



# TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES  
April 30, 2017

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## ► Today at Trinity

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103

## ► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

### Tuesday, May 2, 2017

- 7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

### Wednesday, May 3, 2017

- 12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE
- 6:45 PM HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR LOFT

### Saturday, May 6, 2017

- 8:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 5:30 PM HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

### Sunday, May 7, 2017

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 4:30 PM CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP DINNER – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

### Mark your calendar!

#### YOGA

Tuesdays • 7:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall



#### RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, June 3  
Noon - Midnight  
TJ Middle School

#### VBS

July 17-21, 2017  
M-TH 9 AM - 4 PM  
FR 9 AM - NOON



### 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



*We give thanks and praise to God  
for our newest member*

**Nora Rae Otto**

*received today by the rite of Holy Baptism.  
Her parents are Alexander & Jordan Otto.*

## LGBT, life-gets-better-together

A peer support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender men, women, teen (w/parent permission), and questioning community members takes place **Thursdays at 6:00 PM** at the **Dayspring Counseling Center, 1005 N. Campbell Street**. For more information, call: 364-2732 or email [rochse@pcfcc.org](mailto:rochse@pcfcc.org).



## Relay for Life of Greater Valparaiso

TLC has once again entered a team in this year's Relay for Life being held at TJ Middle School on Saturday, June 3rd from noon to midnight. Tom and Karen Muchesko will head up the effort. The objective of the relay is to have a member of your team on the track at all times (and to raise money for American Cancer Society). A sign-up sheet showing time slots is located in the foyer of the church (many people can sign-up for the same time slot), or you can register or donate online at <http://www.relayforlife.org/valpoin>, click on team "Trinity Lutheran Church." Event is to be held rain or shine on the track behind the school. Come join TLC and Valparaiso to fight the second leading cause of death in America.



## From the Deaconess...

There will be no classes today, April 30th. **Levels I-III Confirmation** will meet again on Sunday, May 7 at 4:30 PM in Room 105/107. Youth dinner and game is at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, and high school **Youth Group** meets at 7:00 PM in Youth Room.

**Noisy Offering** — The children were so excited to have the opportunity to purchase animals for the villagers in need through the ELCA Good Gifts Program. With the \$723.52, we bought 1 fish farm, 20 chicks, 3 pigs, 1 goat, 1 sheep, 1 share of a cow, and 7 bee hives. Thank you for your generosity!

**College Care Packages** — We will be collecting snack items for 18 college students. If you would like to prepare some home-made goodies or donate prepackaged items, please place them in the bin in the foyer by today.

Questions? Contact Deaconess Barb at:  
(219) 462-9624 ext. 4 • [bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com](mailto:bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com)

## Mother's Day Gifts of Hope at Trinity

Celebrate Mother's Day 2017 with a Gift of Hope for your mom, your grandmother, or a friend. The gift is easy to purchase right here at Trinity on Sunday mornings, April 30, May 7, or Mother's Day, May 14.

Your friendly Faith in Action team will be at a table in the foyer before and after services. You can donate any amount of money in the gift receiver's name, and you will get a hand crafted Mother's Day card showing that a gift was donated to the Christian Food Pantry in that person's name.

Truly, our Mother's Day Gifts of Hope program offers the gift that keeps on giving. Your loved one receives a beautiful card and the knowledge that you support our local food pantry, and local people in need and their families are fed through your generosity. Try out this alternative gift idea to celebrate Mother's Day and reach out to members of our community who can use our help.

## THESE PASTORS... What the Heck Do They Do???

A Letter of Call to a pastor often delineates many traditional tasks of a pastor. The "Vision and Expectations" section of the ELCA's Ordained Ministry document and the ELCA constitution also discuss typical pastor roles. It seems each church member has a different image of what a pastor ought to be doing. So, what the heck does a pastor do?

**Pastors as preacher...** It is the primary role of a pastor to touch our lives by keeping us mindful of how we can live as God's people. Thus, a pastor works to interpret the living word encountered in scripture. We see this work in a pastor's preparation and delivery of a sermon in the various congregational worships and in personal conversations with the pastor.

**Pastors as teacher...** Pastors extend their preacher role by preparing and teaching in adult forum, confirmation classes, and first communion classes, and also in involvement with planning congregational education ministry.

**Pastors as prophet...** Pastors are called to apply biblical concepts of justice to contemporary life, to speak and act for justice on behalf

of the marginalized, the poor, and the oppressed. This role means that the pastor acts in the world to discern what Christ would do and to encourage and lead the congregation to go out and do the work of justice in Christ's name.

**Pastor as caregiver...** Pastoral care includes crisis care, visitation, and counseling as well as ritual functions such as weddings and funerals. The pastor is also a resource for long term care such as grief and ongoing family counseling.

