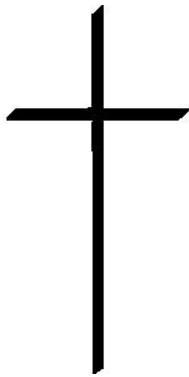


TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices March 15, 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 March 15, 2020

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:25 AM	TIE Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Community Conversations
10:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Holy Communion
6:00 PM	Youth Group: Dinner and Activity
7:00 PM	High School Youth Group

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday March 17, 2020

7:00 PM	Yoga
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Wednesday March 18, 2020

12:00 PM	Parish Notice Deadline (office@tlcvalpo.com)
1:45 PM	Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting
5:45 PM	Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 PM	Evening Prayer
6:45 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday March 19, 2020

7:30 PM	We're Here For Good
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Sunday March 22, 2020

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:25 AM	TIE Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Holy Communion

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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February Christian Food Pantry Report

Volunteers were glad to be able to serve 277 families providing food for 638 people in February. Several congregations had fun with Souper Bowl Sunday and the pantry benefitted well. Money not designated for food was used to buy paper towels which were offered to every family as an ‘extra.’ (Paper towels are an item that seems to be greatly appreciated by pantry clients.) Plans are now being made to offer Easter menu items to pantry families. Foods needed for this project are Jiffy muffin mix, cream style and kernel canned corn, Jell-O, canned fruit, jars of applesauce, 11 oz. coffees – regular and decaf, boxes of teas – at least 20 bags, hot chocolate, and boxed au gratin/scalloped potatoes. Monetary donations will be used to buy dinner rolls and hams. Pick-up dates for the special dinner items will be April 6th and 8th. Of course, through March the basic items offered each client will be needed as usual: canned spaghetti sauce, cereal, pork ‘n’ beans, soups, mac ‘n’ cheese, mixed veggies, canned pasta, etc. March has an extra Monday so ‘extra’ basic food items will be needed. Thanks to all who help by donating time, food items or money enabling the pantry’s project of assisting families in our community who need our kind of help.

Nan, Anne, Sharon



From the Deaconess

Easter Breakfast- Please join us on Sunday, April 12 after worship for the Easter Breakfast. We will egg casseroles, fruit, and pastries. If you could provide food for the breakfast, please sign up in the foyer.

Invest in our Youth - We've put up the envelope board in the foyer. This is an opportunity to invest in our youth by supporting the Mission Trip to Denver, July 25-August 1. Simply take a numbered envelope, put that amount of money inside, and fill out the front. You will receive a postcard from one of the youth while on the Mission Trip. Thank you for your support!

Rummage Sale - Mark your calendars for **May 1st & 2nd**. May 1st will be drop-off day and May 2nd will be shopping day. See me if you have any questions.

Variety Show Rescheduled – I'm pleased to announce that we will offer the Variety Show and snack bar on Sunday, April 26, 3:00-4:30 pm!! Please consider putting together an act to amaze and entertain. A sign-up sheet will go up in a few weeks.

Lenten Noisy Offering – remember to set aside your coins for the Noisy Offering that will be taken at the beginning of worship on **Palm Sunday, April 5**. During Lent, we focus on fasting, prayer and alms giving. Remembering how blessed we are, we set aside money for the extravagances in our lives – lattes, toys, cars, our homes, clothing, etc. We pray for people who are persecuted, in prison, lonely, hospitalized, and in despair. We give up things like gossip, chocolate/candy, treats, and other bad habits. We take on kindness, generosity, love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and care for our fellow creatures. We don't have pigs or barns this year in which to collect your coins; instead, we ask you to use a jar, cup or something else to keep track of them. Please pick up a Lenten Activities calendar on the table in the narthex.

Mark Your Calendars – VBS will be June 22-26, 2020, with Luther Road!!

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



Note from the Minister of Music

Hymn of the month

In March, we are going to visit a hymn from the Philippines. Hymn 748 "O God in Heaven" is a Cebuano hymn. There are about twenty million people in the Philippines that speak the Cebuano language. This hymn is a set of three petitions, one to each person of the Trinity. "To the first person, the request is to grant mercy, blessing, songs, grace, and peace; to the second, to help us remember Jesus' pain, passion, resurrection, call to follow, and love for tomorrow; to the third, to give blessing, strength, help, hope, and peace. The peace requested from the Father is to unite us, the peace requested from the Spirit is for the mournful, and in between the love of Jesus looks backward and forward."

The melody is from a piece of old Ilonggo folk music from the southern Philippines. Ilonggo folk music is the music that has been handed down from generation to another. The hymn tune, "Halad", was adapted by Elena Maquiso(1914 -2005) in 1961, and Daniel Niles(1908 -1970) translated it into English in 1964. Elena Maquiso was born in the Philippines and studied there before she came to the United States, where she went to the Hartford (Connecticut) Theological Foundation (DRE, 1969). She later went back to the Philippines and taught at the university. She was also the director of its Ulahingan Research Project where she was very involved with indigenous folklore and hymnody.

