

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices May 5, 2019

Mother's Day Gifts of Hope for Sale

Mother's Day is coming soon, and again this year, the Faith in Action team is offering our alternative gift giving program, Gifts of Hope. Check inside for more information!

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

Sunday May 5, 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

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday May 7, 2019

- 7:00 PM Yoga – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Congressional Life- Room 105/107

Wednesday May 8, 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 May 12, 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
- 11:45 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Holy Communion – Nave

Faith in Action:

The ELCA Responds to Immigration

ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF MIGRATIONS

Thousands of children and families from Central America continue to flee their communities and search for safety in the U.S. As a church, we envision a world in which children and families do not have to leave their communities in order to live a safe and sufficient life.

- In 2019, we can help address this goal with advocacy and AMMPARO measures through: • Strengthening funds from the U.S. government to anti-corruption mechanisms and development programs that are culturally appropriate for Central American communities; • Opposing US. Foreign policies that support the militarization of Central American countries or prevent people from seeking protection in a country where they feel safe.

PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO FLEE THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THOSE WHO ARE LONG-TERM U.S. RESIDENTS

Our faith calls Lutherans to see our neighbors as ourselves. As people flee their communities, the ELCA will continue to celebrate and stand alongside our immigrant neighbors.

- In 2019, we can help address this goal through: • Support of robust asylum and trafficking prevention laws alongside laws that provide a pathway to citizenship to long-term residents of the U.S.; • Opposition to attempts to weaken asylum laws or other laws that protect vulnerable children and families fleeing their communities.

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.



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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April Christian Food Pantry Report

In April 244 families were served providing food for 596 family members. Fortunately money was available to provide hams and other 'Easter menu' items for 116 families. Various desserts from Strack's on Calumet supplemented cake/frosting mixes. Both Strack and VanTil stores provided Easter 'bags' to help fill needs for basic giving. The postal workers collection will be on May 11th and those items help keep the pantry supplied well into the summer months. The 13th annual Memorial Day concert will be held at the Opera House. The 'admission' of canned goods for the pantry are always helpful and appreciated. During May items are requested for the Kid's Kits offered to families with children ages 5 to 15 during the summer school recess. The kits include tomato and chicken noodle soups, canned pasta, applesauce and fruit and pudding cups, mac 'n cheese, and 6-ounce fruit drinks. Small packages of chips and cookies are included with toothpaste and tooth brushes. With the generous help from our 7 sponsoring congregations along with various other groups and organizations the pantry is able to continue serving families in our 'neighborhood' that need this kind of assistance. As always any donations are appreciated. Nan, Anne and Sharon

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

"Easter Breakfast-Thank you for your generosity!!! The youth received \$460.50 in donations for the Easter Breakfast! We are so grateful for your food and monetary contributions. I thought it was a wonderful set of worship services with good food and fellowship in between. We are thankful for your support! All monies given support our youth programming.

"The **Sunday School** students enjoyed some hands-on activities this past Sunday. One of our first things we did together was to "buy" our animals through the ELCA Good Gifts program. We received \$590 in donations from our Palm Sunday Noisy Offering. We were able to buy 5 piglets, 3 sets of chicks, 2 roosters, 1 pair of goats, 1 set of honeybees, and 1 family fish farm. We were so excited!! We did math together, voted on which animals we wanted to buy, and had fun helping other people. Thank you again for your generosity!

Graduation Recognition - I am looking to gather the names of our students who are graduating from high school and college this Spring or last December. Could you please contact me as soon as possible if you know of a graduate from our congregation? Many thanks!

Special Celebration- We will be hosting a party for our two college graduates, Frieda Mottonen and Isaiah Miler, who have helped with the high school youth group the last three years! We are so grateful for them. The Confirmation students and high school youth are invited to celebrate this Sunday, May 5, 5:00-7:00 pm. Bring a potluck dish to share and a monetary donation for Frieda and Isaiah.

End-of-Year Celebrations - We will wrap up our year of Sunday School and of Confirmation and Youth Group on **May 19**. Celebrate with us at 10:45-11:45 am for Sunday School and Confirmation. We will have lots of fun together. Then celebrate with the high school youth (Confirmation students are welcome, too), from 6:00-7:15 pm; High Schoolers will stay until 8:30 pm.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Barb Herzinger, bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com, or 462-9624, ext. 4."

