

Trinity Lutheran Church



PARISH NOTICES

January 24, 2016

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, January 24, 2016

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:15 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 4:30 PM LEVEL I-III CONFIRMATION – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

- 12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE
- 6:45 PM HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM

Saturday, January 30, 2016

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

Sunday, January 31, 2016

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 4:30 PM LEVEL I-III CONFIRMATION – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

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!

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

January 31, 2016

*Following the
10:45 AM service*

— Lunch will be provided —

SOUPER BOWL NOISY OFFERING

February 7, 2016

New Member Sessions

February 21 & 28

March 6, 13 & 20

Variety Show

Sunday, February 28

4:00-6:00 PM

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

April 9, 16, & 23

4:00- 5:00 PM



SOUPER BOWL NOISY OFFERING ON FEBRUARY 7

*1 in 7 Americans struggle with hunger.
48 million people.
15 million are children.
You can help.*

On Sunday, February 7, we will join with congregations and other groups across the country in the fight against hunger in America by participating in the “Souper Bowl of Caring.” At the beginning of each service we will gather a “noisy offering,” and the money gathered will be donated to our local Christian Food Pantry. This is one of two such “noisy offerings” we do each year. The Souper Bowl offering supports those in our own community who struggle with hunger. The second noisy offering, which includes the money we set aside during Lent, is given to ELCA World Hunger.

Let’s make our 2016 noisy offerings the noisiest ever – bring your offering to church on February 7th. Let’s eliminate hunger in our community!

P.S. If you prefer to make a less noisy “noisy offering,” cash and checks (made out to Trinity) will be gladly received!

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:*

- The **Valparaiso Human Relation Council** (the parent organization of Altogether Valpo and the Housing Subcommittee, etc.) will meet at **5:30 on Tuesday, January 26, at City Hall**. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
- **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.

Christian Food Pantry

During December the pantry provided 235 families (561 people) with food. With some “baskets” provided by the Valparaiso FOP, the pantry handed out 97 baskets to pantry clients. Turkeys or turkey breasts were provided by a local doctor and local contractor! Our next project will be bean soup kits that will be give out in February. Cranberries, pumpkin pie kits, ham hocks, and corn muffin mixes are offered to go along with the soup kit. Many clients look forward to getting these annual cold-weather items. Although numerous extra items have been donated by various groups as well as Strack & VanTil, many basic items are still needed. Baked beans, bathroom tissue, mixed vegetables, peas, canned pasta, and soups are always needed. Various dried beans for the soup kits would also be appreciated. As always the scale to go by is ‘if you use it a pantry client may need it also.’

Questions? Nan, Anne, or Sharon can help.





Tender Loving Care Preschool is accepting registration for 2016-2017 for present and past TLC families, and for Trinity members beginning January 4th. Registration will be open to the public effective January 15th. Available classes are as follows:

- AM and PM Early Learners classes (Tuesday & Thursday) – for children age 3 by September 1, 2016
- AM and PM Kindergarten Readiness classes (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2016
- AM (only) Pre-Kindergarten class (Monday through Friday) – for children at least 5 by September 1, 2016. Please note that most children in this class have had two prior years of preschool.
- PM Extended Day class (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children in Tender Loving Care AM Kindergarten Readiness or AM Pre-Kindergarten classes.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in registering or would like information, please contact Nancy Moseley at (219) 531-9534 or nancyjmoseley@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Visit our website at:
www.tenderlovingcarepreschool.webs.com



THIS SUNDAY'S
 ALTAR FLOWER
 IS GIVEN TO THE
 GLORY OF GOD
 IN CELEBRATION OF
 THE BIRTH OF

*Genevieve Ruth
 Hart*

JANUARY 17, 2016

GREAT
 GRANDDAUGHTER
 OF
 NANCY MARTINSON

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

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

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Kingston

PINES VILLAGE:

Eva Jane Fryer

For Friends & Family

NAME:

Carole Sue (*cousin*)
 Marge (*mother*)
 Bethany
 Amy
 Audrey (*cousin*)
 Mike (*father*)
 Robert Crocker
 Jim Davis
 Marsha
 Jon
 Brian
 Carrie (*niece*)
 Randy
 Janet (*sister*)
 Bob (*brother*)
 Tom
 Jerrie

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Sand & Charles Anderson
 Barb Herzinger
 Amy Parsons
 Amy Parsons
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Matt & Karen Hernes
 Christine Cawby
 Christine Cawby
 Larry & Ann Baas
 Larry & Ann Baas
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Bob & Edith Young

NAME:

Les (*father*)
 Michael
 David & family
 Arlene & family
 Brandon (*brother-in-law*)
 Christa (*niece*)
 Carol (*sister*)
 Barb
 Kathy
 Roger
 Betsy
 Barbara
 Thomas (*grandson*)
 Samantha (*daughter*)
 Trevor (*son*)
 Bessie

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Jennifer Hora & Craig Heisel
 Susan Swanson
 Christine Cawby
 Christine Cawby
 Matt & Karen Hernes
 Larry & Ann Baas
 Annamae Wheeland
 Annamae Wheeland
 Annamae Wheeland
 George Reichler
 Susan Swanson
 Susan Swanson
 Lori

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.