Daniel Niles was born in Sri Lanka. He was influenced by a devout Hindu in college but later changed from law to Christian theology and studied at the University of London. He was interested in the relationships of Christianity with other religions and later ordained in the Methodist Church in 1936.

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Trinity Music Concert Series of 2020

We have six concerts planned this year. Please mark it in your calendar and join us for these fantastic fellowship opportunities!

May 3rd, Sunday - Lutheran Summer Music will give a concert at 4 p.m. They will also help lead an Evening Prayer for the evening service at 5 p.m.

June 5th, Friday - Our Adult Choir and the choir from the First United Methodist Church of Valparaiso will present the first-ever combined church choir concert of the Franz Schubert Mass in G, plus other sacred favorites. This concert is sponsored by **The Concert Association of Valparaiso** and will be performed at the First United Methodist Church in Valparaiso.

June 6th, Saturday - The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble will perform at Trinity at 7 p.m.

October 25, Sunday - Fourth annual Reformation Concert at 5 p.m.

November, Sunday - Valparaiso Community Choir Fest (Date and time - TBD)

December 13, Sunday - Trinity's annual Christmas Concert at 5 p.m.

Our **Spring Novice Choir** is set for May 24. The rehearsals will be on May 17 and 24. I will let you know when the date is closer.

There is a lot happening this year. Please invite your friends and come support our Music Ministry and have fellowship together!

Szu-Ping

Community Conversations:

Many thanks to Diane (and Roland) Chilian, who led a very engaging activity that encouraged all of us in attendance (great group!) to begin "building relationships". For those who unfortunately missed last Sunday, Diane began the hour with a wonderful video of Danes engaged in activities that demonstrated commonalities rather than differences. The CC ended with another short video of Danes that was humorous and insightful. This was a great beginning to our on-going endeavor of building relationships.

Today we welcome our own Paul Schreiner will lead an energetic and engaging conversation about the "upcoming (Valparaiso) community projects, which provide opportunities for volunteers. There are three Project Neighbors projects that would welcome Trinity volunteers (another great way to get to know one another). These projects are another way in which we can continue to build relationships within our Trinity community, as well as within the greater Valparaiso community. We look forward to seeing you all at in Rooms 105/107 at 10:45 following refreshments in the fellowship hall. Or, as Paul would say, "Be there or be square!"

Below is a listing of what's scheduled for the rest of March and April:

March 22: Spring Break, NO Community Conversation

March 29: Mr. Manse Parks from St. Andrews Episcopal congregation will lead a conversation about prison ministry, aka, God Pod. Should be fascinating.

April 5: Pastor Tim will continue the Bible study about "the flood" that was begun this past Sunday.

April 12: EASTER!! No community conversation.

April 19: TBD

April 26: No CC due to the Adult-Youth Mixer

Remember that suggestions for topics for future Community Conversations, as well as any questions you may have are most welcomed. Please contact either Marilyn Olson (olson1903@comcast.net) or Diane Chilian (dirol@frontier.co).

Council Report
At its meeting on February 18, 2020, the Congregation
Council:

- Elected its 2020 officers: Pres. Paul Mache; V Pres. Lu Krieger-Blake; Sec’y Christy Holford.
- Appointed Treasurer Mike Renehan, and Financial Secretary Christine Iler.
- Heard reports from the Faith in Action, Stephen Ministry and Hospitality teams, as well as from the TLC PreSchool.
- Noted that the congregation’s 2019 Parochial Report was filed with the I-K Synod, and is now up-to-date on the synod’s website.
- Learned that the AdHoc committee on Youth and Family Ministries has drafted student learning outcomes for the Sunday School curriculum, and will work on Confirmation goals next.
- Discussed future processes for the We’re Here for Good Campaign, and regretfully accepted the resignation of Larry Chew as its Chairperson and from the Congregation Council due to his new job. He nominated Diane Chilian as his replacement, and she was elected as Chair of the WHFG campaign.
- Discussed and agreed to changing software programs to the cloud-based Breeze Church Management system. It is easy to use and can be accessed remotely for the various uses and users, easing computer time in the church office.
- Established that a “Shortfall Budget Review Team” will be created, with Nicole Baumann as the Council liaison. She and Pr Tim will contact several members who were proposed as likely members. This team will coordinate with the Stewardship and WHFG teams.
- Developed a draft of a Committee Liaison listing – including which Council members serve on various ministry teams.
- Set April 19, 6-8 pm as a tentative date for a Congregation Council retreat to discuss and implement the Strategic Planning results.
- Assigned a couple of council members to research a phone system that will provide better service to the TLC building.
- Accepted the Finance Committee and Treasurer’s reports.
- Noted that Installation of Congregation Council Members and Officers will be on Feb. 23 at the end of the worship service.

