

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices March 17, 2019

New Look, Same Largely Accurate Content

This Lent we are using new dimensions for our worship folders. The idea had been tossed around for a while as a way to reduce workload in the office and in the construction of worship folders each week. The departure of our Administrative Assistant and our reliance on volunteers and other staff meant this was a good time to make the switch. As a result, the Parish Notices are now reformatted to fit both the 8.5" x 11" booklets and the large print folders.

Flowers Today

The altar flowers today are given by Lauren Mache in honor of Paul Mache's birthday.

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

Today at Trinity

9:00 AM	Holy Communion - Nave
10:15 am	Fellowship Time - All are welcome - Downstairs in the fellowship hall
10:45 am	Sunday school & adult forum
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
1:30 PM	Youth Return from Quake
5:00 PM	Holy Communion – Nave

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday March 19, 2019

6:30 PM	Council – Room 103
7:00 PM	Yoga – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday March 20, 2019

12:00 PM	Parish Notices Deadline (Please use office@tlcvalpo.com)
12:00 PM	Twenty Minutes With God – St. Paul Roman Catholic Church
1:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Leaders – Room 103
6:30 PM	Holden Evening Prayer – Nave
6:45 PM	Hand Bells Rehearsal – Room 103
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Sunday March 17, 2019

9:00 AM	Holy Communion - Nave
10:15 am	Fellowship Time - All are welcome - Downstairs in the fellowship hall
10:45 am	Adult forum – Room 105/107
1:00 PM	Stephen Ministry – Room 105/107
5:00 PM	Holy Communion – Nave

Faith in Action:

Justice for Women

What does the ELCA Justice for Women program do?

The Justice for Women program is shaped by the unique voices and experiences of a multitude of people across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality and age. It is within this rich foundation that we work to:

- tap into Lutheran theological roots to address sexism
- connect this theology with specific issues in the world
- encourage men and women to work together

These action priorities nourish the work and service of this church and society.

Within the Jewish and Christian traditions, justice is linked to God's love, God's fervor for life lived out of grace for others. Lutherans affirm that because we are redeemed by God through Jesus Christ — because we are justified — we turn to others to find out what they need.

Justice infuses Scripture, from the Hebrew prophets to Jesus' parables and life. Broadly speaking, biblical justice concerns the integrity of the entire creation. The ELCA recognizes that the integrity of women and girls is constantly violated and/or compromised, physically, intellectually, economically, spiritually and emotionally. "Justice for women" matters because through God's grace we are called to tend to women and girls and anyone who is gender-marginalized as our neighbors. The ELCA also recognizes that tending to our neighbors includes not only immediate needs, such as food, shelter and safety, but also changes in social and religious ideas and structures.

For resources on Justice for Women see:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Justice-for-Women>

Council Updates

The Congregation Council will meet this Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Trinity's Officers for 2019 are: Jennifer Hora, President; Christine Iler, Vice President; and Lu Krieger-Blake, Secretary. The council re-appointed Michael Renahan as Treasurer, and appointed Sally Ecklund-Baker as Chair of the Finance Team.

In order to accommodate schedules of the current council, Council meetings in 2019 will regularly occur on the **Third Tuesday** of the month at **6:30 pm**. Many thanks to the Hospitality Team for switching their usual Tuesday with Council!



Women's History Month

March 17: Dr. Ashleigh Elser will focus on the Hebrew Bible, and specifically on the ways in which these books narrate sexual violence against women. We'll be looking at the rape of Dinah in Genesis 34 and considering how this text frames both the assault itself and the ethics of witnessing such violence. At a time in which we are inundated with long and painful histories of sexual misconduct and assault in nearly every industry and community in this country, this biblical narrative and its history of interpretation can help us think critically about the ethics of narrating and bearing witness to sexual violence.

