



Trinity Lutheran Church



PARISH NOTICES
February 21, 2016

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, February 21, 2016

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 4:30 PM LEVEL I-III CONFIRMATION – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM “BECOMING TRINITY” – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

- 7:00 PM LENTEN YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

- 12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE
- 6:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER – NAVE
- 6:45 PM HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM

Saturday, February 27, 2016

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

Sunday, February 28, 2016

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 9:30 AM CONNECT— FOR PARENTS – YOUTH ROOM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 4:00 PM VARIETY SHOW FUNDRAISER – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 6:00 PM “BECOMING TRINITY” – FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

mark your calendar!

“Becoming Trinity”

February 21 & 28
March 6, 13 & 20

Commissioning
of New
Stephen Ministers
Sunday, February 28
10:45 AM Service

Variety Show
Sunday, February 28
4:00-6:00 PM

CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, March 5
Eagle’s Lodge
Valparaiso

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

April 9, 16, & 23
4:00- 5:00 PM



Christian Food Pantry

The number of people served in January is higher than what has been helped in quite a while — 295 families, providing food for 736 people. With more families needing help, more items are needed for the basic giving at the pantry. It seems the same items are always requested but they are offered to everyone each visit: pork ‘n’ beans, bathroom tissue, canned fruit (not pineapple), tuna in water, saltine crackers, soups, rice (1 lb.), and Kleenex (cold/flu season). Dish and laundry detergents are frequently requested. Bean soup kits along with pumpkin pie kits and corn muffin mixes will be offered during February or until gone.

If you get calls asking if the pantry is open, the rule is – if the schools are closed, the pantry is closed. So far the weather has not caused us to have to use this rule.

As always, questions can be directed to Nan, Anne, or Sharon.

And, as always, your sharing pantry information with your congregations is appreciated.

Sharon

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(DISABILITY AND DISORDERS
WITH DIGNITY)

3RD
ANNUAL *Chili*
COOKOFF

EAGLES LODGE
805 Elm Street • Valparaiso
(between Garfield Ave.
& Roosevelt Rd.)

SAT., MARCH 5, 2016
12 PM - 4 PM ?

TICKETS: \$10

For tickets, please contact
Mary Jo Nuland.

Prayer Requests

For Friends & Family

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Lu Krieger-Blake
Sandi Anderson
Wandalee Blair
Brandon Brkljac
Josephine Kaluzny
Paul & Lauren Mache
Eden Preston
Kendall Scheetz
Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson
Susan Swanson
Margaret Vondorkovich

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Kingston

PINES VILLAGE:

Eva Jane Fryer

NAME:

Daisy (*aunt*)
Raymond
Carole Sue (*cousin*)
Marge (*mother*)
Bethany
Amy
Audrey (*cousin*)
Mike (*father*)
Crocker family
Marsha
Jon
Brian
Carrie (*niece*)
Randy
Janet (*sister*)
Bob (*brother*)
Tom

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Richard & Vel Schultz
Richard & Vel Schultz
Sand & Charles Anderson
Barb Herzinger
Amy Parsons
Amy Parsons
Richard & Vel Schultz
Matt & Karen Hernes
Christine Cawby
Larry & Ann Baas
Larry & Ann Baas
Richard & Vel Schultz
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NAME:

Jerrie Bob & Edith Young
Les (*father*) Jennifer Hora & Craig Heisel
Michael Susan Swanson
David & family Christine Cawby
Arlene & family Christine Cawby
Brandon (*brother-in-law*) Matt & Karen Hernes
Christa (*niece*) Larry & Ann Baas
Carol (*sister*) Annamae Wheeland
Barb Annamae Wheeland
Kathy Annamae Wheeland
Roger
Betsy
Barbara
Thomas (*grandson*) George Reichler
Samantha (*daughter*) Susan Swanson
Trevor (*son*) Susan Swanson
Bessie Lori

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Names will appear for approximately one month. If you wish a name “renewed,” please call (219) 462-9624 before noon on Wednesday for Sunday’s parish notices.

