

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices November 17, 2019



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 November 17, 2019

8:30 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:25 AM	TIE Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM	Bible Study
10:45 AM	Sunday School
5:00 PM	Holy Communion
6:00 PM	Youth Group: Dinner & Activities
7:00 PM	High School Youth Group

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday November 19, 2019

6:30 PM	Council Meeting
7:00 PM	Yoga

Wednesday November 20, 2019

12:00 PM	Parish Notice Deadline (office@tlcvalpo.com)
1:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
6:45 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday November 24, 2019

8:00 AM	TIE Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM	Bible Study
10:45 AM	Sunday School
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
1:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
5:00 PM	Holy Communion
6:00 PM	Youth Group: Dinner & Activities
7:00 PM	High School Youth Group

Health Ministry

Consider adding **yoga** to your week, as a wonderful mind, body, spirit practice! 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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September Christian Food Pantry Report

With 199 families served at the pantry 466 people were provided with food. Hopefully reminders of the October 19th Grub Run starting from First Christian Church at 9am will bring out many runners/walkers with all profits going to the pantry. With the Thanksgiving holiday 'around the corner' food items for that special menu will be needed: green beans, 2.5 oz. FF onion rings, mashed potatoes, broth, canned fruit, cream of mushroom soup and sweet potatoes. Small size coffee and teas add a little something extra.

The special November holiday reminds us to be extra thankful for so many things. However, the pantry coordinators are **very** thankful *year-round* for the many volunteers and once-in-a-while helpers as well as those who support the pantry with canned and monetary donations along with prayers for the clients in need of help from the pantry.

You all are appreciated!

Nan, Anne and Sharon



From the Deaconess

College Addresses Needed - please let me know who is in college and what their address is. I want to make sure that I have a complete list for the care packages. Many thanks!

College Care Packages - we will begin collecting snacks and treats for our college students. I believe there are about 15 of them, but I'm double checking. Think about single-serve items, gum, mints, chips, granola bars, maybe a fun pen, etc.

Hot Cocoa Bar and Bake Sale - Friday, December 6, 5:15-7:45 pm, we will host a hot cocoa bar and bake sale as a fundraiser for the "We're Here for Good" campaign. The youth and Sunday school students will be hosting. Others are welcome to join us. We're planning to have a tent in the courtyard with luminaries lighting the sidewalk. If you have interest in helping, please let me know. The more, the merrier!

Dinner Needed for Youth Group – dinner is needed each week for the youth and adults on Sunday night, approximately 12 people. If you would like to sign up to serve dinner, please let me know.

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

Notes from the Music Minister

Our Novice Choir is coming back, named "**Winter Choir**" this time. I only ask for two Sunday rehearsals. We will sing on December 8th with our Adult Choir, and we will rehearse after the service on Dec 1st and before the service on Dec 8th. It was such great fun when we did that this past summer, and I hope you can join us!

Thank you all for the successful turnout for the **Reformation Concert!** It was a great event for our church. I'm looking forward to our next concert. Please mark your calendar for our **Christmas Concert** set for December 15th this year. Invite your friends and families to join us for this annual event and raise funds for our youth group!

Thanks,
Szu-Ping

Give a Gift of Hope for Christmas at Trinity

People from Trinity Lutheran Church have discovered a simple, joyous way to shop for Christmas. They shop right here at church. Shopping is fast, easy, and rewarding at **Gifts of Hope**. You donate any amount you would like to a charitable organization in another person's name. You give that person a beautiful, hand-crafted card naming the organization that receives the gift, and the receiver of the card has the joy of knowing someone has been helped by a gift that keeps on giving.

Our Trinity catalog offers twenty-four local, national, and international charitable organizations from which to choose. Helpful *Faith in Action* team members can guide you through the simple shopping process at the **Gifts of Hope** table November 24, and December 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Get your shopping done in the foyer before and after services any Sunday through December 22. Catalogs are available beginning November 24th at our table. Be on the cutting edge of giving. Shop til you drop ... to your knees in joyous thanks for **the greatest Christmas Gift of Hope, Jesus Christ**.

