



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
July 29, 2018

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, July 29, 2018

9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP TIME – ALL ARE WELCOME –
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE

Saturday, August 4, 2018

8:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:30 PM SPOKEN HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

Sunday, August 5, 2018

9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP TIME – ALL ARE WELCOME –
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE 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

YOGA

Tuesdays • 7:00 PM • FH

BOOK CLUB

Sundays after worship • FH

CHURCH SOFTBALL GAME

TUESDAY, JULY 31
7:00 PM • Fairgrounds Park
Trinity/CLC vs Gracepoint

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR WORSHIP SERVERS

August schedules
are posted in the foyer.



ANNUAL Worship & Picnic at Forest Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
10:00 AM

ROTARY SHELTER FOREST PARK

851 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso

*A worship service with
Holy Communion will begin at
10:00 AM followed by
a picnic brunch.*

A message from the Congregation Council

You may have seen an article in the Parish Notices several weeks ago, which talked about our attendance numbers as they relate to the current discussion of new church service times...The article was intended to point out a **strength** in Trinity – that of maintaining membership and attendance in a time of decline elsewhere.

We wanted to let you know that there was some feedback about the article, so that it can be addressed publicly and openly. Membership numbers are a “hot topic” issue in churches and can quickly make people anxious. In addition, change of worship times also increases the chances of some disagreement or dissention.

While we are saddened that some members have left Trinity in the past few years, we hope that they have found a worship community that feeds them. In the meantime, we are heartened and pleased that we have welcomed a similar number who have found their church home at Trinity and have become members. This has resulted in very stable membership and attendance numbers over the course of time.

We want to remind you of the process we have used in these service time deliberations:

Various committee and council discussions over a long period of time, (more than a year, actually) and the Congregation conversations held on Sundays this summer, (in order to involve more folks in the discussion).

We want to assure you that we are not considering a move to fewer services because of declining numbers, but rather to **OFFER SOME ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** so that our worship can match our current needs and congregation.

If any of you have specific concerns about this or other issues, **PLEASE** talk to a council member (who are listed in the back of the bulletin each week), so they can bring it to a meeting for discussion.

We **DO** want to hear from you!

THIS SUNDAY'S
ALTAR FLOWERS
ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF MY PARENTS

*Dr. & Mrs.
Donald J. Olson*

ON THE OCCASION
OF THEIR

68th

WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

LORI OLSON



TLC Electronic Giving

Trinity has a link on our website to enable an electronic Giving option. You may find this link thru our website at:

<http://tlcvalpo.com/>

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



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.

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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.



Christian Food Pantry – JUNE REPORT

During June, 229 families were provided with food to serve 546 people. There were 80 Kid's Kits picked up by grateful family members for children ages 5 to 15. Donations for Kid's Kits have been very generous. The kits will continue to be offered until the start of school in August.

Although shelves in the storeroom are mostly empty, fortunately several large monetary donations/memorials will enable the purchase of needed items – sometimes an 'iffy' situation during the summer. The perishable foods that are especially appreciated by 'neighbors' needing pantry help will continue to be available.

A major rehab job of the ceilings in the Asbury Center has reached the main floor. It is awesome how the schedule for the work being done has been worked around the pantry days and hours. There will be no need for the pantry to close on the usual pantry days of service. A BIG thank you from the pantry volunteers and pantry clients to the group that figured that out. And – as always – an extra note of appreciation to the FUMC for the great location and space for the pantry. It is a 'perfect' fit next door to The Shop!!

Nan, Anne, and Sharon

Thank you for this summer's generous donations to the Kid's Kits program at the food pantry. Now that the program is coming to an end, Trinity folks can focus on donating chicken noodle and tomato soup, canned fruit, mac 'n' cheese, and jars of peanut butter. Of course, donations of any kind, either cash or food items, are always appreciated. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

The Faith and Action Team

Worship Attendance Sheets

We encourage everyone to complete the Worship Attendance sheets every week. It is very helpful for us to know the date, who attended church, if they took communion, any new or changed contact information, etc. This aids in accurate record keeping for our church family. This request is for members and visitors alike. Thank you everyone!

The Hospitality Team

You can find Trinity Lutheran Church on Facebook at: tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo



From the Deaconess

Deep River Water Park –

We will be going to the water park Sunday, August 12 right after church. The water park is open from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Group tickets are available for \$18.95 each. We will meet at Gazebo #1. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign up sheet is in the foyer.

RailCats Game –

We will be going to a Gary RailCats baseball game on Friday, August 3rd. The game starts at 7:10 PM. It is Faith and Family night and there will be fireworks after the game. Please sign up on the board in the foyer.

Stockholder's Dinner –

If you would like to hear about the National Youth Gathering, please join us on Sunday, August 26th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a donation for the Gathering, it's not too late.

*Any questions,
please contact
Deaconess Barb at:*

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Trinity/Christ Lutheran Duneland League Softball Team

The 2018 Duneland Church Softball League season is coming to an end. This year we joined forces with Christ Lutheran Church which assured that we had a sufficient roster to field a 10 player team for each game.

