

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices April 21, 2019

Easter Breakfast

A hearty thanks to all who helped make this morning's meal possible! A special thanks to Ann Baas for playing "substitute Deaconess Barb" and lining up dishes and helpers.

We're Here For Good Pledge Cards

If you have a pledge card for the We're Here For Good campaign, please return it either in the offering plate or to the office at your earliest convenience.

If you have not received a pledge card (or don't know what we're talking about!) you may find them on the usher's table, or contact Sally Ecklund-Baker.

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

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion – Nave
9:30 AM Trinity Easter Breakfast
Downstairs in the fellowship hall
10:45 AM Holy Communion – Nave
5:00 PM Holy Communion – Nave

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday April 23, 2019

- 7:00 PM Hospitality Team 105
7:00 PM Yoga – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday April 24, 2019

- 12:00 PM Parish Notices Deadline (Please use
office@tlcvalpo.com)
6:45 PM Hand Bells Rehearsal – Room 103
7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Sunday April 28, 2019

- 9:00 AM Holy Communion – Nave
10:15 Am Fellowship Time- All are welcome
Downstairs in the fellowship hall
10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Forum
10:45 AM Confirmation Levels i-ii – Room 106
11:45 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM Holy Communion – Nave
6:00 PM Youth Group – Fellowship Hall & Youth Room
6:00 PM New Member Sessions – Fellowship Hall Room 105

Faith in Action:

Persons Without Permanent or Adequate Shelter

On April 15th a couple dozen men who are currently without shelter will show up at the doors of Trinity and we will provide them with food and a place to sleep on Monday evenings for the next six months. This is not an isolated response by Lutherans to the problem of persons without shelter. The ELCA has been committed to working with and for persons without permanent shelter for some time. In the ELCA social message written in 1990 entitled “Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment” it states that “housing is a fundamental right even though policies and practices of government and economic institutions are not adequately responding.” The ELCA message continues and reminds us that in the Bible, “God heard the cries of the homeless and that working for justice with and for homeless people is doing God's will and work in the world.”

(<http://download.elca.org/ELCA Resource Repository/HomelessnessSM.pdf>)

The ELCA has continued its efforts to assist persons without shelter. In its 2019 list of issues on which it will advocate, it states:

Secure shelter is a critical component of the foundation of the human person, the absence of which can contribute to hunger and challenges in healthcare, education, job prospects and more.

In 2019, we will work with state, national and interfaith partners to strengthen policies that reinforce housing affordability for low-income households. We will accomplish this through:

- Strengthening funding levels and access to housing programs in the federal budget;
- Advocating for structural housing reform through vital investments in infrastructure and programs such as the National Housing Trust;
- Opposing efforts to increase rent or work eligibility requirements on low-income households, which could significantly impact seniors and people with disabilities. (<https://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/2019-elca-advocacy-policy-priorities/>)

Health Ministry

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.



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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March Christian Food Pantry Report

With 209 families served providing food for 535 people, plans are being made to have items ready to give Easter menu foods in April. Special items to be offered will be boxed scalloped or au gratin potatoes, Jell-O, 4# bags of sugar, 11oz coffees, teas, and small jars of applesauce. Money donations will be used to purchase hams. (Distribution days will be April 10, 15 and 17 during regular pantry hours.) Help with corn, cereals, pork 'n' beans, saltines, 1# rice, canned pasta sauce, canned fruit, bathroom tissues, dish detergent and juices would help with basic giving. Perishable items – eggs, hamburger, hot dogs, cheese, margarine and **milk** – continue to be offered with the help of monetary donations. Personal care and health care items are always appreciated by pantry clients. Paper towels can be napkins, catch spills and help with general cleaning.

Nan, Sharon, Anne

Mission Endowment Grant Proposals

Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) is now taking Grant Applications for 2019. Grant packets have been distributed to various parish leaders. Any church member who wishes to submit a grant request can pick up a packet in the church office. Deadline for submitting grant requests is Sunday, May 12th by noon.

Because MEF has already assigned significant monies to the current capital campaign drive, **We're Here for Good**, there will be less money available for other grants. However, there are many outreach programs which Trinity is still dedicated to fund. Please submit a grant to help us continue Trinity's legacy of giving to our community and beyond.



