



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
January 21, 2018

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, January 21, 2018

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:00 AM ALL ARE WELCOME TO FELLOWSHIP – DOWNSTAIRS
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & OPPORTUNITY FAIR
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 4:30 PM BECOMING TRINITY – ROOM 103, 106, FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 4:30 PM CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP DINNER – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- 7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, January 24, 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 27, 2018

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

Sunday, January 28, 2018

- 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
- 12:15 PM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 4:30 PM BECOMING TRINITY – ROOM 103, 106, FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 4:30 PM CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP DINNER – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

OPPORTUNITY FAIR
Sunday, January 21
 9:15 AM • Fellowship Hall
 (see Notes from the
 Minister of Music inside)

**ANNUAL
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
Sunday, January 28, 2018
Following the 10:45 AM service
 Fellowship Hall
 –Lunch will be provided –

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

TLC Directory - Office Copy

 The office copy of the church directory which contains changes since the last printing is missing! If anyone inadvertently borrowed this copy, please return ASAP. Also, if you are in need of a directory, please let the office know. Thank you for your help.

Finance 101: Some Basic Information on How We Operate

How do we handle the finances at Trinity? Well, each year, the finance team prepares a budget based upon expenses needed to accomplish our mission as a family of Christ. The team looks at salaries, operating expenses, and mission goals as well as the estimated income which is difficult to predict with so many variables in play. The budget is approved by the church council and by the vote of the congregation at the annual meeting.

Church **budget** is often misunderstood. One helpful way to think of our **budget** is as our best estimate of the most we could spend to accomplish God's work if money came in at a steady, consistent weekly rate. In reality, each year we tend to spend less than the **budget**, and we find that income is not coming in at a consistent pace. For example, in 2017, we spent around \$32,000 less than our forecasted **budget**.

The critical issue in our church is not that we must spend our proposed **budget**. It is that we are able to pay our bills. Over the history of the church, we have always struggled to pay the bills; however, we **have paid them**, even as we have seen our outreach and mission in-

crease feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, caring for each other, and worshipping. At one point in 2017, we fell behind by nearly \$20,000, but then giving rose; and, even though a new employee came on board, we reduced our debt by about \$13,000 in a few short weeks. How can this happen? Each year, giving varies. We often receive unexpected large contributions through stocks or cash or provisions in wills when members pass away. These unexpected donations make predicting income very difficult, but they do occur each year, often at the most unexpected and unpredictable times.

Are there other sources of income? Yes. We have a Memorial Fund which allows folks to contribute, often as a memorial to someone who has passed away. Memorial funds can be designated by the giver or by the family to whom the memorial was offered. For example, recently a member who passed away had asked that all memorials in her name be directed to youth activities. The church always honors the request and that money is used for only that named specific purpose.

Trinity is blessed to have a Mission Endowment Fund

(MEF). This fund was created when one faithful family left a large sum of money to the church after passing away. Trinity's constitution, following the guidelines of ELCA, does not allow endowment funds to be used for church operations. It might be tempting to use up the funds in this way, but when that happens, of course, the funds are rapidly depleted and congregations rarely return to giving levels that existed prior to using the endowment. Rather, our MEF team, using the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund, oversees our MEF, and some of the yearly profits are used for **outreach, capital projects, and missions in our community and our world**. Each year, council and/or individual members can submit requests for funds to be used in any of the three categories. Yearly, somewhere in the range of 5 to 6 percent of the MEF fund, in the area of \$25,000 to \$30,000, is provided to various causes and projects. This year, council will request that some funds be used to offset **outreach** or **capital project** items from our budget, thus compensating for any deficit from 2017.

Of course, much money comes in from generous mem-
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Finance 101 *(continued)*

bers outside of the regular Sunday giving. For example, this year the Gifts of Hope program received over \$6,000 in donations. The youth fundraisers provide several thousand dollars for various activities. Flowers for the altar are donated weekly. Coffee and kitchen supplies are donated by members as are Sunday fellowship snacks, and youth and new member dinners. Noisy offerings raise money for world hunger, and members generously provide food and cash for the Christian Food Pantry throughout the year. Our men's overnight shelter is funded completely by donations outside the budget.

Trinity is a caring and giving church family. We are challenged to imitate Christ, and though we may fall short, we pray that we can continue to act as God's hands in our world. Some among us would have us cut back, play it safe, ignore Christ's call. But we don't. We take our faith seriously, our call to action boldly. And despite continually cutting it close, we grow in response to God's most precious gift: His Son, Jesus Christ who gave Himself so that we may be free. Let us move forward, confident in God's gracious care and focused on Christ's work, just as we have done for the past 82 years at Trinity Lutheran Church.



