

TRINITY Lutheran Church

201 WASHINGTON STREET • VALPARAISO, IN 46383-4797
(219) 462-9624 • office@tlcvalpo.com • www.tlcvalpo.com

Parish Notices December 29, 2020



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 January 5, 2020

9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM Fellowship
2:00 PM Youth Ice Skating
5:00 PM Holy Communion

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday January 7, 2020

6:30 PM Safety Team Meeting

Wednesday January 8, 2020

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

Sunday January 12, 2020

9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:45 AM Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Holy Communion
6:00 PM Youth Group: Potluck Dinner & Christmas Party
7:00 PM High School Youth Group



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:

ANN BAAS (219) 476-5926 annbaas@gmail.com	GEORGE REICHLER (219) 477-2080 yawlwatchthis@msn.com	TERRY PAARLBERG (219) 462-7291 (219) 242-4035 TJPaar67@comcast.net
--	---	--

“Christ Caring for People through People” That’s the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister’s role is to bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis.

What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. Each care receiver is matched with a compatible Stephen Minister. The two meet in person, typically once a week for about an hour, in a mutually agreeable setting.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders:

Ann Baas:

George Reichler:

Terry Paarlberg:

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

We will meet back next week, January 5th.

Ice Skating- The youth will go ice skating at Central Park Plaza, Sunday January 5th from 2-4pm. Skate rental is \$4.00, with an admission of \$5.00. Meet and pickup there!

Youth Quake Signup- The youth, grades 6-12 are invited to sign up for the Quake, February 28th-March 1st, at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, Il. \$50 deposit is due January 19th, along with the “Intent to participate” form.

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.

Congregation Council Update

At its meeting on December 17, 2019, the Council:

- **received and approved reports** from the Hospitality, Stephen Minister, Faith in Action teams, the TLC Preschool, as well as the Ad Hoc team for Youth and Family Ministry, and the strategic planning Groundwork team.
- **approved in concept, the focus of strategic planning** at TLC, that we will be “a place of healing” for our community... within the congregation itself and in the greater Valparaiso community.
- heard from the **We’re Here for Good** chair that contributions for the capital campaign, along with the regular general fund giving, show a remarkable 25% increase in member giving this year!
- realized that Trinity needs a “strong December” of giving to meet budgeted expenses and to start the new year in good financial shape.
- **established February 2, 2020 at 10:45 am for the Annual Congregation meeting.**
- voted to propose a budget for approval at the congregation’s Annual Meeting, with itemization of planned income as well as planned expenses for 2020.
- set a **deadline of January 5, 2020, for receipt of all annual committee and organization summaries** to be included in the Congregation’s Annual Report.
- suggested that the We’re Here for Good campaign be open-ended until the finances are received to pay for the various projects to be covered, vs being ‘only’ a 3 year program.
- heard that the **children and youth made over \$285 for WHFC** through their Cocoa and bake sale fund raiser on 12/6/19!
- noted that the Sunday School Christmas program was wonderful, and made very special by the handmade costumes by Judy Phillips!
- learned that **new member classes are scheduled for March-into-April** for acceptance at the Easter Vigil on April 11.
- noted that **several current council members have completed their terms.** The Congregation members are encouraged to prayerfully consider service to their fellow members through participation on the Congregation Council. If interested, please speak to any current

Community Conversations:

Please join us on Sunday, January 5th as we welcome in the New Year with the inauguration of Community Conversations, formerly known as Adult Forum.

We will continue to explore a variety of biblical, theological and social justice topics through Bible study, worship and sermon discussions, presentations by community social service organizations and our own Trinity members.

On the 5th, a panel of Trinity members will open the conversation with the topic "Congregational Life: What is it? Who is it? How does it fulfill point four of Trinity's Mission Statement? What can we do individually and together to ensure that "nurturing the community of faith through faith formation, spiritual growth, building relationships, and caring for one another" truly is fulfilled?" All are welcome to join this lively conversation!

The following week we'll learn more about Valparaiso's homeless community by hearing from "hands on" representatives of Housing Opportunities. The third Sunday in January, the 19th, Pastor Tim will lead a discussion of Genesis 3. On January 26th, Pastor Tim will facilitate a conversation about the worship service and sermon.

