



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
January 29, 2017

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, January 29, 2017

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING –
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 31, 2017

- 7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

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

Saturday, February 4, 2017

- 8:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – ROOM 105/107
- 8:30 AM ZUMBA – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 5:30 PM SPOKEN HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

Sunday, February 5, 2017

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING TODAY!

Following the 10:45 AM service

— Lunch will be provided —

— **mark your calendar!** —

**FEBRUARY 12
ONE SERVICE • 9 AM**

*Following the service, join us
in the Fellowship Hall for a*

**CELEBRATION FOR
CHERYL DIETER**



SAVE THE DATE

VBS

July 16-21

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

Celebration for Cheryl Dieter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017



There will only be one service on February 12 at 9:00 AM. That date is Cheryl Dieter's last Sunday at Trinity as Minister of Worship and Music. Following the service, there will be a special brunch and fellowship time in her honor. This will allow time for everyone to visit with Cheryl and wish her well!



From the Deaconess...

Levels I-III Confirmation meet for class on Sundays at 4:30 PM in Room 105/107. Youth dinner and game is at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, and high school **Youth Group** meets at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room.

The **Variety Show** is coming! Put your acts together and plan to participate in the Variety Show, Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Consider doing comedy, reading/reciting a poem or other work, singing, dancing, etc. A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer. The youth will host a snack bar fundraiser." **Please sign up! If we don't have 10 acts (or close to it), we may have to cancel.**

Our **VBS** is scheduled for July 17-21, 2017. The theme is "The Water of Life," and LutherRoad will be joining us.

30-Hour Famine: The youth will participate again in *World Vision's 30-Hour Famine*, February 17-18. The youth go 30 hours without eating and ask people to sponsor them. All money collected goes to *World Vision*, an organization working to end world hunger. It only takes \$40 to feed one child for a whole month, \$120 to feed 3 children for a month, and \$480 will feed one child for a whole year!! Please prayerfully consider supporting our youth in this endeavor. We join with youth groups around the country working together to end hunger one child at a time. During the time we are together, the youth will learn about children in South Sudan. Check out our poster in the foyer for more information. See Deaconess Barb or one of the youth to make a sponsorship donation.

Questions? Contact Deaconess Barb at:

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

Saturday Service Fellowship Time

FEBRUARY 18, 2017

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!

You can find Trinity on Facebook at:

tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo

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

† Health Ministry

Check out our updated Health Ministry bulletin board in the lobby where we will be listing community health events and opportunities such as support groups at Porter, available services from Porter County Health Dept., and free health events at the YMCA and St. Mary's. Please ask Nan or Karen, Parish Nurses, for more resources available in our community!

If anyone is interested in starting a group **Couch to 5K** training program to prepare to run in the YMCA's Ringing in the Spring Run on April 1st, please contact Karen Hernes at nurse@tlcvalpo.com.

YOGA classes continue on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. This is truly a class for all abilities, so please join us anytime. Choice of \$20 for a 6 session punch card or \$5 per class.

Zumba classes are held on Saturdays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall through March 25th. You may purchase a 6 session punch card for \$20 or \$4 per session. Multigenerational! Come and have some fun!

SOUPER BOWL NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017



Worldwide, 795 thousand people are hungry. Poor nutrition causes nearly half of all deaths in children under 5. Every day, over 7,000 kids die from hunger-related causes.

On Sunday, February 5, 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 2017 noisy offerings the noisiest ever – bring your offering to church on February 5th. 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!

Directories Are In!

The Hospitality Team is happy to announce that the new Trinity directories have been printed and are available in the gathering space arranged alphabetically. We want to keep track of who picks up their directory and who does not, so each directory has a name on the back cover (so as not to obscure any part of the cover).

Thank you to everyone for their patience while we took the photographs and gathered the contact information. Any corrections or additions should be directed to Betty in the church office. We will put changes in the parish notices.

A special thank you goes to Terry Lopez and Kirsten Renehan for assisting with the whole project all along the way, including working together on the cover design, and to Terry especially for putting all of the pictures and contact data into a directory format and for printing the directories.

The Hospitality Team: Ann Baas, Christine Cawby, Pat Hellmers, Deaconess Barb Herzinger, Kay Kielpikowski, Tom and Karen Muchesko, Mary Jo Nuland, Terry Paarlberg, Judy Phillips, Jane Schreiner, and Pastor Tim who attends our meetings.



Adult Forum

January 29

– Deaconess Kristin Lewis, Co-Director of Education at Valparaiso's Lutheran Deaconess Association (LDA), will present some Bible stories and lead a discussion at Adult Forum on January 29th. She will talk about how the scriptures are full of stories of God calling people together to live in community. She will lead us on a journey as a community through some of these holy stories; exploring where God meets us, transforms us, and how God is calling each of us to live in community.