**Pastor as administrator...** The pastor maintains and organizes the operation of the congregation by functioning with a church council and serving as part of the executive committee that leads the church. Pastors also supervise the church staff and provide oversight for church schools.

There are other less common but certainly important pastoral jobs to do. Pastors are cheerleaders who encourage the congregation and its active teams to accomplish goals both within the church and in the community. Pastors work to be a blessed presence in lives, so that a pastor is a key figure in times of crisis not only to individu-

als but also within communities for such things as natural disaster, civil unrest, or community challenges, aspirations, and functions. Pastors take active roles in the lives of congregation members by participating in church family passages including baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals. This work goes beyond the ritual ceremonies and into the family gatherings that honor the rituals.

Our pastors enhance our rituals in such things as "Farewell and Godspeed," and "Service of Healing." These rituals help our pastor to be a keeper of the story of who we are as a church and a curator of the very traditions that define us. At the same time our pastor serves both as role model and as one of us, an active member of the family of Christ that is our church.

All of these and more responsibilities make a pastor's life a busy one. Our hope is that the Mutual Ministry Group can provide a safe place for our own pastor to reflect upon, digest, and discuss the many aspects of the call that he has taken.

Thanks to *Pastor and People: Making Mutual Ministry Work*, Augsburg Fortress, 2003 for information in this article.

## **D**o you have a question for the pastor???

Periodically, your Mutual Ministry Team will offer Trinity members an opportunity to ask Pastor Tim a question concerning theology, Trinity worship, Lutheran tradition, or other aspects of our faith. The Mutual Ministry team will select a question, and Pastor Tim will respond in the parish notices.

Submit a question to Betty in the church office in person or via email [bsergent@tlcvalpo.com](mailto:bsergent@tlcvalpo.com). Questions should focus on faith and worship at Trinity and are not meant as a vehicle for complaint, an alternative to Dear Abby, or a view into Pastor Tim's misguided fan support for the Detroit Red Wings.

### ***A Special Visitor at 10:45 AM Service!***

Caleb Comfort Dog in Training is in attendance today with Trinity member Dannette Lowry. They both ask yours and God's help in this special ministry. As Caleb is in training, please follow these guidelines to meet and greet him:

- Approach Caleb and Dannette stopping a step or two short in front.
- Allow Dannette to assure Caleb is "settled" and ready to be greeted.
- When Dannette indicates, extend your hand or hands under Caleb's snout or alongside his ears, but NOT above his head.
- If Caleb begins to lick your hands, please remove them and step back until Dannette indicates try again. If he licks again, please turn your back to Caleb. This is to remove the reward of undesirable behavior.
- Allow Dannette to re-settle Caleb or guide your hand as necessary.

Caleb is a 7 month old Golden Retriever in training for Lutheran Church Charities K9 Comfort Dog Ministry. Follow his progress via <https://www.facebook.com/Caleb-Comfort-Dog-586403611559005/> or meet the dogs at: [www.lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org).

***Lets pray for Caleb and Dannette!***



**ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
CITY OF VALPARAISO**

## **Memorial Day Concert**

**Monday, May 29, 2017  
3:00 PM**

**Memorial Opera House  
104 Indiana Avenue**

**NO ADMISSION CHARGE**

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS ARE  
ASKED TO BRING  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD  
ITEMS, WHICH WILL BE  
DONATED TO THE  
CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY  
IN VALPARAISO**

*The concert will be performed by the Valparaiso Community/University Concert Band and will last less than one hour. The performance will feature patriotic band music, audience sing-alongs, and historical narratives. Collaborating with the band will be members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War David D. Porter Camp.*

*A special focus for This concert will be remembering the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.*

## POST OFFICE FOOD DRIVE

The post office food drive will be on **Saturday, May 13th**. Our pantry will be getting our food at 5:00 PM. We will need people with trucks or vans to pick up at the post office and deliver to the pantry, and others to help sort and shelve the food at the pantry. If you can help please call Nan (219) 462-6169, Anne (219) 462-8593, or Sharon (219) 464-1764.

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## Christian Food Pantry

Several churches are trying some different collection plans and it will be interesting to see what kinds of projects work well. As this report is given, supplies of paper products are very low. Tissues and paper towels are appreciated items but are not purchased from pantry money. Small bottles of dish and laundry detergents and small bottles of cooking oil are frequently requested. The constant request is for the basic everyday-giving items such as peanut butter, tuna in water, pork 'n' beans, and canned veggies. As always, all kinds of food, cleaning, and personal items are always offered and appreciated.