Our last game is Tuesday evening at Fairgrounds Park with four league games scheduled at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 PM. There are bleachers for seating, but spectators can also bring their own seating if preferred. Our last scheduled game is:

July 31 7:00 PM Trinity/Christ Lutheran vs. Gracepoint

Hope to see you at the ballfield to cheer us to victory! Any questions, please contact Marty Swinehart at:

martinswinehart16@gmail.com or text to (219) 476-6412

Aspiring **Deaconess Erin Brown** has just graduated from VU with highest honors. We have enjoyed her participation at TLC and especially in the choir. She will start her LDA Internship in Costa Rica in August, where she will support the youth and music programs at the Sola Fe church. She will also provide interpretation and English tutoring in the community. Erin needs to raise \$6,500 in living expenses for her yearlong internship. To make it convenient to support Erin, you can make a special contribution to the church. Just write 'Erin Brown' on the memo line of your check or if you donate online, write her name in the box next to the contribution amount.



Trinity member Brittany Barkus is an LDA student and an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission. Brittany has been teaching in Cairns, Australia for seven months. Check out Brittany's blog at yagmaussieadventures.wordpress.com and pick up a copy of her latest newsletter in the foyer. You can also get on her email list by emailing her at bbarkus1@gmail.com.

An ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission is asked to raise \$5,000 out of the roughly \$15,000 it costs to have them in the program. To donate to support Brittany, go to:

http://support.elca.org/site/TR?px=1047395&fr_id=1181&pg=personal



Summer Bible Study Opportunity!

Summer Bible Study opportunity! Karen Hemes is inviting you to join her in a summer study: Intro to New Testament. As part of her LDA deaconess education, Karen will facilitate this study - a combination of viewing the Select Learning DVD lectures from seminary professors, studying New Testament texts, and of course some great discussion! You are welcome to participate in one or as many sessions as you are able. Dates and times will be posted in Parish Notices but will include some Sunday mornings and some Wednesday evenings. **We will meet on Sundays, August 5 & 12 in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity, and then on Wednesdays, August 1, 8, 15, & 22 at the LDA (Lutheran Deaconess Association), 1304 LaPorte Avenue at 6:30 PM.**

*Additional dates
will be posted in the
Parish Notices.*

Help with Trinity Pads Program Needed: JOIN THE TEAM

Again this year, Trinity is providing a Monday night dinner, place to sleep, and breakfast for Valparaiso men who struggle to find permanent housing. This year, we welcome the men into the building at 7:00 PM on Mondays, April 16 through the middle of October. We need two volunteer chaperones from 7:00 PM until 1:00 AM, and two more volunteers from 1:00 AM until 7:00 AM Tuesday morning. For each shift, at least one volunteer must be male. Shifts can be split if volunteers are unable to work the entire time.

Since we now provide meals, we can also use volunteers to provide dinner for 10-12 men. In the past, volunteers have teamed up to share in making and serving a meal from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. No Trinity budgeted funds are used for this ministry; however, a MEF grant has been provided to support the ministry. Volunteer dinner preparers may submit receipts to Mike or Larry to defray the cost of the meal.

Volunteers can sign up in the church foyer or by using the interactive sign-up sheet at www.tlcvapo.org/mens-shelter or www.tlcvapo.com/mens-shelter (double secret password is the word *eight*). If you are a first-time volunteer, for your first shift, one experienced person will greet you, explain procedures, and stay with you for several hours as training.

Although the maximum number of men at any one session is twenty-five, this year, we are averaging ten to twelve men per session. Last year, at various times nearly sixty different men were served by more than thirty Trinity volunteers. Many of those men have gone on to secure permanent housing and have expressed gratitude for the temporary help they received.

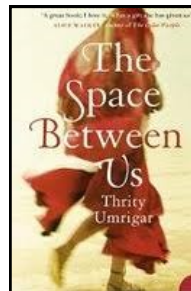
This is a program that works at what Christ would have us do when he says in Matthew 25: **'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'** Trinity is blessed to be able to seize opportunities to place God's work into our hands.

If you have questions, contact:

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MIKE DELLIQUADRI (219) 508-4422
(co-directors of the Trinity pads program)

BOOK CLUB

Our next summer book selection will be



The Space Between Us

by Thrity Umrigar

**SUNDAY, AUG. 12
10:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



The **ELCA Fund for Leaders** supports financial scholarships for future pastors and deacons of the ELCA who are attending ELCA seminaries to prepare to lead the church of today into the future. If you would like more information on how you can donate, pick up a copy of the ELCA Fund for Leaders which is available at the Welcome Center.



ANNUAL Worship and Picnic at Forest Park SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts

I am happy to announce that we have decided on a schedule for administering the first class which will be open to Trinity members only. It will be held on four consecutive Sundays beginning Sept. 30. We will begin enrollment in a few weeks.

For more information,
please contact:

George Reichler - 477-2080

Ann Bass - 476-5926

Terry Paarlberg - 242-4035

Pastor Tim

It is time for our annual worship and picnic in the Rotary Shelter at the top of the hill at Forest Park at 851 Harrison Boulevard, Valparaiso, August 19, 2018. The worship service and Holy Communion will begin at 10 AM. There is adequate parking near the shelter and TLC youth will be available to help anyone needing assistance from the parking lot to the shelter. A restroom is located nearby.