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
Jill Palmer <i>(friend)</i>	Barb Herzinger	Chloe <i>(niece)</i>	Craig & Becky Lutz

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	May 5, 2019	May 12, 2019
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	
Choir	Adult Choir	Handbell
Musicians	Trinity Instrumental Ensemble Members	Nicole Lee- Piano Paul Schriener- guitar
Acolyte	Ethan Preston	Eden Preston
Assisting Minister	Cynthia Bretinger	Beth Jarvis
Communion Assistants	Lori Olson Pete Brannen Kathy Brannen	Judy Phillips Mark Maassel Janet Wade
Greeters	Annamae Wheeland Karen Tognetti	Norm Hellmers Daniel Silliman
Lector	Linda Beach	Daniel Silliman
Ushers	Linda Beach Dennis Beach	Bill Iler Christine Iler

Sunday Evening

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Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Assisting Minister	Cynthia Bretinger	Beth Jarvis
Communion Assistant/Lector	Sandi Anderson	Sandi Anderson
Usher	Chuck Anderson	Chuck Anderson
Bread Baker	Scott Otterbacher	Edith Young
Altar Guild	Erma Eichhorn	Marilyn Olson
Unlock Doors	Darrel Eichhorn	Mike Kinsey

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.

Mother's Day Gifts of Hope for Sale

Mother's Day is coming soon. Again this year, the Faith in Action team is offering our alternative gift giving program, Gifts of Hope. Today May 5th, and Sunday, May 12, before and after services you can purchase a gift in any amount for any mom you know and love. The mom receives a hand crafted card noting that a gift was given in her name to the Christian Food Pantry of Valparaiso. You both get the satisfaction of knowing that your gift keeps on giving to the pantry your church supports right in our community. Stop by the table in the foyer and get mom a Gift of Hope for Mother's Day.

Mid-summer Stopover

Trinity's youth have slept on many a church hall floor over the years as part of mission trip travels. This year, Trinity is offering its space to fifty high school kids (and their adult chaperones) from Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, KS. The kids will stop on Saturday July 13 and spend one night here, waking and helping set up for July 14 fellowship time, then worshipping with us before heading on their way.

Lights! Camera! Action!

Trinity Lutheran Church will be part of the set of a forthcoming, full-length independent film! Binary Star Pictures is filming a piece, title TBD, in and around Valparaiso this spring. Trinity's Council has arranged for them to film at Trinity on Wednesday June 5 (interior scenes) and on Tuesday and Wednesday June 11 and 12 (exterior scenes shot at night).

“Binary Star Pictures’ feature film, written and directed by local residents, Lorissa Julianus and C. J. Julianus respectively, is a PG-13 romantic caper comedy about two disparate people—the social outcast and an Episcopal priest, brought together by political corruption, an art mystery, and a Russian mobster gunning for both of them. Their initial distrust of each other turns into friendship, respect, and the emotional and spiritual healing both need to find happiness again.”

A Note from Szu-Ping

Trinity will be hosting a concert on Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. **Tucson Girls Chorus** from Tucson, AZ will be visiting us on their way to Indy and since their choir director was my classmate from way back when I study at Northwestern University, I have invited them to come to Valparaiso. This is their Spring/Summer tour to the Midwest - Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana.

There are 23 high school girls(age 15-18) and three youthful adults will be visiting us. I'm looking for some host families for them to stay after the concert on Tuesday evening, June 4. They will be leaving on Wednesday morning. If you can help to host the girls, that will be great! Please let me know.

If you are interested in learning about this group, you can go to tucsongirlschorus.org to find out more information about the group.

Thanks,
Szu-Ping

New Members & Baptisms

Today we welcome into Holy Baptism James Anthony Carter, Olivia Ruth Gratz, and Alice Jane Gratz. James Carter has been a member here since December of 2017, along with his father, Heath, his mother, Thais, and his brothers, Isaiah and Sam. Olivia and Alice have been worshiping with us since September, along with their mother, Brianne, and their father, Joseph. On Saturday April 20, Trinity welcomed through Holy Baptism Nicole Michelle Baumann, and through Affirmation of Baptism Katherine Elizabeth Carr, Jesse Hershberger, Megan Elizabeth Main, and Ryan Thomas Stockwell. Katherine and Nicole have been married for five years and have been worshiping with us together for about a year. Megan and Jesse are Valparaiso University students and live together on campus. Ryan has been worshiping with us for nearly four years and now joins his partner, Jon Young, as a member.

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$13,060 Year-to-Date: \$122,455

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$1,306 Year-to-Date: \$12,244

Attendance Last Week: 150

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.