Stephen Ministry

There is No Need to Struggle Alone!

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing. God does not intend for you to struggle alone. **Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness.** For more information regarding Stephen Ministry, or to receive care, contact:

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

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

TERRY PAARLBERG: (219)462-7291 or (219)242-4035,
tpaarlberg@frontier.com

RETIRE WISELY

Thursday, January 25, 2018 • 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, 201 Washington Street, Valparaiso

Space is limited. RSVP to reserve your spot. Contact Julie at:

(219) 462-1411 or email northwestindianagroup@thrivent.com



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Becoming Trinity

Becoming Trinity starts its winter session on January 14. Lent is early, so we start early. Join us at 4:30 PM and dinner at 6 PM.

JANUARY 21

The Lord's Prayer:
"What is God's 'Kingdom'?
What is God's 'Will'?"

JANUARY 28

The Lord's Prayer:
"God Gives and Forgives"

FEBRUARY 4

The Lord's Prayer:
"Temptation, Trial,
Deliverance"

FEBRUARY 11

Faith in Life -
"Serving Through Vocation"

MARCH 4

Faith in Life -
"Connecting with God
through Prayer"

MARCH 11

Faith in Life -
"Stewardship of Creation"

MARCH 18

Faith in Life -
"Stewardship of Money"

We hope to welcome new members at the Vigil of Easter at 6:30 PM on Saturday March 31, 2018. Also, contrary to any prankster's claims, Easter (April Fools' Day) is not canceled.



Notes from the Minister of Music

Happy New Year everyone! I need to update and recruit our worship servers. Yes, I need all of you!!! With the new year among us, I thought we would do something different about scheduling servers.

In the past, servers participated in a poll to let me know which Sundays they could serve. I want to find a better system that is a more specific fit for our scheduling purposes. Besides a different poll (Lucas Ecklund-Baker is helping me finding a better way), we are going to have a white bulletin board for people who don't use the computer to sign up. This way you can decide on your own to sign up for the Sundays you want to serve and to see which jobs are still open, making it possible to sign up right there.

This Sunday, January 21, during Sunday school hour, we are going to have an **“Opportunity Fair.”** We will set out some tables listing the jobs along with sign up sheets. Did you know that we need at least 15 people to perform different tasks at each service? We will have some volunteers on that day to help explain the jobs. Opportunities where you can serve during worship are: Acolytes, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers, Bread Bakers, Altar Guild, and Lock/Unlock doors.

If you are already signed up as a worship server, you may continue to sign up for the jobs that you have been doing or you may want to learn about different tasks that interest you in the new year. I hope this will be a successful event! We have such great opportunities here at Trinity for each one of us, not only to worship together, but also to participate and build together by being a part of this Trinity family!!

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 will be coming to Valparaiso. 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



TENDER LOVING CARE PRESCHOOL

is accepting registration for 2018-2019 for present and past TLC families, and for Trinity members beginning January 8. Registration will be open to the public effective January 15. Available classes are as follows:

A.M and P.M. (minimum of 9 students) Early Learners classes (Tuesday & Thursday) – for children age 3 by Sept. 1, 2018.

A.M. and P.M. Kindergarten Readiness classes (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2018.

A.M. (only) Pre-Kindergarten class (Monday through Friday) - for children at least 5 by Sept. 1, 2018. Please note that most children in this class have had two prior years of preschool.

P.M. Extended Day class (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children in Tender Loving Care A.M. Kindergarten Readiness or A.M. Pre-Kindergarten classes.

If you or someone you know, is interested in registering or would like information, please contact Nancy Moseley as soon as possible at:

(219) 531-9534 or
nancyjmoseley@hotmail.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.tenderlovingcarepreschool.webs.com

Trinity's Servers

As a general rule, Trinity welcomes people of all ages to participate in any of these roles. At a given service, people might be assigned two or even three different roles. For example, a greeter can also be a lector or a communion assistant. Also, although we need four ushers to take the collection, we really only need two to hand out service folders, so two of the ushers may also be assigned to be greeters before the service and ushers during the service.

Acolytes — Acolytes light candles at the beginning and extinguish candles at the end of service, carry the cross in procession in and out of the church, and assist during communion. Third graders through adult are welcome to become acolytes. Training sessions of approximately one hour are held once or twice a year.