March 24: Panel discussion, featuring women in congregational leadership, discussing their calls and experiences.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have a contract with Thrivent (insurance, individual mutual funds, or brokerage accounts), you may have earned what are called Thrivent Choice Dollars. These Choice Dollars can be directed to any one of 35,000+ organizations, including Trinity Lutheran Church. If you are not doing this, please consider Trinity as a place to direct your Choice Dollars.

Thrivent is no longer sending out reminders to designate your Dollars, and their deadline for 2018 Dollars is March 31, 2019. You can go to their website to choose where to have your Dollars sent. <Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> If you don't do this every year before the deadline, those Dollars will be removed (deleted) and you will start earning the Dollars again from zero.

This is a great way to support Trinity. If you have any questions, call your Thrivent agent or call Thrivent at 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836), or contact Norm or Pat Hellmers.

Health Ministry Updates

The Remote Area Medical event, scheduled for July at TJMS has been cancelled. Any volunteers who had registered to help should be notified by email soon. Thanks to those who had made plans to help, hopefully they will try to make Valparaiso a site again sometime.

Consider adding **yoga** to your week, as a wonderful mind, body, spirit practice this Lenten season!

Our 7 PM Tuesday evening class is a great introduction to yoga if you've never tried it before.

During Lent, Trinity members new to our yoga class can try their first class for free, or buy a 5 session punch card for half price - only \$10. See Karen Hernes if you have questions.

Trinity Covenant of Conduct

As part of Trinity's past work with Healthy Congregations, Trinity adopted these guidelines for general use. Periodically, we share them in Parish Notices as a reminder. The new council has met, and so, we share them now.

In order for the congregation and the church council to deal effectively with issues, the following guidelines are to be followed:

All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.

The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastors, church council, commissions, and at congregational meetings.

When members of the congregation express an opinion to a member of the council, the council person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"

If the member desires to have the information transmitted to the council, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.

If the member does not wish to appear in person, the council member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the council member shall say, "I'm sorry but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."

If permission is given, the council member shall report the information/opinion to the council and use the member's name.

At his/her discretion, a council member may ask that the member refer this issue to another council member for presentation.

EACH ISSUE SHALL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA AND WRITTEN IN THE MINUTES ALONG WITH THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and/or president to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.

Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above-mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed.



Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you or your loved one with confidential, one-to-one Christian care to help you through a difficult time. For more information, or to receive care, contact:

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Valpo Stephen Ministers will be holding a Continuing Education seminar for its members in late April/early May on the subject of Anxiety Disorder. In addition to our speaker we will have a panel of professionals to aid discussion.

Our hope is to find a person who has been diagnosed with AD to share his/her insights with us.

Please contact Terry Paarlberg: tjpaar67@comcast.net. Confidentiality observed until you say otherwise.

Administrative Assistant Update

The Congregation Council has approved the general job description for a new Administrative Assistant. Advertising for the position will begin soon.

The salary for the position will not exceed that which was approved by the congregation at the February 3 Annual Meeting. The position will be part-time, not to exceed 25 hours a week.

As with the previous search, the position will not be open to Trinity members.

In the Interim

While we are between Administrative Assistants, staff and volunteers are doing our best to keep things running.

Calls to the office (219-462-9624) will be answered as we are able or returned as quickly as possible

Please use the email office@tlcvalpo.com for any office communications, Parish Notices updates, etc.

Twenty Minutes With God

This Lent, our sisters and brothers in Christ at Valparaiso First United Methodist Church have organized interfaith worship and lunch for the Valparaiso community. Each week a different organization hosts a twenty-minute worship service **at 12:00 noon** and a light luncheon and fellowship time.

Pastor Tim and Trinity's wonderful Hospitality Team have agreed to help coordinate an event at Trinity on April 3.