Following the worship service, there will be a potluck lunch. Picnic tables will be provided, but you may want to bring your own lawn chairs. Also consider bringing sunglasses, sunscreen, sunhats or caps, and insect spray.

Fried chicken, beverages, plates, cups, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After our meal, those who are interested may play bingo, card games, board games, and a variety of other fun activities. We hope everyone can come and join in a wonderful day of worship and fellowship outdoors in a beautiful setting!

For Friends & Family

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Sandi Anderson
George Ault
Harlan Bjornstad
Brandon Brkljac
Richard Cornman
Pat Jabo
Lauren Maché
Eden Preston
Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson
Susan Swanson
Ruth Swelstad
Bob Tittle

AVALON SPRINGS:

Evva Jane Fryer

NAME:

Dan C.
Dan K.
Susan (niece)
Martha (aunt)
Cheryl (friend)
Jim (brother-in-law)
Karen (niece)
Vicky (friend)
Diane (friend)
Mary
Mitch
Donna (aunt)
Lowell (uncle)
Aubrey (niece)
Liesch family
Ruth Anderson family
Bill (friend)
Bess (mother)
Rita (friend)
Nathan (brother)
Lily Grace (cousin)
Colten
Jenny

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Mike & Lynn Kinsey
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Barbara Pearson
Juanagene Nietert
Juanagene Nietert
Erma & Darrel Eichhorn
Judy & Roger Phillips
Jennifer Hora
Jennifer Hora
Juanagene Nietert
Juanagene Nietert
Vonda Young
Vonda Young
Erma & Darrel Eichhorn
Rick & Pat Broadstone
Diann Ptacek
Roger & Judy Phillips
Linda Beach
Patricia Cummings
David Burow-Flak
Patricia Cummings
Patricia Cummings
Lene & Gary Behrens

NAME:

Barb
Vanessa (family friend)
Amy (sister)
Fred (father)
Zach, Erin, Andrew,
& Stella Rongers
Caron (sister)
Christine (wife)
Gary (son)
Sherry (aunt)
Robert (uncle)
Robert (grandfather)
Mildred (grandmother)
Teresa (cousin)
Ted (cousin)
Dean (father)
Bridgette (aunt)
Lucas
Linda (sister)
Garlan (brother-in-law)
Jim (cousin)
Mike (father)
Thomas (grandson)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Lene & Gary Behrens
Roger & Judy Phillips
Christine Cawby
Amy Parsons
Mike Beaver
Lori Olson
Mark Forker
Annamae Wheeland
Reese & Madi Mayernik
Reese & Madi Mayernik
Christine Cawby
Christine Cawby
Lauren Maché
Cheryl Dieter
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.



Do you have a bumper crop of zucchini? Too many green beans in your garden? Bring your extra garden produce through September on Sundays to share! Leave your extras in the box on the Health Ministry table in the foyer. Everyone is welcome to take home anything that you would enjoy! Anything left afterwards will be donated.

✝ Health Ministry

YOGA – Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Choose \$5 per class or \$20 for a 5 class punch card.

Everyone is welcome!

Worship Servers

	July 28, 2018	August 4, 2018
SATURDAY SERVICE 5:30 PM		
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Mandy Brobst-Renaud	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Assisting Minister	Chuck Anderson	Ruth Cavanaugh
SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM		
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Mandy Brobst-Renaud	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Musicians		
Guitar	Paul Schreiner	Paul Schreiner
Choir	Adult Choir	
Acolyte	Sam Burow-Flak	Isabelle Ecklund-Baker
Assisting Minister	Cynthia Breitingner	Marty Swinehart
Communion Assts.	Pete & Kathy Brannen Lori Olson	Judy Phillips Lori Olson Mary Jo Nuland
Greeters	Karen Tognetti Bernie Wong	Mike Kinsey Pat & Norm Hellmers
Lector	Mike Renehan	Mary Jo Nuland
Ushers	Craig & Becky Lutz	Matt, Karen, Chrystal, & Valerie Hernes
*offering only	Mike Renehan	
Secure Offering	Craig Lutz	Matt Hernes
Bread Baker	Dot Pakan	Pat Hellmers
Altar Guild	Thais Carter Erma Eichhorn	Pat & Norm Hellmers
Unlock Doors	Darrel Eichhorn	Chuck Anderson
Fellowship Time	Brenda Aden & Jane Ryan Mary Jo Nuland	

SACRED SPACES SCAVENGER HUNT 2018

*Experience
NEW Sacred Spaces and
perhaps revisit some
you've enjoyed before!
More information available
at the Welcome Center.*

Round Robin Dinner

AUGUST 17, 2018

A Round Robin is a way to share a meal and learn from each other. Inspired by the LDA, it is a four course potluck meal at which participants change tables and conversation partners for each course. At each course (salad, appetizers, main, dessert), participants are given a question or two for discussion. Questions vary, and often are built around a central theme. Please sign up to join us and share a dish with good conversation.

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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$4,727	\$175,663

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$473	\$17,567

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
102

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

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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.

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.

