

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices January 12, 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 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

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday January 14, 2020

9:30 AM Esther Circle
7:00 PM Faith in Action

Wednesday January 15, 2020

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 January 19, 2020

9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:45 AM Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:45 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM Holy Communion
6:00 PM Youth Group: Potluck Dinner & Christmas Party
7:00 PM High School Youth Group

Stephen Ministry

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:

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(219) 476-5926

George Reichler:
(219) 477-2080

Terry Paarlberg:
(219) 462-7291
(219) 242-4035

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

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.



Note from the Minister of Music

Let us try something new this year! I would like to develop a Hymn-of-the-Month program this year. This can be a new or a familiar hymn that we can sing in Sunday services. I will take a couple of things into consideration when picking the hymns, such as the scripture readings and the season of the Church Year. There will be some information about each particular hymn in the Parish Notices. You can contribute too! If you find a recording or an article worth sharing with everyone, please let me know! This can be a group project!

In this Epiphany season, the hymn I chose for January is our sending hymn "***Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***". The author, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), was born at Lambeth in England and studied at Trinity College. He was ordained in 1833, and in 1869 he became the Bishop of Lincoln, a position he held until his death in 1885. "Epiphany" means "manifestation" of Christ to the world. We will learn about not only Epiphany but also about Christ himself in this hymn as well. The hymn tune "Salzburg" was composed by Jakob Hintze (1622-1702). He served as court-musician from 1666 to 1695 to the Elector of Brandenburg at Berlin, Germany. The harmonization we will sing in the hymnal is by J.S.Bach (1685-1750).

Szu-Ping

Community Conversations:

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for the inauguration of Community Conversations! We had a lively conversation about Congregational Life with many questions, insights, ideas and suggestions. The conversation will continue at a later date.

Please join us again this Sunday, January 12th as we move from a focus on the Trinity community to the Valparaiso community. We will welcome two representatives from Housing Opportunities, both of whom work directly with clients who currently are homeless. Hear the stories of how clients have become homeless, what HO is doing to assist them and what we, as individual Trinity members and congregation can do to address this issue and support those in need. Bring your questions, curiosity and ideas! All are welcome.

The following week, Sunday, the 19th, Pastor Tim will lead a lively conversation about Genesis 3. As of this "printing", 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).

Voices Of Today

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Community Concert

Sponsored By: Community Partners Gratz Opus 118 and Project Neighbors Inc.

When: Saturday January, 18, 2020 1-3PM

Where: First Christian Church
1507 Glendale Blvd, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Book Club:

January 26, 2020 in either Fellowship Hall or the Library.

This month they will discussing: "The War Room"

by author Chris Fabry.

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.

Caregiving Team

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: Recent Anti-Semitic Attacks

What does our church – the ELCA – do about conditions in the world? After a recent series of anti-Semitic attacks Bishop Elizabeth Eaton made the following comments:

December 30, 2019

Today is the last day of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. As our Jewish siblings lighted the menorah, they sang this blessing:

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

Tragically, several acts of anti-Semitic hatred, bigotry and violence in New York during these days have marred the joyful festivities in Jewish communities across this country and around the world. Within the last year, we have witnessed the broader surge of anti-Semitism from Pittsburgh to Poway in which these most recent incidents have occurred. Our Jewish neighbors are living in pain, grief and fear.

Twenty-five years ago, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America joined other Lutheran Christians worldwide in repudiating anti-Judaism within our own tradition. In our 1994 “Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community” we affirmed that “we recognize in anti-Semitism a contradiction and affront to the Gospel, a violation of our hope and calling, and we pledge this church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us.”

This will require more of us than repeated statements. It will require building bridges of inter-religious understanding in our communities. It will require reaching out to our Jewish neighbors to offer our care, support, love and protection. It will require our persistence in addressing the root causes of anti-Semitism and its menacing companions of white supremacy and xenophobia.

In different ways, and for different reasons, this is a time of year when Jews and Christians celebrate the miracle of light. In our prayers and actions, may we be a living presence of God’s sacred light that rouses us all to resistance and righteousness.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Prayer Requests

For those in the parish:

Brandon Brkljac	Cheryl Dieter	
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>	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
Tristan Massey <i>(student)</i>	Juanagene Nietert	Jake Mayernik <i>(son)</i>	Christine & Bill Iler

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	January 12, 2020	January 19, 2020
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Joyful Noise	Handbells
Musicians	Paul Schreiner-Guitar Jeff Hellmers-Trombone Debbie Fray- Flute	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Eden Preston	Barbara Herzinger
Assisting Minister	Patricia Cummings	Bill Iler
Communion Assistants	Kay Kielpikowski Marilyn Olson Mary Jo Nuland	Mark Maassel Kati Kallay Judy Phillips
Greeters	Kay Kielpikowski Mary Jo Nuland	
Lector	Lu Krieger-Blake	Mary Jo Nuland
Ushers	Alan Kielpikowski Mike Delliquadri	Scott young
Secure Offering	Alan Kielpikowski	Scott Young
Fellowship Refreshments	Caregiving Team & Stephen Ministry	Caregiving Team & Stephen Ministry

Sunday Evening

	January 12, 2020	January 19, 2020
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	Dannette Lowry	Terry Paarlberg
Altar Guild	Erma Eichhorn	Elene Amundsen
Unlock Doors	Mike Kinsey	Marty Swinehart

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The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$4,840

Year-to-Date: \$310,917

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$484

Year-to-Date: \$31,600

Attendance Last Week: 100

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.