

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices December 15, 2019

Tomorrow, the 16th is the last day to get your Poinsettia orders in!

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 15, 2019

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:25 AM	TIE Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels I
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Advent Christmas Concert & Chili Supper

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday December 17, 2019

6:30 PM	Council Meeting
7:00 PM	Yoga

Wednesday December 18, 2019

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

Sunday December 22, 2019

8:30 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:25 AM	TIE Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Adult Forum
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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November Christian Food Pantry Report

During October 214 families were served providing food for 572 peoples. November was even busier with 260 families served providing food for 589 people. Plans for Thanksgiving serves were based on having served 83 families in two days last year. It was a huge surprise to have 107 families come on the first day this year. 30 came the second day. Fortunately with the donation of 100 turkeys, generous food donations and monetary help all families were fully served. Now plans are being made for providing Christmas menu items. Hopefully hams will be available to offer with sugar an 'extra special.' The usual veggies, potatoes and fruit will be offered with desserts from Strack's to top off the meal. As the usual needs for basic giving occur each week the often-listed supplies are needed: tuna in water, CEREAL, bathroom tissue, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, rice, pork 'n' beans, mac 'n' cheese, soups, fruit and money for perishables. Fortunately a large number of eggs have been donated this fall. Help comes from so many different places and is greatly appreciated as pantry volunteers work to help provide pantry services to the families in our 'neighborhood' that need that kind of assistance. Thank you to all who help the pantry give assistance in numerous ways. There has been much to be thankful for during this special holiday season.

Thank you for caring and sharing,

Nan, Anne and Sharon



From the Deaconess

THANK YOU! - Thank you so much to everyone who made the Holly Days Hot Cocoa Bar and Bake Sale a success!! Your baked goods donations were extremely generous (and tasty)! Your help volunteering and providing supplies were valuable assets! Thank you for helping the Sunday School and Youth raise \$286.75 for the "We're Here for Good" campaign. So much to be proud of!

Sunday School Christmas Program – Join us today for the Sunday School Christmas Program, *The First Christmas*, at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Treats are provided by our Sunday School parents. You're invited to enjoy refreshments *after* the program; however, feel free to grab some coffee. Thank you for your support!

Chili/Soup Supper – Join us, today, 12/15, after the 5:00 pm service of *Carols and Lessons* for a Chili and Soup Supper with cornbread, toppings, and desserts. Coffee and lemonade will be served. This is a fund raiser to support our youth ministry. A free-will offering will be accepted. Bring your friends and family for an evening of song, food, and fellowship.

Sunday School – the children will meet for Sunday School on December 22, 10:45-11:45 am, for a lesson and Gathering Time.

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!

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

Notes from the Music Minister

You're invited to attend

Trinity Lutheran Church
201 Washington St.
Valparaiso, IN

Sun., December 15, 2019



Lessons & Carols Service

(including music by the Adult Choir, Children's
Choir, Trinity Instrumental Ensemble (TIE),
Handbells, Guitar & Organ)

5:00-6:15 pm
In the Sanctuary



Followed by the
CHILI SUPPER
(youth fundraiser)
6:15-7:15 pm
In Fellowship Hall

Please join us!

Our Annual Advent / Christmas Concert, ***Festival of Lessons & Carols***, is **Today**, 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

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 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 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.

Bible Breakfast Club

Saturday, December 21, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.—Pines Village

Study: Advent Devotional

Lesson: "Watch, Wait, Create"

Readings from: Selections from Isaiah (Isaiah 35: 1-2a)

Leader: Barbara Pearson

All women are welcome and invited to attend. For more information, call Barbara Pearson., (219) 242-3190.

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE?

...in our congregation who is sick and might appreciate a card, a call, or a visit from one of the members of Trinity's Caring Group? Please alert one of us so that we can bring comfort to your friends and family. Thank you for being a part of our mission.

