	Dot Pakan	Pat Hellmers
Altar Guild	Judy & Roger Phillips Elene Amundsen Pat Hellmers	Donna Gierse
Unlock Doors	Marty Swinehart	Chuck Anderson
Fellowship Time		



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

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!



DECEMBER 31, 2017
No Adult Forum.
Christmas vacation.

STAFF

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THE REV. DR. TIMOTHY A. LEITZKE
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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$5,745	\$296,691

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$574	\$29,669

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
171

- The offerings total for general fund excludes any designated or restricted gifts.
- Trinity Lutheran Church is a "tithing" congregation. We send the Indiana/Kentucky Synod 10% of our general fund offerings each week.
- 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.

Please Note:

*The office will be closed
December 25, 2017
through
Monday, January 1, 2018.
If you need access to the
building at other times,
please make
prior arrangements.*

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.