Altar Guild — Teams of altar guild members prepare the bread and wine for communion and then clean up after each service. They set up for baptisms, change the liturgical colors of paraments in the chancel and launder soiled communion linens.

Assisting Ministers — The primary role of the assisting minister is to pray on behalf of the gathered assembly. Assisting ministers also help distribute communion and assist with other liturgical roles. Assisting ministers participate in a multi-session training program.

Bread Bakers — At our Sunday services we use baked bread, which is normally prepared from frozen loaves purchased at local grocery stores and bake them. Some people bake the bread from scratch either white or molasses.

Communion Assistants — People from the assembly come forward to assist with distribution of communion. Each person is given a chalice of wine from which those coming to communion drink or into which they dip the bread. Communing children are welcome to participate in this role, but parents should be sure to help them understand what it is that they are doing as well as its meaning.

Greeters — This is primarily a ministry of hospitality. Greeters generally stand at the doors of the church, welcoming both members and visitors to worship and assisting them with directions, special needs, etc. This is a good role for families to do together.

Lectors — The word of God is proclaimed in our midst and we listen to the readings, which makes this a different experience from reading the Bible in more informal settings. Because the intent is to “hear” the word, it is important that lectors be good readers who speak clearly.

Ushers — Ushers pass out service folders, “pass the plates” during the offering, and assist worshippers going to communion. This is another great role for families to do together.

Szu-Ping Chang Wong does the scheduling of servers, normally scheduling one month at a time. All servers are asked ahead of time to let her know what dates in the upcoming month (s) they do not wish to be scheduled. Contact Szu-Ping at worship@tlcvalpo.com or by phone at (219) 464-2283 or (317) 919-6637.

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.

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

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.

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.



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



Adult Forum

January 21 – There will be no Adult Forum on January 21st so that everyone can attend the activities associated with the Opportunity Fair. Come to the Fair and sign up to be a server to help with our Sunday morning duties. Or, if you are already signed up to serve for something, maybe you can also do something else as well.

January 28 –TBA (to be announced)

February 4 – Be sure to attend Adult Forum on February 4th to learn about Hilltop Neighborhood House. Jennifer Wright, the CEO, is coming to help us learn about the wonderful things going on there every day. This Adult Forum has been arranged by Trinity members Debbie Fray and Diane Chilian.

Hilltop Neighborhood House was established in 1995 for children throughout the community with a single focus: to provide individualized, quality care and education to nourish the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical skills that children need.

According to their website, Hilltop is “a place to learn, a place to grow, a place to belong.” We will learn about their Early Education Program, Rose Gray Hilltop Food Pantry, Hill Top Too Walt’s Place, their Child Care services, their Wish List, how to subscribe to the Hilltop Neighborhood House newsletter, and much more.

An important date is coming up for Hilltop as they celebrate their 19th Annual Soups Dinner on Tuesday, February 27th. Soups Dinner is held to provide scholarships for needy families to be able to afford quality childcare. The event will be held at Christ Lutheran Church and will include a Soup & Dessert Buffet donated by local restaurants. Tickets are \$25, available at the door and in advance at Hilltop Neighborhood House. Read more about Hilltop at: <http://www.hilltophouse.org/>

Don’t miss this interesting Adult Forum. Everyone is welcome!

Jane Schreiner, Norm and Pat Hellmers

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!

Saturday Service Fellowship Time

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

The Hospitality Team will be hosting fellowship time 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.

Everyone is welcome!



From the Deaconess

Game Night — Friday, February 9, 6-9 PM Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, something to drink, and your favorite games. Join us for fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Mardi Gras Intergenerational Event — Sunday, February 11, 9:30-10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall.

Levels I-III Confirmation meets today at 4:30 PM in Room 105/107. Youth dinner and game is at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall, and high school **Youth Group** meets at 7 PM in Youth Room.