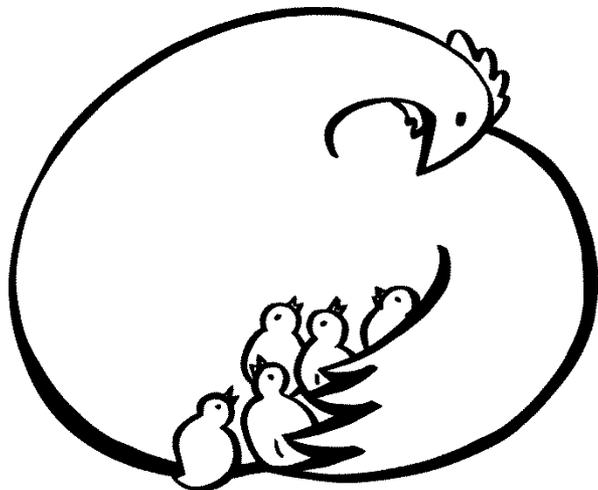
March 20 - Saint Paul Catholic Church
1855 Harrison Blvd.

March 27 - Living Hope Church
1115 Calumet Ave.

April 3 - Trinity Lutheran Church
201 Washington St.

April 10 - YMCA
1201 Cumberland Crossing

On all dates there will be a collection of non-perishable items for local food pantries.



February Christian Food Pantry Report

While serving 211 families providing food for 418 people in February shelves at the pantry were well supplied with basic foods. However, growing 'dents' on different shelves indicate that the donations from the annual postal workers in May will be well received.

The annual February offering of bean soup kits assembled by the Kiwanis Kids at Northview School were gladly taken when offered and enough kits were prepared to continue the offering into March. Onions, Jiffy corn muffin mixes and ham hocks were purchased to add to the kits to make a warm winter meal.

The next 'special' offering will be for Easter in April. In the meantime foods that are not often donated but are needed for basic giving are: chunky peanut butter, cereals, canned fruits, tuna in water, pork 'n' beans, and bathroom tissue. Coffee, teas and juices are 'extras' that are always appreciated.

Fortunately there continues to be enough money to continue offering the perishable foods – especially the milk and eggs. Bottom line: any and all donations are offered to families in our area who need pantry assistance.

Thank you to all who help with this ministry in any way.
Nan, Anne and Sharon



From the Deaconess



Mark your calendars for the Youth Rummage Sale, May 4th, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm! You can drop off donations all day Friday, May 3, until 7:00 pm.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Variety Show! We had fifteen impressive acts that were entertaining to watch. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents. The Confirmation students hosted a snack bar of yummy treats. They received \$292 in donations. We are grateful for your generosity!



It's time to start collecting donations for our college care packages. We have 20 students. We are looking for snacks and treats like gum/mints, candy, chips, noodles, mac & cheese, popcorn, granola bars, etc.

Any questions, contact Deaconess Barb at (219)462-9624, ext. 4, or bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com.

Help with Trinity Pads Program Needed: Join the team

Again this year, Trinity will provide a Monday night dinner, place to sleep, and breakfast for Valparaiso men who struggle to find permanent housing. This year, we will welcome the men into the building at 7:00 p.m. Mondays beginning on Monday, April 15, and running through the middle of October. We will need two volunteer chaperones from 6:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. and two more volunteers from 1:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. 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 up to 20 men (most nights, 15 men). In the past, volunteers have teamed up to share in preparing and serving a meal from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. 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 or Judy to defray the cost of the meals.

Sign up for volunteers will begin after Sunday, March 17. You can sign up in the church foyer or by using the interactive sign-up sheet at www.tlcvalpo.org/mens-shelter or www.tlcvalpo.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.

The maximum number of men at any one session is twenty-five, although the numbers vary with weather and other circumstances. Last year, at various times throughout the spring, summer, and fall, nearly sixty different men were served by more than forty Trinity volunteers. Many of our guests 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 Larry Baas (219-028-5070), Mike Delliquadri (219-508-4422), or Judy Phillips (219-241-4566), co-directors of the Trinity pads program.