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## † Health Ministry

Check out our updated Health Ministry bulletin board in the lobby where we will be listing community health events and opportunities such as support groups at Porter, available services from Porter County Health Department, and free health events at the YMCA and St. Mary's. Please ask Nan or Karen, Parish Nurses, for more resources available in our community!

**YOGA** classes continue on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. This is truly a class for all abilities, so please join us anytime. Choice of \$20 for a 6 session punch card or \$5 per class.

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## “Monthly Memo”

This past March we began sending out emails called “Monthly Memo.” These emails will contain reminders and events happening at Trinity. If your Trinity team or group has any church related items you would like to have included, please submit the copy electronically to the office three (3) business days prior to the end of the month. The "Monthly Memo" will be sent our prior to the first Sunday of the month and repeated prior to the third Sunday. Be sure to watch for emails from Trinity!

## Food of the Month Helps Serve Christian Food Pantry

Trinity members are asked to meet a Christian Food Pantry need by donating food items in high demand at the center. This April we are focusing on **canned tuna** and boxes of **kleenex**. These staple items move rapidly, and a fresh supply will free up cash donations to purchase perishable items such as milk, cheese, and meat. Of course, donations of any kind, either cash or food items, are always appreciated.

Trinity Is one of seven churches supporting The Christian Food Pantry housed at the Asbury Center of First Methodist Church across the street from our location. The pantry continues to supplement families by providing food staples to those who are in need right here in our community. Thank to members of Trinity who have continually supported the independently run food pantry in our neighborhood.



## Minister of Music Update

**Here's the latest news...** The search team is receiving applications and will begin interviewing candidates soon.

The Search Team is Kathy Brannen, Michael Kinsey, Pastor Tim, Juanagene Nietert, and Janet Wade.

The timeline isn't really a timeline: we will work at this until we find the right person.

**In the meantime...** The scheduling of lay worship leaders continues in the capable hands of Dot Pakan. If you get emails from worship@tlcvalpo.com, please answer them promptly; that is how Dot will be communicating with you.

Janet Wade has taken on scheduling supply keyboard players and a rehearsal pianist for the choir.

Pastor Tim is producing the worship folders, large print editions, and binders. All mistakes are his own and are his way of reminding you how awesome Cheryl was at doing this every week for so many years.



## Stephen Ministry

**"God saw I needed someone with whom I could share my struggles and sadness. He sent me a caring person who listened well. She was called a Stephen Minister."** *Quote from a care receiver served by one of the Porter County Stephen Ministry Network Churches.*

*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 information regarding Stephen Ministry or to receive care, contact:*

**GEORGE REICHLER**

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annbaas@gmail.com

## Prayer Requests

### For Friends & Family

#### For the Parish:

##### THOSE IN NEED:

Sandi Anderson  
Brandon Brkljac  
Richard Cornman  
Eva Harbeck  
Eden Preston  
Richard Schultz  
Vel Schultz  
Lois Stanley  
Rachel Swanson  
Susan Swanson  
Ruth Swelstad

##### AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Jane Fryer

##### RITTENHOUSE:

Ethel Roberts

##### NAME:

Carol *(sister)*  
Gary *(son)*  
Sherry *(aunt)*  
Robert *(uncle)*  
Robert *(grandfather)*  
Mildred *(grandmother)*  
Teresa *(cousin)*  
Ted *(cousin)*  
Chris *(nephew)*  
Abby *(granddaughter)*  
Dean *(father)*  
Nikki *(niece)*  
Carol  
Karen  
Bridgette *(aunt)*  
Lucas  
Marsha

##### FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Annamae Wheeland  
Annamae Wheeland  
Reese & Madi Mayernik  
Reese & Madi Mayernik  
Christine Cawby  
Christine Cawby  
Lauren Mache  
Cheryl Dieter  
Lu Krieger-Blake  
Rev. Jane Aicher  
Carey Johnson Young  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Valerie Webdell  
Arlene & Will Gross  
Larry & Ann Baas

##### NAME:

Linda *(sister)*  
Garlan *(brother-in-law)*  
Jim *(cousin)*  
Daisy *(aunt)*  
George  
Audrey *(cousin)*  
Mike *(father)*  
Brian  
Carrie *(niece)*  
Randy  
Janet *(sister)*  
Bob *(brother)*  
Tom  
David & family  
Arlene & family  
Brandon *(brother-in-law)*  
Thomas *(grandson)*

##### FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Barbara Pearson  
Barbara Pearson  
Larry & Ann Baas  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Matt & Karen Hernes  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Richard & Vel Schultz  
Christine Cawby  
Christine Cawby  
Matt & Karen Hernes  
George Reichler

*Names will appear for approximately one month. If you wish a name "renewed," call (219) 462-9624 before noon on Wednesday for Sunday's parish notices.*