Deaconess Barb
(219) 462-9624 ext. 4
bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com



Christian Food Pantry

DECEMBER REPORT: Volunteers were busy serving 249 families which provided food for 573 people in December. More than 85 turkeys or hams were offered along with other Christmas meal items to appreciative clients who had signed up ahead of time. The turkeys were purchased with the help of Aldi gift cards from the Valparaiso FOP. Both Strack and Van Til stores were generous with helpful donations of food bags purchased by shoppers at their stores. Numerous other groups gave generously which helped supply the basic and extra needs of pantry families. The New Year will be 'back to basics' for the regular food items offered to clients needing pantry-type assistance. Items that are often over-looked when donations are considered are saltine crackers, egg noodles, peanut butter, juices, bathroom tissue, pork 'n' beans, and canned fruit. Looking ahead: In February, bean soup kits are offered with money donations used to help buy the onions, Jiffy corn bread mixes, and ham hocks given with the kits. But as always – any food donations are gladly received and served. A special 'thank you' goes out to many 'extra' volunteers who pick up food items regularly from Strack and Van Till, Aldi's, VHS, and the 7 sponsoring churches.

Nan, Sharon, and Anne

Food Pantry Items for January

For 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.

You can find Trinity on Facebook at:
[tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo)

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



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 on 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 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.

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.*

TLC Electronic Giving

As we have promised, Trinity has developed a link on our website to enable an electronic Giving option. You may find this link thru our website at:

<http://tlcvalpo.com/>

Just scroll down our home page to find the "donate" button. Clicking here will take you to a secure page for simple registration. You may give via credit/debit card, checking, or savings account. You may give as a one time donation, or may schedule regular contributions.

“Monthly Memo”

Trinity has begun sending 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 our prior to the first Sunday of the month and repeated prior to the third Sunday. Be sure to watch for emails from Trinity!

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.

2018 Offering Envelopes

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

New Flower Chart Posted

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.

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Sandi Anderson
Brandon Brklijac
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:

Amy (sister)
Lily Grace (cousin)
Ethel (mother)
Colten
Larry (uncle)
Lee
Fred (father)
Bruno
Jenny
Barb
Zach, Erin, Andrew,
& Stella Rongers
Matthew (niece)
Vanessa (family friend)
Caron (sister)
Christine (wife)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Christine Cawby
Patricia Cummings
Erma & Darrel Eichhorn
Patricia Cummings
Barb Herzinger
Juanagene Nietert
Amy Parsons
Karen Tognetti & family
Lene & Gary Behrens
Lene & Gary Behrens
Mike Beaver
Karen Tognetti & family
Roger & Judy Phillips
Lori Olson
Mark Forker

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)
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
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		JANUARY 20, 2018	JANUARY 27, 2018
Presiding Minister		The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
SUNDAY SERVICE 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM		JANUARY 21, 2018	JANUARY 28, 2018
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	Handbell Choir	Joyful Noise!
	10:45	Joyful Noise!	Adult Choir
Musicians			
Guitar		Paul Schreiner	Paul Schreiner
Saxophone		Anna Cox Ethan Preston	Anna Cox
Acolyte	8:00	Karen Muchesko	Ethan Preston
	10:45	Ben Burow-Flak	Lucas Ecklund-Baker
Assisting Minister	8:00	Patricia Cummings	Paul Parsons
	10:45	Jeff Hellmers	Marty Swinehart
Communion Assts.	8:00	Judy Phillips Tom Muchesko Barb Herzinger	Kay Kielpikowski Pete & Kathy Brannen
	10:45	Kati Kallay George Reichler Dot Pakan	Chuck Anderson Lori Olson George Reichler
Greeters	8:00	Larry & Ann Baas Marilyn Hanson	Kay Kielpikowski Mike & Lynn Kinsey
	10:45	Norm & Pat Hellmers	Barb Pearson Cynthia Breitinger
Lector	8:00	Lu Krieger-Blake	Kandyce Hannon
	10:45	Linda Beach	Michael Renehan
Ushers	8:00	Tom Muchesko	Pete & Kathy Brannen
*offering only		Scott Young Chuck Anderson Mary Jo Nuland	Scott Young Mike Kinsey
	10:45	Dennis & Linda Beach Craig & Becky Lutz	Michael Renehan David & Sam Burow-Flak Chuck Anderson
Secure Offering	8:00	Chuck Anderson	Scott Young
	10:45	Dennis Beach	Michael Renehan
Bread Baker		Dot Pakan	Amy Parsons
Altar Guild		Elene Amundsen Marilyn Olson	Elene Amundsen Marilyn Olson
Unlock Doors		Darrel Eichhorn	Mike Kinsey
Fellowship Time		Eichhorn family Lee family	




FLOWERS

January February March

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.



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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$4,827	\$10,313

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$482	\$1,031

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
144

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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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: Deaconess Barb will be at a Deaconess Conference January 28 — February 3. She will resume her office hours February 6.

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.