Prior to working with the LDA, Kristin served as Trinity's parish deaconess for five years. She also worked to establish Dayspring Women's Center which serves women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Please join us for this informative Adult Forum.

February 5 – First Contact Porter County's director, Barbara Kemler, and board mem-

ber, Dan Grass, will come to Adult Forum on February 5th to talk about First Contact, a non-profit resource and referral ministry. Their main goal is to help to change lives of Porter County residents through financial assistance, counseling, and referrals. They help to prevent homelessness, providing emergency assistance, life and financial counseling, and referrals to other agencies. Many First Contact clients needing assistance have experienced job loss, divorce, injury, or some other unfortunate situation that requires financial assistance. Their clients range in age from 18-75 years old. It will be valuable to us at Trinity to learn about the various ways that First Contact can assist our residents in need. Everyone is welcome.

February 12 – No Adult Forum. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for brunch and retirement celebration honoring Cheryl Dieter.

*Norm & Pat Hellmers,
Jane Schreiner*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

In 2012, when Trinity became a Stephen Ministry congregation, 12 Trinity Stephen Ministers have provided caring, confidential, one-to-one support and encouragement to 20 individuals, both within and outside of our congregation. Stephen Ministers provide care for "as long as there is a need." In some situations, this has meant a few visits with a care receiver, and at other times the relationships have lasted for years.

*For more information
or to receive care,
please contact:*

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Archives Donations

Thank you to Ruth Cavanaugh for recently donating two commemorative plates from Trinity's 50th anniversary for the Trinity archives. They are in the original boxes along with the plate display hangers. The plates say: Trinity Lutheran Church, 50th Anniversary, 1934-1984.

Please remember the archives of Trinity if you have anything you think might be of historical value to save for future generations. If you are not sure, please contact us and we will advise you.

Norm and Pat Hellmers



Tender Loving Care Preschool is accepting registration for 2017-2018 for present and past TLC families, and for Trinity members beginning January 2nd. Registration will be open to the public effective January 13th. Available classes are as follows:

- A.M and P.M. Early Learners classes (Tuesday & Thursday) – for children age 3 by September 1, 2017.
- A.M. and P.M. Kindergarten Readiness classes (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children age 4 by September 1, 2017.
- A.M. (only) Pre-Kindergarten class (Monday through Friday) - for children at least 5 by September 1, 2017. 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 at (219) 531-9534 or nancyjmoseley@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

I invite you to visit our website at:

www.tenderlovingcarepreschool.webs.com

TLC Electronic Giving

Now Open for Business!

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.

Christian Food Pantry



In December, 211 families were served providing food for 574 family members. Due to some generous monetary donations the pantry was able to provide items for the number of Christmas 'baskets' needed to supplement the 36 'baskets' the Valparaiso FOP was able to provide for the holiday giving. Adjusting the scheduling of personnel for food purchase pick-up has worked well. These changes were

necessary because Strack and VanTil were no longer able to make deliveries. There have been pluses and minuses to the new plan, but with inventive planning the situation is working out well. For this new year, paper goods would be especially appreciated: Kleenex, bathroom tissue, and paper towels. Basic items often forgotten for donation: canned fruit, cereal, pork 'n' beans, and mixed vegetables. Of course, all basic items are

needed and the "if-you-use-it" extra items (for example: dish and laundry detergents, teas, coffee, shampoo) are greatly appreciated. Any and all donations are appreciated and will get the pantry-giving off to a good start for 2017. Happy New Year!

As always, any questions can be answered by one of the codirectors: Nan (219) 462-6169, Anne (219) 462-8593, and Sharon (219) 464-1764, or ask your congregational contact for help.

Member Pledges Continue to Support Trinity: Not Too Late to Pledge for 2017

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 31, 2016, eighty-three (83) giving units have returned pledges for 2017. The total amount of these pledges is \$220,786. The total amount of all pledges for 2016 equaled \$193,908. As you can see, there is a significant increase (\$26,878) and more pledges for 2017 will continue to be returned. Thank you to all who have made commitments to Trinity's ministries.



Attention All Facebook Enthusiasts!

Trinity Lutheran Church has a Facebook page that you can 'like.' We will be posting more of our upcoming events on this social media such as Adult Forum topics, yoga classes, Holden Evening Prayer, game night, etc.

Please take a moment to share these opportunities with your FB friends. You can also turn on notifications from TLC so that you don't miss a thing. Let's share our light and love in our community.