“Becoming Trinity”

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity?

Join us for five sessions of orientation. Come to enjoy fellowship with current members and Pastor Leitzke, discuss selected scripture passages, and learn what it means to be “Gathered by God, living in grace, and called to love and serve.”

Save these Sunday evenings, 6 to 8 PM: February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. Dinner will be provided!

You will be officially received into the community at the Easter Vigil service on March 26th.

Contact Pastor Leitzke or Betty in the office to RSVP.

Help needed for “Becoming Trinity”

There are three ways you could help:

- 1 Prepare dinner for one (or more!) of the five sessions. We are coordinating all of this with Confirmation and Youth Group, so contact Pastor or Deaconess Barb if you want to help. The food needs to be delivered to the kitchen by 5:45 PM on these days: February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. (The Youth will be at Quake Zone on March 13, but we will still meet.)
- 2 Make a brief presentation about one of Trinity's ministries. One person will speak on our being “gathered by God.” Another on “living in grace.” Another on being “called to love.” And another on being “called to serve.”
- 3 Attend the sessions. Pastor Leitzke has suggested that, ideally, as many current members will attend as new members. This is a ten hour commitment: two hours each Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM in the five weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil. Dinner is provided.



Trinity welcomes and encourages all who are baptized to receive Holy Communion whenever it is offered. This spring, we will offer instruction in Holy Communion. Classes will be:

— SATURDAYS —

APRIL 9, 16, & 23

4:00- 5:00 PM

Classes are open to children, whether they do not already commune or do commune but have never had any instruction.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have any questions or know a young one who you would like to bring.

(219) 462-9624

or

prtim@tlcvalpo.com

Connect – for Parents!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
9:30 AM in the Youth Room

Topic:

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

How do we teach our children
about money management?

Conversation led by Laura Odom

*A wheelchair has been
donated to Trinity
and will be kept
in the west lobby,
parking lot entrance.
Please feel free to
use it at Trinity for
those who may need
extra assistance.*

**Are you a
Thrivent Member?
Did you know
that every
Thrivent member
can apply for
\$250 Thrivent
Action Team funds
twice a year?**

HOW IT WORKS:

Think about an unmet need in your community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit including: Promotional banner, Invitations and thank you cards, Thrivent Action Team T-shirts, and a \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

Search for
Thrivent Action Teams on
Thrivent.com

for more information
and to apply. Ask Karen
Hernes if you need ideas
how to use your funds!

Health Ministry

“MOVE THROUGH THE WINTER” – Health Ministry is sponsoring “Lenten Yoga” during Lent. This is a great opportunity to try something new, and take advantage of having Suzanne, our instructor, help you figure out how to customize yoga poses that work best for your body. Consider Yoga as a quiet Lenten practice that helps balance the mind, body, and spirit.

Many Christians and other people of faith have found yoga to be:

- a means of expressing devotion and prayer through physical posture and gesture
- a positive valuing of the body and its ways of knowing
- a positive valuing of both physical pleasure and challenge
- increased capacity for concentration and meditation
(christianspracticingyoga.com)

ZUMBA CLASSES – Join us as we continue to ZUMBA in February and March on Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM. Suggested donation: Adult \$2; Child \$1. If you are able to do mild aerobic activity, standing OR sitting, this class is for you! Exercise is more fun with family and friends, so bring the kids, bring your spouse, bring a friend!

WALKING GROUP – Although it's chilly, there is still an outside walking group that is meeting on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM at church. So if you don't want to Zumba, but need some incentive to get up and move, join the walkers!

YOGA CLASSES – Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 7 PM during Lent. Remaining dates include February 23, and March 1, 8,* 15, & 22 (*Tuesday, March 8th, will be at Christ Lutheran Church, Entrance #14). Suggested donation: \$3. Invite your friends, and bring along kids who would enjoy the quiet practice of yoga!