## Worship Servers

| SERVICE - 5:30 PM                      |  | SATURDAY, APRIL 29   | SATURDAY, MAY 6  |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>              |  | The Rev. Dr.<br>Timothy Leitzke  | The Rev. Dr.<br>Timothy Leitzke  |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>              |  |  |  |
| SERVICE - 8:00 & 10:45 AM              |  | SUNDAY, APRIL 30   | SUNDAY, MAY 7  |
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>              |  | The Rev. Dr.<br>Timothy Leitzke  | The Rev. Dr.<br>Timothy Leitzke  |
| <b>Musicians</b>                       |  |  |  |
| <b>Piano / Organ</b>                   |  | Michael Beaver   | Michael Beaver   |
| <b>Guitar</b>                          |  | Paul Schreiner   | Paul Schreiner   |
| <b>Saxophone</b>                       |  | Anna Cox   | Anna Cox   |
| <b>Choir</b>                           |  | 8:00 Adult Choir<br>10:45  | Joyful Noise!<br>Adult Choir   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                         |  | 8:00 Tom Muchesko<br>10:45 Sophie DeRuntz  | Tom Muchesko<br>Reese Mayernik   |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>              |  | 8:00 Marty Swinehart<br>10:45 Cynthia Breitinger   | Marty Swinehart<br>Cynthia Breitinger  |
| <b>Communion Assts.</b>                |  | 8:00 Erma Eichhorn<br>Donna Gierse<br>Sally Finck<br>10:45 George Riechler<br>Nan Paarlberg        | Lu Krieger-Blake<br>Judy Phillips<br>Mary Jo Nuland<br>Kati Kallay<br>Nan Paarlberg<br>George Reichler |
| <b>Greeters</b>                        |  | 8:00 Larry & Ann Baas<br>10:45 Mary Jo Nuland<br>George Reichler                                   | Mike & Lynn Kinsey<br>Michelle Ward<br>Carol Little  |
| <b>Lector</b>                          |  | 8:00 Darrel Eichhorn<br>10:45 Linda Beach  | Lu Krieger-Blake<br>Michelle Ward  |
| <b>Ushers</b><br><b>*offering only</b> |  | 8:00 Gary & Lene Behrens<br>Bob & Nancy Tittle<br>10:45 Dennis & Linda Beach<br>Craig & Becky Lutz | Pete & Kathy Brannen<br>Mike & Rita Delliquadri<br>Craig & Becky Lutz<br>Linda & Dennis Beach          |
| <b>Secure Offering</b>                 |  | 8:00 Bob Tittle<br>10:45 Craig Lutz  | Mike Delliquadri<br>Craig Lutz   |
| <b>Bread Baker</b>                     |  | Edith Young  | Dot Pakan  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                     |  | Erma Eichhorn<br>Judy & Roger Phillips<br>Terry Gingerich  |  |
| <b>Unlock Doors</b>                    |  | Marty Swinehart  | Chuck Anderson   |
| <b>Fellowship Time</b>                 |  | Brenda Aden<br>George Reichler<br>Jane Ryan  |  |



**April 30 and May 7 -**  
George Heider, Professor and Chair of the Department of Theology at Valparaiso University, will lead a discussion based on two of the New Testament Gospels on the question of, "How is it that the life and death of a first-century Jew brought salvation to the world?"

*Norm & Pat Hellmers  
and Jane Schreiner*

You can find Trinity Lutheran Church on Facebook at:  
[tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo](http://tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo)



**VBS IS COMING  
JULY 17-21, 2017!**

Teachers and staff are needed to guide the children through the various activities. Volunteers are needed to create scenery to decorate the walls. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deaconess Barb.

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## Staff Office Schedule

Pastor Tim's office hours are Mondays 9:00 AM to noon, and Wednesdays & Thursdays noon to 2:00 PM. Outside office hours, please call (219) 462-9624, ext. 3.

Deaconess Barb will be on vacation May 1-9 and will resume her regular office hours on May 10th. Her office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM and Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Outside of office hours, call (219) 561-3887, ext. 4.

## Key Financial Items And Attendance

### 1. Offerings for General Fund:

| <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| \$4,002          | \$99,935            |

### 2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

| <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| \$400            | \$9,993             |

### 3. Attendance:

| <u>Last Week</u> |
|------------------|
| 149              |

- The offerings total for general fund excludes any designated or restricted gifts.
- Trinity Lutheran Church is a "tithing" congregation. We send the Indiana/Kentucky Synod 10% of our general fund offerings each week.
- Attendance at all services last week through last Sunday.

## Notice of Hospitalization

Please notify the church office at (219) 462-9624 if you or a loved one is hospitalized or recovering at home and wishes a visit. Because of the HIPAA laws, that information is not shared by the hospital.