Bible Breakfast Club

Sat., March 21, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

Pines Village, Hannell Room

Study: We Are Called!

"Called to Serve"

(Gather magazine, pg.20)

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

Leader: Barbara Pearson

All women are invited and welcome.

For more information, call Barb Pearson,
219/242-3190.

REMINDER!

Please turn in your annual pledge cards. The finance committee and council are working hard to make sure Trinity can keep providing what our congregation needs and wants. Without your pledge and commitment to financially support our missions it's hard to look into the future on a positive note. If you can't commit to a specific amount, at least turn in a pledge card with your name on it. Remember that Simply Giving is available. It's simple to sign up for. I give this way and my pledge comes out of my checking account every Friday before I can spend it on any extra wants, like another stop for a specialty coffee or trip to Dairy Queen for my favorite blizzard (Reese's Peanut Butter Cup with extra Peanut Butter Sauce....YUMMY). You can even split your pledge between General Funds and Here For Good, this way you contribute to two funds with one transaction. Additional Annual and We're Here For Good pledge cards can be found at the Welcome Station or ask an usher. THANK YOU for all you do for Trinity.
Peace, Your Financial Secretary....Chris Iler

Interested in Joining Trinity? Save the dates!

We will hold our next series of new member classes later this winter. Our time runs for ninety minutes on Sunday evenings, starting with dinner at 6:00 and then an hour together with some current members. It's a time to get to know members of the Worship, Faith in Action, Hospitality, and Congregational Life teams, get to know fellow new members, and get to know more about what Trinity does. Childcare is provided. We are finished at 7:30.

This year we will meet on March 15, March 29, and April 5. We will aim to welcome new members at the Vigil of Easter, Saturday April 11 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

Prtim@tlcvalpo.com or 219-462-9624.

March Book Club:

March 22nd at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall
“Why is God laughing? The Path to Joy and Spiritual Optimism”
Written By: Deepak Chopra

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

PRAYER LIST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Our Caring Group would like to keep our “For Friends and Family” Prayer List up to date. We would like to offer two alternatives for people who wish to have friends and family on our prayer list. Please call Abby at 462-9624 by April 1 to let her know which of the two alternatives you prefer for your friend or family member.

Two Alternatives

1. If your friend or family member has a chronic condition, tell Abby that you would like the name on the list until you tell her to take it off.
2. If your friend or family member has a short illness, tell Abby that you will call her by the first of each month to let her know whether you want their names to stay on the list or to be removed.

If you have questions about this, please call Abby at 462-9624. We know it is very important for your family member or friend to have the prayers of our members.

Your Caring Group

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

Shut in Coordinator, Ruth Cavanaugh: cavanaugh356@comcast.net 707-7266

THE ELCA AND FAITH IN ACTION: 2020 Federal Domestic Policy Priorities IV

What does our church – the ELCA – do about conditions in the world? The following are some of the 2020 federal policy priorities of ELCA advocacy specifically related to international issues.

Federal budget considerations — Advocate for robust support for international antipoverty, humanitarian and global health funding (i.e. HIV/AIDS, malaria), as well as funding for conflict prevention and peace-building programs.

Gender Justice — Strengthen U.S. government capacity to prevent gender-based violence, promote girls' education, protect women and girls during humanitarian crises, and support the economic and health care needs of women and girls globally.

Peace and Diplomacy — Promote human rights and strengthen conflict prevention and peace-building activities around the world, including bilateral and multilateral initiatives. •

Resources: Find more in ELCA social teaching resources, including the social statements “For Peace in God’s World and “Faith, Sexism, and Justice.”

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	

For Friends and Family

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

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	March 15, 2020	March 22, 2020
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Handbell	Adult Choir & TIE
Musicians	Paul Schreiner- Guitar Jeff Hellmers- Trombone Ethan Preston- Saxophone Mandy Brobst-Renaud- Violin	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Eden Preston	Kaleb Iler
Assisting Minister	Patricia Cunnings	Bill Iler
Communion Assistants	Kay Kielpikowski Mary Jo Nuland	Judy Phillips Kati Kallay Barbara Herzinger
Greeters	Kay Kielpikowski Mary Jo Nuland	Mike Kinsey Lynn Kinsey
Lector	Mary Jo Nuland	Lu Krieger-Blake
Ushers	Alan Kielpikowski	Mary Jo Nuland Lauren Mache
Secure Offering	Alan Kielpikowski	Lauren Mache
Fellowship Refreshments	Music Ministry	Music Ministry

Sunday Evening

	March 15, 2020	March 22, 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	Rita Delliquadri	Erma Eichhorn
Altar Guild	Pat/Norm Hellmers	Judy Phillips
Unlock Doors	Mike Kinsey	Darrell Eichhorn

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$4,213

Year-to-Date: \$60,413

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$421

Year-to-Date: \$6,013

Attendance Last Week: 83

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.