The Hospitality Team

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Sandi Anderson
Brandon Brkljac
Richard Cornman
Eden Preston
Richard Schultz
Vel Schultz
Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson
Susan Swanson
Ruth Swelstad

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Jane Fryer

RITTENHOUSE: Ethel Roberts


For Friends & Family

| NAME: | FRIEND/RELATIVE OF: | NAME: | FRIEND/RELATIVE OF: |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Douglas (son) | Mike & Lynn Kinsey | Garlan (brother-in-law) | Barbara Pearson |
| Robert (grandfather) | Christine Cawby | Jim (cousin) | Larry & Ann Baas |
| Mildred (grandmother) | Christine Cawby | Daisy (aunt) | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Teresa (cousin) | Lauren Mache | George | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Ted (cousin) | Cheryl Dieter | Audrey (cousin) | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Chris (nephew) | Lu Krieger-Blake | Mike (father) | Matt & Karen Hernes |
| Abby (granddaughter) | Rev. Jane Aicher | Brian | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Dean (father) | Carey Johnson Young | Carrie (niece) | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Nikki (niece) | Richard & Vel Schultz | Randy | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Carol | Richard & Vel Schultz | Janet (sister) | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Karen | Richard & Vel Schultz | Bob (brother) | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Cindy (& family) | Marty Swinehart | Tom | Richard & Vel Schultz |
| Bridgette (aunt) | Valerie Webdell | David & family | Christine Cawby |
| Lucas | Arlene & Will Gross | Arlene & family | Christine Cawby |
| Marsha | Larry & Ann Baas | Brandon (brother-in-law) | Matt & Karen Hernes |
| Linda (sister) | Barbara Pearson | Thomas (grandson) | George Reichler |

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


Worship Servers

| | SATURDAY, JAN. 28 | SATURDAY, FEB. 4 |
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| SERVICE - 5:30 PM | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke |
| Presiding Minister | | |
| Assisting Minister | | |
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| SERVICE - 8:00 & 10:45 AM | SUNDAY, JAN. 29 | SUNDAY, FEB. 5 |
| Presiding Minister | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke |
| Minister of Music | Cheryl Dieter | Cheryl Dieter |
| Musicians | | |
| Guitar | Paul Schreiner | Paul Schreiner |
| Saxophone | Anna Cox | Anna Cox |
| Choir | 8:00 Joyful Noise! 10:45 Adult Choir | Adult Choir |
| Acolyte | 8:00 Ethan Preston 10:45 Mia Webdell | Ben Burow-Flak Gregory Lichtenberger |
| Assisting Minister | 8:00 Paul Parsons 10:45 Valerie Webdell | Patricia Cummings Jeff Hellmers |
| Communion Assts. | 8:00 Hannah Lopez Claire Lopez Mark Maassel 10:45 Sophie Webdell Keith & Terri Gingerich | Donna Gierse Pete & Kathy Brannen George Reichler Kati Kallay Michael Lichtenberger |
| Greeters | 8:00 Amy Parsons 10:45 Chuck Anderson Barb Pearson Len & Diann Ptacek | Ann & Larry Baas Chuck Anderson Carol Little Martha Sass |
| Lector | 8:00 Mark Maassel 10:45 Cassie Otterbacher | Mike Beaver Mike Renehan |
| Ushers <i>*offering only</i> | 8:00 Norm Amundsen Terry & Kris Lopez Claire & Hannah Lopez* 10:45 Scott, Max, Brett, & Cassie Otterbacher | Scott Young David Burow-Flak Sam Burow-Flak Mary Jo Nuland Craig & Becky Lutz Chuck Anderson* Martha Sass* |
| Secure Offering | 8:00 Norm Amundsen 10:45 Scott Otterbacher | Scott Young Craig Lutz |
| Bread Baker | Scott Otterbacher | Martha Sass |
| Altar Guild | Judy & Roger Phillips Nancy Tittle | Donna Gierse |
| Unlock Doors | Marty Swinehart | Chuck Anderson |
| Fellowship Time | Patricia Cummings | |



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> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| \$5,640 | \$21,389 |

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

| <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| \$564 | \$2,139 |

3. Attendance:

Last Week
153

1. The offerings total for general fund excludes any designated or restricted gifts.
2. Trinity Lutheran Church is a "tithing" congregation. We send the Indiana/Kentucky Synod 10% of our general fund offerings each week.
3. Attendance at all services last week through last Sunday.

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Staff Office Schedule

Pastor Tim's office hours are Mondays 9:00 AM to noon, and Wednesdays & Thursdays noon to 2:00 PM. Outside office hours, please call (219) 462-9624, ext. 3.

Deaconess Barb's office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and Wednesdays 3:00 -5:00 PM. Outside of office hours, call (219) 561-3887, ext. 4.

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.