From the Deaconess

Craft Bazaar – the youth group would like to host a Craft Bazaar in the fall as a fund raiser. We are looking for donations from crafty people. We have all summer to create. Please consider if you might have something to donate. Thank you!

30-Hour Famine – the youth are participating in the 30-Hour Famine, May 10-11, with the youth from Christ Lutheran. We need lots of cardboard to build shelters from. If you have some medium to large pieces/boxes, would you please put them outside the youth room.

Easter Sunday: No Sunday school, Confirmation, or Youth Group.

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 (219-928-5070), 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	Bill Jabo	Pat Jabo
Lauren Maché	Eden Preston	Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson	Susan Swanson	Bob Tittle

For Friends and Family

NAME:	FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:		
Bob & Mark <i>(friend)</i>	Marilyn Olson	Dick <i>(cousin)</i>	Nancy Tittle
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 Iler
Steve <i>(son-in-law)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Fred <i>(father)</i>	Amy Parsons
Matt <i>(friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Caron <i>(sister)</i>	Lori Olson
Mike <i>(brother)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Christine <i>(wife)</i>	Mark Forker
Tom <i>(nephew)</i>	Lu & Brian Blake	Sherry <i>(aunt)</i>	Reese & Madi
Cheri <i>(friend)</i>	Ann Baas		Mayernik
Kelley <i>(daughter)</i>	Nan Paarlberg	Robert <i>(uncle)</i>	Reese & Madi
Dan C.	Mike & Lynn Kinsey		Mayernik
Susan <i>(niece)</i>	Barbara Pearson	Robert <i>(grandfather)</i>	Christine Iler
Martha <i>(aunt)</i>	Juanagene Nietert	Mildred <i>(grandmother)</i>	Christine Iler
Mary	Juanagene Nietert	Teresa <i>(cousin)</i>	Lauren Maché
Mitch	Juanagene Nietert	Dean <i>(father)</i>	Carey Johnson Young
Donna <i>(aunt)</i>	Vonda Young	Bridgette <i>(aunt)</i>	Valerie Webdell
Lowell <i>(uncle)</i>	Vonda Young	Lucas	Arlene & Will Gross
Aubrey <i>(niece)</i>	Erma & Darrel	Linda <i>(sister)</i>	Barbara Pearson
	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
Jerry <i>(friend)</i>	Karen Tognetti	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	George Reichler
		Chloe <i>(neice)</i>	Craig & Becky Lutz

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	April 21, 2019	April 28, 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	8:00 TIE 10:45 Adult Choir	9:00 Handbell
Musicians	Paul Schreiner - guitar	
Acolyte	8:00 Jane Leitzke 10:45 Jane Leitzke	Ethan Preston
Assisting Minister	8:00 Beth Jarvis 10:45 Cynthia Breitinger	Nicole Lee
Communion Assistants	8:00 Judy Phillips & Thais Carter 10:45 Erma Eichhorn, Marty Swinehart, & Nicole Lee	Mary Jo Nuland & Cynthia Breitinger
Greeters	8:00 Karen Tognetti & Mary Jo Nuland 10:45 Norm Amundsen & Bernie Wong	Mary Jo Nuland
Lector	8:00 Mary Jo Nuland 10:45 Linda Beach	Larry Chew
Ushers	8:00 Mary Jo Nuland and Pete Brannen (offering) 10:45 David Burow-Flak (offering)	Mary Jo Nuland

Sunday Evening

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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
Usher		Chuck Anderson
Bread Baker	Jane Schreiner	Erma Eichhorn
Altar Guild	Gloria Cornman and Judy & Roger Phillips	Thais Carter
Unlock Doors	Marty Swinehart	Mike Delliquadri

Host Families Needed

On Wednesday May 8, 2019, the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church will have the great pleasure of welcoming members of the Ashland University Chorale for a wonderful evening of music in our performance as part of the spring 2019 concert tour. They are looking for members who would be interested in being host families for these students and provide overnight accommodations for them after their performance that evening (minimum of 2 students per household). Please contact or speak to our Music Director Brian Bartusch (brian.bartusch@clcvalpo.org) if you can assist with this wonderful outreach.

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$4,257 Year-to-Date: \$98,964

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$426 Year-to-Date: \$9,895

Attendance Last Week: 169

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.