Opportunity to Serve

Saturday Evening Meals Needed —

The open arms women's shelter has undergone some really positive change. Women can now go to a central location, rooms at Housing Opportunities at 2001 North Calumet Ave. The women no longer need to move from church to church each night. Thanks to Dayspring Women's Shelter, women can receive counseling and other services to assist them.

Our new role is to **provide Saturday evening meals**. We are told how many people to prepare for, and we deliver a meal to the Housing Opportunities location by **6:15 on Saturday**. **A sign-up sheet for meal makers hangs on the bulletin board in the foyer** here at Trinity. If you can, sign up to prepare a meal. If you need help with the details, contact Mike Delliquadri at (219) 508-4422.

Being the Church...

Each Sunday, we join together to worship, praise, and give thanks. Each of us is aware that our lives as people of God give us opportunities to be the Church every day of the week. Here are opportunities to bring a Christian presence to activities going on in our community:

- **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 **Wednesdays at 6:00 PM** at the **Dayspring Counseling Center, 1005 N. Campbell Street**. For more info, call (219) 364-2732 or email rochse@pcfcc.org.
- The **Valparaiso Human Relations Council** will meet **Tuesday, February 23, at 5:30 PM** at **Valparaiso City Hall**. The public is welcome to see council members continue to address issues concerning human relations where we live.

From the Deaconess...

CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III & YOUTH GROUP will meet at our regular times today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be collecting hats, scarves and gloves for winter to give to men or women in need through the end of February.

VARIETY SHOW is next Sunday, February 28, from 4:00-6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The youth will provide a limited menu for the snack bar of which the proceeds will go towards their trips. There is still time to practice and share your talents and abilities! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. So far, we have 11 acts signed up to provide skits, comedy, singing, and other forms of entertainment. Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors. Please come and enjoy the show!

EASTER BREAKFAST falls during Spring Break this year on March 27. I am asking for volunteers to make donations of breakfast casseroles, pastries/bread, and fruit. A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer and Fellowship Hall during the month of March. Thank you!

Information about Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is available on a table in the foyer. Check out the brochures for our own Indiana Kentucky Synod. I also have some 50% off coupons for LOMO: Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Ohio. See me if you're interested.

Any questions, contact Deaconess Barb at:

(219) 462-9624, ext. 4 • bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com



Commissioning of New Stephen Ministers – February 28, 2016

Next Sunday, February 28, during the 10:45 AM service, Trinity will be commissioning **Donna Gierse, Terry Paarlberg, and Diane Marten** (also a Stephen Leader) as Stephen Ministers. They have completed substantial training to join ten Stephen Ministers and Leaders who are currently serving our congregation and community. A Stephen Minister serves by being:

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care
- Someone who will “be there” for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there’s a need

As we prepare to commission Diane, Terry, and Donna, let us thank God for all that they will bring to Trinity and the community in providing care to others, and let us promise them our prayer and support as we send them out to minister among us!

For more information regarding Stephen Ministry or to receive care, contact:

GEORGE REICHLER (219) 477-2080, yawlwatchthis@msn.com

ANN BAAS (219) 476-5926, annlbaas@gmail.com



Adult Forum

FEBRUARY 21 - TLC member Bob DeRuntz will talk about his 2014 trip to Istanbul, Turkey, (formerly Constantinople) where on an Eli Lilly grant, he worked on a project to map and sketch the city’s churches, mosques, cisterns, palaces, city walls and more.

Bob’s grant title for the Lilly grant was “Cartography in Constantinople.” During his time there he spent many hours studying and sketching the intricate details needed for his maps. After he returned, he shared his maps, experiences and new-found cartographic skills with his history classes. Bob is a Social Studies teacher at Chesterton High School. This will certainly be a first-ever topic for Adult Forum and an exciting one, so please join us!