Community Conversations will continue to meet from 10:45 to 11:45 in Rooms 105/107. Our goal is to alternate Bible study, Trinity-specific discussions, worship/sermon review, and Valparaiso community organization presentations. We look forward to seeing you all in Rooms 105/107 for some lively, informative action-driven community conversations! Questions? Please contact either Marilyn Olson (olson1903@comcast.net) or Diane Chilian (dirol@frontier.co).

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.

Pastor Tim: ptim@tlcvalpo.com 219-462-9624

Parish Nurse, Nan Paarlberg: cnan39005@gmail.com 219-241-4778

Stephen Ministry: annlbaas@gmail.com 219-476-5926

Congregational Life: Diane Chilian: dirol@frontier.com 219-916-6832

Shut In Coordinator: Ruth

Cavanaugh: cavanaugh356@comcast.net 219-707-7266

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>	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>		Carol Sue <i>(Cousin)</i>	Chuck & Sandi
	Chuck & Sandy Anderson	Julia Young <i>(mother)</i>	Jon Young
Max <i>(son)</i>	Kirsten & Mike Renehan	Maria <i>(Daughter)</i>	Arlene & Will Gross
Karen <i>(Friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Jake Mayernik <i>(son)</i>	Christine & Bill Iler

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	December 29, 2019	January 5, 2020
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music		Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Adult Choir	Adult Choir
Musicians	Paul Schreiner – Guitar Mike Beaver- Piano	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte		
Assisting Minister	Marty Swinehart	
Communion Assistants	Mary Jo Nuland Lu Krieger-Blake Judy Phillips	
Greeters	Terry Paarlberg Mary Jo Nuland	Mike Kinsey Lynn Kinsey
Lector	Rita Delliquadri	Mike Renehan
Ushers	Mike Delliquadri	Mike Renehan
Secure Offering	Mike Delliqueadri	Mike Renehan

Sunday Evening

	December 29, 2019	January 5, 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	Pat Hellmers	Rita Delliquadri
Altar Guild	Judy/Roger Phillips	Gloria Cornman
Unlock Doors	Mike Delliquadri	Darrell Eichhorn

Staff

Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke

(443) 282-8680 (c)

ptim@tlcvalpo.com

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

Deaconess

Deaconess Barb Herzinger

(219) 561-3887

bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 10:30am-12:30pm + Wednesday 3p-5p

Minister of Music

Szu-Ping Chang Wong

(219) 464-2283

worship@tlcvalpo.com

Handbell Director

Jeffrey Doebler

(219) 465-7091

Jeff.Doebler@valpo.edu

Administrative Assistant

Abby Hofmann

(219) 462-9624 (office)

office@tlcvalpo.com

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-2:30pm

Adult Choir and Joyful Noise! Director

Janet Wade

(219) 241-6925

Janet.wade@eastporter.k12.in.us

Preschool Director

Nancy J. Mosely

(219) 531-9534

nancyjmosely@hotmail.com

Congregation Council

Vice President

CHRISTINE ILER

(219) 252-8530

Christineiler0112@gmail.com

LAWRENCE P. CHEW

(304) 400-7601

lpc953@gmail.com

MICHAEL BEAVER

(860) 754-8485

michael.beaver@icloud.com

DEBRA FRAY

(219) 464-2266

dunedoer@aol.com

BETSY BUROW-FLAK

(219) 465-5754

betsy.burowflak@valpo.edu

BENJAMIN BROBST-RENAUD

(612) 990-1723

benjamin.brobst.renaud.@gmail.com

Youth Representative

ETHAN PRESTON

(219) 241-6839

ethanpreston77@gmail.com

Secretary

LUANA S. KRIEGER-BLAKE

(219) 508-1513

lukrgrblk1@gmail.com

PAUL MACHÉ

(219) 728-1845

paul_mache@yahoo.com

TERRY PAARLBERG

(219) 462-7291

TJPaar67@comcast.net

AMANDA STRIETELMEIER

(219) 929-74649

apstriet@hotmail.com

Christy Holford

(219) 242-3047

cholford@yahoo.com

Financial Secretary

MICHAEL J. KINSEY

(317) 385-7259

mandlk1@frontier.com

Treasurer

MICHAEL F. RENEHAN

(219) 462-6061

michaelfrenehan@gmail.com

Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$4,152

Year-to-Date: \$300,682

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$415

Year-to-Date: \$30,093

Attendance Last Week: 122

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.