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Preschool Registration:

Tender Loving Care Preschool is accepting registration for 2020-2021 for present and past TLC families, and for Trinity members beginning January 6th. Registration will be open to the public effective January 13th. Available classes are as follows:

1. A.M and P.M. (minimum of 9 students) Early Learners classes (Tuesday & Thursday) – for children age 3 by September 1, 2020.
2. A.M. and P.M. Kindergarten Readiness classes (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children age 4 by September 1, 2020.
3. A.M. (only) Pre-Kindergarten class (Monday through Friday) - for children at least 5 by September 1, 2020. Please note that most children in this class have had two prior years of preschool.
4. P.M. Extended Day class (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children in Tender Loving Care A.M. Kindergarten Readiness or A.M. Pre-Kindergarten classes.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in registering or would like information, please contact Nancy Moseley at 531-9534 or nancyjoseley@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

I invite you to visit our website at: www.tenderlovingcarepreschool.webs.com.

THE ELCA AND FAITH IN ACTION: Immigration and Refugees

What does our church – the ELCA – do about conditions in the world? Since 1991 the ELCA has created a dozen policy resolutions and one social message on the issues of immigration and refugees. In addition, our bishops have written extensively on the issue. The following are excerpts from a letter written by Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on January 30, 2017.

“ . . . Last week I communicated with the Trump administration asking that it not stop the U.S. refugee admissions program or stop resettlement from any country for any period of time. The Bible calls us to welcome the stranger and treat the sojourner as we would our own citizens. I agree with the importance of keeping our country secure as the administration stated in its executive order . . . but I am convinced that temporarily banning vulnerable refugees will not enhance our safety nor does it reflect our values as Christians. Instead, it will cause immediate harm by separating families, disrupting lives, and denying safety and hope to brothers and sisters who are already suffering. Refugees being resettled in the United States have fled persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political views and/or associations. They wait for years for the chance to go home. But sometimes, there is no home for them to go back to. . . .

As Lutherans, many of our ancestors faced the pain of having to flee their homes and the joy of being welcomed in new communities across the United States. As we have done throughout history, millions of Lutherans across the country honor our shared biblical values as well as the best of our nation’s traditions by offering refuge to those most in need. We are committed to continuing ministries of welcome that support and build communities around the country and stand firmly against any policies that result in scaling back the refugee resettlement program. . . .

We must offer safety to people fleeing religious persecution regardless of their faith tradition. Christians and other religious minorities suffer persecution and rightly deserve protection, but including additional criteria based on religion could have discriminatory effects that would go against our nation’s fundamental values related to freedom of religion. I invite ELCA congregations into learning, prayer and action on behalf of those who seek refuge on our shores. . . .

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Our Lord not only commanded us to welcome the stranger, Jesus made it clear that when we welcome the stranger into our homes and our hearts – we welcome him.

God’s peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop

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	Mike Kinsey

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
Karen <i>(Friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Maria <i>(Daughter)</i>	Arlene & Will Gross

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	December 15, 2019	December 22, 2019
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Handbells	Joyful Noise
Musicians	Paul Schreiner – Guitar	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Marty Swinehart	Barbara Herzinger
Assisting Minister	Nicole Lee	Marty Swinehart
Communion Assistants	Mary Jo Nuland Judy Phillips Maryilyn Olson	Kay Kielpikowski Kati Kallay Nan Paarlberg
Greeters	Pat & Norm Hellmers	Kay Kielpikowski Alan Kielpikowski
Lector	Valarie Stiel	Linda Beach
Ushers	Craig Lutz Becky Lutz	Dennis Beach Linda Beach
Secure Offering		Dennis Beach

Sunday Evening

December 15, 2019 December 22, 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	Erma Eichhorn	Scott Otterbacher
Altar Guild	Terri Gingerich	Pat/Norm Hellmers
Unlock Doors	Mike Kinsey	Marty Swinehart

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$8,772

Year-to-Date: \$273,9

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$877

Year-to-Date: \$28,298

Attendance Last Week: 126

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.