FEBRUARY 28 - Larry Baas will talk about Bias Motivated Incidents in Northwest Indiana and the project that has tracked these incidents from 1990-2015. This will be very informational so please join us.

MARCH 13 - We will welcome Dr. Heath Carter, History Professor and Chair of the Valparaiso Human Relations Committee. He will discuss with us current community activities and some history of the ways the church has been both actively involved and complicity silent around justice issues throughout history.

Jane Schreiner, Norm and Pat Hellmers



**We collected \$584.16
through our
Noisy Offering for the
Christian Food Pantry
on Super Bowl Sunday.
Thank you for
your generosity!**

**Our next Noisy Offering
will be collected on
Palm Sunday, March 20.
The money gathered
will go toward
buying animals for
people in villages
through the ELCA
Good Gifts program."**

Worship Servers

	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 5:30 PM	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 5:30 PM
SERVICE		
<i>Presiding Minister</i>	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
SERVICE		
	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
<i>Presiding Minister</i>	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Cheryl Dieter	Cheryl Dieter
<i>Musicians</i>		
<i>Congas</i>	Ethan Preston	Ethan Preston
<i>EWI (Electronic Wind Inst.)</i>	Harlan Bjornstad	Harlan Bjornstad
<i>Guitar</i>	Paul Schreiner	Paul Schreiner
<i>Pianist</i>	Michael Beaver	Jeffery Hellmers
<i>Choir</i>	8:00 Adult Choir 10:45	Adult Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	8:00 Claire Lopez 10:45 Sophie DeRuntz	Sam Burow-Flak Anthony Traficanti
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	8:00 Barb Herzinger 10:45 Marty Swinehart	Patricia Cummings Diane Marten
<i>Communion Assts.</i>	8:00 Donna Gierse Mark Maassel Hannah Lopez 10:45 Martha Sass Chuck Anderson Nan Paarlberg	Kelly Levenhagen Kay Kielplikowski Judy Phillips Laura Yokovich George Reichler Barb Pearson
<i>Greeters</i>	8:00 Tom & Karen Muchesko 10:45 Martha Sass Len & Diann Ptacek	Mike & Lynn Kinsey Marilyn Hanson Paul, Amy, Chloe, & Stella Parsons Barb Pearson
<i>Lectors</i>	8:00 Mark Maassel 10:45 Mike Renehan	Jane Schreiner Harlan Bjornstad
<i>Ushers</i> <i>*offering only</i>	8:00 Mike Delliquadri Terry, Kris, and Hannah Lopez 10:45 Christine Cawby Madi & Reese Mayernik Mike Renehan	Gary & Lene Behrens Mark & Kelly Levenhagen Matt, Karen, Chrystal, & Valerie Hernes
<i>Secure Offering</i>	8:00 Mike Delliquadri 10:45 Mike Renehan	Gary Behrens Matt Hernes
<i>Bread Baker</i>	Terry Paarlberg	Diann Ptacek
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Donna Gierse	Donna Gierse
<i>Fellowship Time</i>	Strietelmeier family Burow-Flak family	



TRINITY PHOTO DIRECTORY

Thank you to those of you who have had your picture taken for the new Trinity photo directory. We will continue to take photographs, so if you have not had your picture taken yet, one of our photographers will be standing by the mailboxes for that purpose. Remember that you do not have to “dress up” for your photograph since it is only a head and shoulders view and will probably be printed in black and white.

In addition, we would like everyone to complete one of the information forms in the Parish Notices so that we can have your correct information to include in the directory. This will also help us update our record-keeping software in the church office.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact one of the Hospitality Team members:

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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 10:00 AM to noon and Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 PM. Outside of office hours, Deaconess Barb may be reached at (219) 561-3887.

Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for

General Operations:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$4,603	\$35,681

2. Benevolence sent to IN/KY Synod:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$461	\$3,568

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
209

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.

Notice of Hospitalization

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