Adult Forum:

Adult Forum returns with a four-part series on immigration. Ever since the ELCA voted to become a Sanctuary Church, this already important issue has come front and center for Lutherans.

The forums are not “cumulative,” so, you don't need to make all four in order to know what's going on. Topics are “Political and Historical Causes or Immigration,” “Life in the region/life in The Region,” “The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration,” and “Biblical Immigration Stories.” Forums will meet on Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8, and Dec 22. Precise scheduling of sessions (which one is which day) is in the works and will be announced as soon as possible.

2020 Budget:

Finance committee will be working on the 2020 budget over the next couple of weeks. If you have an input that you would like to share with the team please contact Sally Ecklund-Baker at 508-1619 or thesally10@hotmail.com. Thank you.

A Note From Adult Ed:

Thank you for generously hosting us and helping us make a difference in the lives of others who are less fortunate. We have a recent need. Many of the people we serve come to classes hungry because they and their families lack resources. We are starting a small food pantry. Protein bars, granola bars, mandarins, apples, etc... are most welcome. Please consider dropping off an item in the empty box in room 106.

Shelter Wraps Up Ninth Year

Trinity volunteers have wrapped up another year of hosting the Monday night pads program for persons unable to find affordable, permanent housing. This year's generous workers provided cash support, food donations, and hours of volunteer service as chaperones, meal providers, intake helpers, and laundry workers.

We have joyfully witnessed many guests find employment and housing as they begin living independent lives in our community. Still, with limited affordable housing available in Valparaiso, many employed people cannot afford a place to live where they work. Our pads program staff hopes to continue volunteer operations next April to meet our community's need to care for people who lack food and shelter.

We are thankful for all of the volunteers who offer loving care to our guests. This ministry is a blessing that allows us to accept God's work into our hands. Thanks to all who have participated.

THE ELCA AND FAITH IN ACTION: Programs for Veterans

What does our church – the ELCA – do about conditions in the world? The following includes some suggestions from ELCA Advocacy on what we can all do for our veterans.

More than 20 million veterans live among us, relays the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop, in a [2019 Veterans Day video message](#). “Each one was willing to put their life at risk in service to our country, and more than 77% of our current veterans have served during wartime.” Policymakers need to hear from faith-based advocates about their experiences, and what priorities best meet the needs of veterans in our communities. Critical steps Congress can take to meet urgent challenges include:

- Supporting resources and funding for the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) in the FY20 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies budget. The resource "Support for Veterans & Families" from ELCA Advocacy contains [background on veteran programs in the federal budget](#).
- Helping increase funding for other proven initiatives like the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program. [Homelessness among veterans](#) has declined in recent years, yet nearly 38,000 veterans were experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2018.
- Removing barriers to accessing VA benefits to which veterans are entitled is vital. In 2017, [VA reports](#) 16.8 veterans died per day by suicide in 2017, 1.5 times higher than the national adult average.
- Endorsing the recently introduced bipartisan [Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act](#), which would extend financial protections that currently apply to active duty service members to veterans and their family members.

Learn more about the ministry of [ELCA Federal Chaplains](#), including the resource "Care for Returning Veterans" workshop which explores psychological, moral, spiritual and family impacts of the experience of veterans, from [ELCA.org](#).