Prayer Requests

For those in the parish:

Sandi Anderson	Brandon Brkljac	Richard Cornman
Carole Gilliland	Pat Jabo	Lauren Maché
Eden Preston	Lois Stanley	Rachel Swanson
Susan Swanson	Bob Tittle	

For Friends and Family

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:</u>		
Loretta <i>(aunt)</i>	Jennifer Hora	Rita <i>(friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings
Karen <i>(niece)</i>	Roger & Judy Phillips	Nathan <i>(brother)</i>	David Burow-Flak
Shelley <i>(niece)</i>	Kathy Schroeder	Lily Grace <i>(cousin)</i>	Patricia Cummings
Ashlee <i>(daughter)</i>	Carol Little	Colten	Patricia Cummings
Sue <i>(daughter)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Amy <i>(sister)</i>	Christine Cawby
Steve <i>(son-in-law)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Fred <i>(father)</i>	Amy Parsons
Matt <i>(friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Zach, Erin, Andrew, & Stella Rongers	Mike Beaver
Mike <i>(brother)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Caron <i>(sister)</i>	Lori Olson
Tom <i>(nephew)</i>	Lu & Brian Blake	Christine <i>(wife)</i>	Mark Forker
Cheri <i>(friend)</i>	Ann Baas	Sherry <i>(aunt)</i>	Reese & Madi Mayernik
Kelley <i>(daughter)</i>	Nan Paarlberg	Robert <i>(uncle)</i>	Reese & Madi Mayernik
Dan C.	Mike & Lynn Kinsey	Robert <i>(grandfather)</i>	Christine Cawby
Susan <i>(niece)</i>	Barbara Pearson	Mildred <i>(grandmother)</i>	Christine Cawby
Martha <i>(aunt)</i>	Juanagene Nietert	Teresa <i>(cousin)</i>	Lauren Maché
Jim <i>(brother-in-law)</i>	Erma & Darrel Eichhorn	Ted <i>(cousin)</i>	Cheryl Dieter
Mary	Juanagene Nietert	Dean <i>(father)</i>	Carey Johnson Young
Mitch	Juanagene Nietert	Bridgette <i>(aunt)</i>	Valerie Webdell
Donna <i>(aunt)</i>	Vonda Young	Lucas	Arlene & Will Gross
Lowell <i>(uncle)</i>	Vonda Young	Linda <i>(sister)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Aubrey <i>(niece)</i>	Erma & Darrel Eichhorn	Garlan <i>(brother-in-law)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Ruth Anderson family	Diann Ptacek	Jim <i>(cousin)</i>	Larry & Ann Baas
Bess <i>(mother)</i>	Linda Beach	Mike <i>(father)</i>	Matt & Karen Hernes
Dick <i>(cousin)</i>	Nancy Tittle	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	George Reichler

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	March 17, 2019	March 24, 2019
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Adult Choir Trinity Instrumental Ensemble	Hand Bells
Musicians	Paul Schreiner: guitar	Paul Schreiner: guitar
Acolyte	Ben Burow-Flak	Marty Swinehart
Assisting Minister	Paul Parsons	Cynthia Breitinger
Communion Assistants	Terri Gingerich Keith Gingerich Mary Jo Nuland	Judy Phillips Nan Paarlberg Marilyn Olson
Greeters	Mike Kinsey Lynn Kinsey	Mary Jo Nuland
Lector	Larry Chew	Daniel Silliman
Ushers	Becky Lutz Craig Lutz (secure offering)	

Sunday Evening

Presiding minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Musician		
Assisting Minister		
Communion Assistant/Lector	Sandi Anderson	Sandi Anderson
Usher	Chuck Anderson	Chuck Anderson
Bread Baker	Amy Parsons	Edith Young
Altar Guild	Pat & Norm Hellmers	
Unlock Doors	Mike Kinsey	Marty Swinehart

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$4,351 Year-to-Date: \$52,696

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$435 Year-to-Date: \$5,270

Attendance Last Week: 180

Offerings exclude any designated or restricted gifts.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a "tithing" congregation that sends 10% of General Fund offerings to the Indiana/Kentucky Synod.

Attendance at all services last week through Sunday.