

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices December 1, 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 December 1, 2019

8:00 AM TIE Rehearsal
9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:25 AM Winter Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:25 AM TIE Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:45 AM Adult Forum
10:45 AM Sunday School Rehearsal
5:00 PM Holy Communion
6:00 PM Youth Group: Dinner & Activities
7:00 PM High School Youth Group

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday December 3, 2019

6:30 PM Safety Team Meeting
7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday December 4, 2019

12:00 PM Parish Notice Deadline (office@tlcvalpo.com)
6:45 PM Handbells
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday December 7, 2019

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday December 08, 2019

9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:25 AM TIE Rehearsal
10:45 AM Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM Adult Forum
10:45 AM Sunday School Rehearsal
11:45 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal
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! Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer!

Youth Group Meals - the high school youth group meets nearly every Sunday evening. They really enjoy being together. Something new that we started doing is cooking dinner together. On the second Sunday of each month, we meet at the grocery store and shop for our food. Then we go back to church and cook together. We have six very dedicated high school students. They are impressive young people. We do, however, still need other meals provided. We have 10 people that eat each week. Would you be willing to make a meal and do the clean up? Please let me know if you're interested. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer!

Sunday School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 15, 10:30-11:00 am. Practices will be December 1 and 8, 10:45-11:45 am. Parents are asked to bring children at 9:00 am for rehearsal on December 15. Fellowship Time will be after the program. We are asking parents to provide snacks for Fellowship Time. Baked goods, fruit, cheese and crackers are some welcome items.

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

Notes from the Music Minister

Our "**Winter Choir**" will rehearse today after the service in the sanctuary. If you love to sing but don't have time to join our adult choir, this is a great opportunity for you! We will sing next Sunday, Dec 8, with our Adult Choir. It was so fun when we did that this past summer, and I hope you can join us this time if you haven't yet!

Our Annual Advent / Christmas Concert, **Festival of Lessons & Carols**, is on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 5:00 PM. The chili supper will follow the concert at around 6:15 PM. A freewill offering will be collected for the Trinity Youth Group at this annual event. Please join us and support our youth group!

Thanks,
Szu-Ping

**At its meeting on November 19, 2019, the
Congregation Council:**

- Accepted with regret the resignation of Jennifer Hora as President.
- Affirmed Christine Iler, formerly Vice-President, as the new President of Council for the remainder of the term (until the first meeting after the 2020 Annual Congregation Meeting.)
- Approved Nicole Lee's suggestion for developing a volunteer-staffed nursery during Sunday service; acknowledged that criminal history checks could be done by the office for all nursery volunteers.
- Proposed a compromise to locking the front (wooden) doors during services... by using the door stop to keep the pre-locked door ajar unless there is an emergency, when it can be quickly closed, self-locking.
- Heard that the Personnel Team has completed most of the staff evaluations.
- Celebrated that the We're Here for Good campaign has received over \$60,000 in contributions this year... OVER general fund giving!
- Received from the Finance Team a proposed budget for 2020, and discussed a wide range of possible solutions to funding it adequately. Further discussion tabled until the next meeting.

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 **today** December 1st, 8, 15 and 22.

Get your shopping done in the foyer before and after services any Sunday through December 22. Catalogs are available this morning 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: Immigration

Sunday December 1: We welcome Dr. Gregg Johnson, who will lead us in conversation about *United States Policy in Latin America and its Role in Immigration to the US*. Dr. Johnson (or Bagel, as many of us know him) is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Valparaiso University.

Sunday December 8: Pastor Tim leads us in conversation about *The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration, and How the Church Relates to Immigration*. With the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting last summer to become a Sanctuary Denomination, this is a timely topic.

Sunday December 22: Pastor Tim leads conversation about *Biblical Stories of Migration*. It's not as simple as "What does 'the Bible' say about migration?" The Bible says a lot of things. We'll look at themes and tensions.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Care Giving Group at Trinity calls, visits, sends encouraging cards and Parish Notes, and gives communion to our shut ins. Our caregivers recently arranged for two good friends who are shut ins to visit with each other for several hours. We want our shut ins to know that we really do care about them and that they are part of our church fellowship.

Your Care Giving Group

Dinners Needed:

Faith in Action needs volunteers to make dinners for the men without homes who stay at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Trinity does this every second Wednesday of each month.

We need volunteers for main course, vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert for 20 men. These need to be delivered by 6:30 on the 2nd Wednesday to the 1st Presbyterian Church on Valparaiso Street. If you would like to volunteer for this service for those in need, please contact Patricia Cummings **242-9410**. Thanks for your help.

Note From The LDA:

The LDA will be highlighted during the December 8 Men's Varsity Basketball Game at Valparaiso University in honor of the LDA's 100 Years of Service. The game starts at 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 at theLDA.org or by calling 219-464-6529 and include refreshments before the game.

THE ELCA AND FAITH IN ACTION: DACA and the Dreamers

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 to support the Dreamers.

After the Trump administration terminated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program on September 5th, 2017 the lives of over 700,000 persons called “Dreamers” -- most brought to this country as children at a relatively young age – changed. They now live in fear of imminent deportation. Several lawsuits seeking an injunction have blocked the program’s termination, allowing current recipients to continue to renew their protections but cutting off new applications. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments **on November 12th, 2019**, and once again, Dreamers’ futures will remain uncertain until the court decides this spring whether to uphold the injunction.

The Dream Act of 2019, S. 874, is a bipartisan piece of legislation introduced in the Senate on March 26th, 2019 which provides critical permanent legal protection to DACA recipients, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and individuals with Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) who are living in a state of uncertainty and fear. As Lutherans, we are committed to justice and called to welcome the stranger. This is why we need to urge Senators Braun and Young to support protection for DACA recipients and, more specifically the Dream Act of 2019, S. 874.

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>	Nancy Tittle	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	George Reichle
Chloe <i>(niece)</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
Karen <i>(Friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Maria <i>(Daughter)</i>	Arlene & Will Gross

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	December 1, 2019	December 08, 2019
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Adult Choir & TIE	Adult Choir & Novice Choir
Musicians	Shelly Sager, Clarinet Ethan Preston, Saxophone, ocarina, & Recorder Nicole Lee, Piano Jeff Helmers, Trombone	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Isabel Ecklund-Baker	Eden Preston
Assisting Minister	Patricia Cummings	Nicole Lee
Communion Assistants	Kay Kielpikowski Sally Ecklund-Baker Kati Kallay	Kay Kielpikowski Sally Ecklund-Baker Kati Kallay
Greeters	Kay Kielpikowski Mary Jo Nuland	
Lector	Lu Krieger-Blake	Mike Renehan
Ushers	Alan Kielpikowski Mike Delliquadri	Mike Renehan
Secure Offering	Alan Kielpikowski	Mike Renehan

Sunday Evening

	December 01, 2019	December 08, 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	Janice Ault	Jane Schreiner
Altar Guild	Erma Eichhorn	Pat/Norm Hellmers
Unlock Doors	Mike Delliquadri	Darrel Eichhorn

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$5,188

Year-to-Date: \$270,419

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$519

Year-to-Date: \$27,067

Attendance Last Week: 99

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.