Prayer Requests

For those in the parish:

Brandon Brkljac		
Carole Gilliland	Bill Jabo	Pat Jabo
Lauren Maché	Eden Preston	Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson	Susan Swanson	Bob Tittle
Brenda Aden	Sandi Anderson	

For Friends and Family

NAME:	FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:		
Mark <i>(friend)</i>	Marilyn Olson	Rita Freese	Karen Tognetti
Karen <i>(niece)</i>	Roger & Judy Phillips	Rita <i>(friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings
Shelley <i>(niece)</i>	Kathy Schroeder	Nathan <i>(brother)</i>	David Burow-Flak
Ashlee <i>(daughter)</i>	Carol Little	Lily Grace <i>(cousin)</i>	Patricia Cummings
Sue <i>(daughter)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Colten	Patricia Cummings
Steve <i>(son-in-law)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Amy <i>(sister)</i>	Christine Iler
Matt <i>(friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Fred <i>(father)</i>	Amy Parsons
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
Brandon <i>(grandson)</i>	Ann& Larry Baas	Sherry <i>(aunt)</i>	Reese & Madi
Dan C.	Mike & Lynn Kinsey		Mayernik
Susan <i>(niece)</i>	Barbara Pearson	Robert <i>(uncle)</i>	Reese & Madi
Martha <i>(aunt)</i>	Juanagene Nietert		Mayernik
Mary	Juanagene Nietert	Robert <i>(grandfather)</i>	Christine Iler
Mitch	Juanagene Nietert	Mildred <i>(grandmother)</i>	Christine Iler
Donna <i>(aunt)</i>	Vonda Young	Teresa <i>(cousin)</i>	Lauren Maché
Lowell <i>(uncle)</i>	Vonda Young	Dean <i>(father)</i>	Carey Johnson Young
Aubrey <i>(niece)</i>	Erma & Darrel	Bridgette <i>(aunt)</i>	Valerie Webdell
	Eichhorn	Linda <i>(sister)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Ruth Anderson family	Diann Ptacek	Garlan <i>(brother-in-law)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Bess <i>(mother)</i>	Linda Beach	Jim <i>(cousin)</i>	Larry & Ann Baas
Dick <i>(cousin)</i>	NancyTittle	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	George Reichle
Chloe <i>(neice)</i>	Craig & Becky Lutz	Maggie <i>(great granddaughter)</i>	Norma Lee Pickard
Jean <i>(Mother)</i>	Mike Kinsey	Jill Palmer <i>(friend)</i>	Barb Herzinger
Audrey <i>(sister)</i>	JoAnn Murphy	Veronica	Chuck & Sandi
Olga&Barney Roganovich <i>(family friend)</i>	Chuck & Sandy Anderson	Carol Sue <i>(Cousin)</i>	Chuck & Sandi
Max <i>(son)</i>	Kirsten&Mike Renehan	Julia Young <i>(mother)</i>	Jon Young
		Maria <i>(Daughter)</i>	Arlene & Will Gross

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	November 17, 2019	November 24, 2019
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Joyful Noise	Adult Choir & TIE
Musicians	Paul Schreiner-Guitar Ethan Preston-Recorder Jeff Hellmers-Trombone	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Eden Preston	Bill Iler
Assisting Minister	Marty Swinehart	Marty Swinehart
Communion Assistants	Barbara Herzinger Judy Phillips Mary Jo Nuland	Mary Jo Nuland Kay Kielikowski Cynthia Breitenger
Greeters	Mary Jo Nuland	Kay Kielikowski Rita Delliquadri
Lector	Larry Chew	Marty Swinehart
Ushers	Bill Iler Kaleb	Alan Kielikowski Mike Delliquadri
Secure Offering	Bill Iler	Mike Delliquadri

Sunday Evening

	November 17, 2019	November 24, 2019
Presiding minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Assisting Minister		
Communion Assistant/Lector	Sandi & Chuck Anderson	Sandi & Chuck Anderson
Usher	Chuck Anderson	Chuck Anderson
Bread Baker	Danette Lowry	Terry Paarlberg
Altar Guild	Marilyn Olson	Gloria Cornman
Unlock Doors	Mike Kinsey	Marty Swinehart

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$4,501

Year-to-Date: \$262,041

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$450

Year-to-Date: \$26,230

Attendance Last Week: 97

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.