New Member Sessions

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 our New Members class!

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.



**Holy
Communion
INSTRUCTION**

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



JANUARY 24TH — Caring for our body, mind, and spirit involves being educated about health issues, and making informed decisions. Please join Health Ministry as we talk about Shingles and the Shingles vaccine. We invite and encourage people to come and tell their own stories, and ask questions. An informational sheet from the Center for Disease Control is available on the Health Ministry table, and more information will be distributed at the Forum.

JANUARY 31ST - Jan Blodget will be leading Adult Forum. She will be talking about a Bible designed as an every day Bible. It is called Seasons of Reflection: The NIV Bible in 365 Daily Readings with Special Helps on Prayer by the International Bible Society. This Bible makes it easy to spend time each day in the study of God's word. It includes Old and New Testament readings each day.

Everyone is welcome at Adult Forum!

Jane Schreiner, Norm and Pat Hellmers

Connect – for Parents!

But join us in February for some great conversations!

• **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 9:30 AM in the Youth Room** •

TOPIC: School Stress

How do we find the balance of stressing the importance of school and education without stressing out our kids?

– Discussion led by Kris Lopez and Michelle Ward

• **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

Health Ministry

“MOVE THROUGH THE WINTER” – What do you do to keep physically active during the winter? If you usually exercise outside, think of inside alternatives. Consider a gym membership, do a free exercise video on YouTube, lift weights, walk at the mall. And you can always join us for ZUMBA!

ZUMBA CLASSES – Join us as we continue to ZUMBA on January Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM. \$2 suggested donation. 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 its 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!

Opportunities 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.

• *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 is four openings on the council. At the annual meeting in January, four new 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.

From the Deaconess...

CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III & YOUTH GROUP will meet today, January 24, at our usual times.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets today, Sunday, January 17, for a movie (winter break). Sunday School will be collecting hats, scarves and gloves for winter to give to men or women in need through the end of February.

The youth will be accepting sponsors for the 30-Hour Famine for the next three weeks. The Famine is an opportunity for us to learn about hunger in Ethiopia. We will have a lock-in with Christ Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal youth. We will watch videos, play games, and experience what it's like to go without food for 30 hours. We will break our fast with Holy Communion and then a meal. All of the money raised will go to World Vision who has programs all over the world. If you'd like more info, you can go to www.30hourfamine.org."

Mark your calendars and start practicing because the Variety Show will be Sunday, February 28, from 4:00-6:00 PM. This a great opportunity to share your talents and abilities! Everyone is invited to attend. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer next week. This is a fundraiser for the youth trips. There will be some snacks and drinks available for a donation.

Any questions, contact Deaconess Barb at:

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



What exactly is a Stephen Minister?

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the **After People**.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- ... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. www.stephenministries.org

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For more information or to receive care, contact :

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Worship Servers

SERVICE	SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 5:30 PM	SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 5:30 PM
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
SERVICE	SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM	SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
Minister of Music	Cheryl Dieter	Cheryl Dieter
Musicians		
Congas	Ethan Preston	Ethan Preston
EWI (Electronic Wind Inst.)	Harlan Bjornstad	Harlan Bjornstad
Guitar	Paul Schreiner	Paul Schreiner
Choir	8:00 Handbell Choir 10:45	Joyful Noise! Adult Choir
Acolyte	8:00 Tom Muchesko 10:45 Anthony Traficanti	Ethan Preston Sophie DeRuntz
Assisting Minister	8:00 Paul Mache 10:45 Gloria Cornman	Jeff Hellmers Marty Swinehart
Communion Assts.	8:00 Judy Phillips Bob & Edith Young 10:45 Juanagene Nietert Laura Yokovich Janet Wade	Paul Parsons Barb Herzinger Chuck Anderson Donna Gierse Lori Nettels Barb Pearson
Greeters	8:00 Pat & Norm Hellmers Bob & Edith Young 10:45 Len & Diann Ptacek Carol Hannon	Paul & Amy Parsons Lori Nettels Barb Pearson
Lectors	8:00 Harlan Bjornstad 10:45 Janet Wade	Barb Herzinger Linda Beach
Ushers <i>*offering only</i>	8:00 Mike & Trent Delliquadri Mark Levenhagen Patricia Cummings 10:45 Scott, Max, Brett, & Cassie Otterbacher	Bob & Nancy Tittle Mike Delliquadri Dennis & Linda Beach David, Ben, & Sam Burow-Flak
Secure Offering	8:00 Mike Delliquadri 10:45 Scott Otterbacher	Bob Tittle Dennis Beach
Bread Baker	Rita Delliquadri	Betty Waligura
Altar Guild	Erma Eichhorn Nancy Tittle	Erma Eichhorn Nancy Tittle
Fellowship Time	Schreiner family Hellmers family	Christine Cawby family Ward family Nicole Lee family

 Update



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 don't 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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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for

General Operations:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$3,943	\$14,565

2. Benevolence sent to IN/KY Synod:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$394	\$1,456

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
138

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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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.

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.

