



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
August 6, 2017

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, August 6, 2017

9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP TIME

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

7:00 PM SOCIAL MINISTRY
7:00 PM YOGA CLASS – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE

Saturday, August 12, 2017

5:30 PM HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

Sunday, August 13, 2017

9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP TIME

Mark your calendar!

YOGA

Tuesdays • 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

BOOK CLUB

Sundays after worship
Fellowship Hall

STOCKHOLDER'S DINNER

Sunday, August 27
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Fellowship Hall



ANNUAL Worship & Picnic in the Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
10:00 AM

ROTARY SHELTER FOREST PARK

851 Harrison Boulevard
Valparaiso

More details inside.

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



The Ministry of Listening – Stephen Ministry

Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do.

Listening is one of the most powerful ministry tools at your disposal. It demonstrates that you care about the other person. A Stephen Minister learns and practices the skill of listening.

Contact a Stephen Leader to discuss becoming a Stephen Minister. Deadline for asking to be included in the next Stephen Ministry class is August 15, 2017. Classes begin September 11, 2017.

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ANNUAL Worship and Picnic at Forest Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 • 10:00 AM

It is time for our annual worship and picnic in the Rotary Shelter at the top of the hill at Forest Park, 851 Harrison Boulevard, Valparaiso, August 20, 2017, with a worship service and Holy Communion beginning at 10:00 AM. There is adequate parking near the shelter and the youth will be available to help anyone needing assistance from the parking lot to the shelter itself. A restroom is located nearby.

Following the worship service, there will be a potluck lunch. Picnic tables will be provided, but you may want to bring your own lawn chairs. Also consider bringing sunglasses, sunscreen, sunhats or caps, and insect spray.

Fried chicken, beverages, plates, cups, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After our meal, those who are interested can play bingo, card games, board games, and a variety of other fun activities. We hope everyone can come and join in a wonderful day of worship and fellowship outdoors in God's beautiful creation!

Saturday Service Fellowship Time

AUGUST 12, 2017

The Hospitality Team will be hosting fellowship time after the Saturday worship service with a few appetizers and beverages. This will provide a brief time to spend together along with Pastor Tim and some members of the Hospitality Team.

Everyone is welcome!

✝ Health Ministry

YOGA! — Yoga continues all summer at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. Whether you are a beginner or an experience yoga participant, we welcome all to join in! Choose \$5 per class or \$20 for a 5-session punch card with no expiration date.

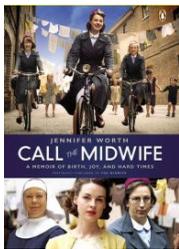
Blood Pressure Checks — Health Ministry will be checking blood pressures after the 9:00 AM service this Sunday, August 6th. Come see us outside the fellowship hall for this important, simple screening!

“Monthly Memo”

Trinity has begun 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 include, 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 out prior to the first Sunday of the month and repeated prior to the third Sunday. Be sure to watch for emails from Trinity!

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.



BOOK CLUB

The next summer book club selection is:

CALL THE MIDWIFE

by Jennifer Worth

SUNDAY, AUG. 13 • 10:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Do 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. 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.

Worship Team

Worship is one of Trinity's four "mission areas" discerned in the course of our Healthy Congregations work several years ago. As a new Minister of Music will soon be joining us, this seems a good time to get a Worship Team up and running. The Worship Team's job is to coordinate the worship life of Trinity, from planning music and decor to making sure linens are pressed, bread is on the table, and the correct hymns are printed in the worship folder. Those individual tasks are handled by subgroups, some long standing, others ad hoc.

The Team met for the first time on June 7. Current members are Paul Mache (Worship Leadership), Janet Wade (Music), Elene Amundsen (Altar), Valerie Steil (Decorating), Michael Beaver (Seasonal Themes and Planning), and Pastor Tim.

Worship is a lot of work. If you are interested in helping, either on the team or in one of the areas it handles or just have a question, there will be a signup in the lobby, or you may contact Pastor Tim at:

prtim@tlcvalpo.com



Questions to the Pastor...

Periodically, Pastor Tim answers a question fielded from Trinity. His answers tend to be long because his reasons are complicated. (Or at least they seem so to him. They're probably easy and he makes them hard. But whatever.) He tries his best to keep it brief and simple.

Why do we post rainbow flags but not others?

The rainbow becomes a Judeo-Christian symbol through Genesis 9:12-17, the conclusion of the Flood story. God hangs his bow in the clouds as a reminder of the covenant “between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” The symbol is forever attached to Noah, who, in the Genesis account, is ancestor of everyone on Earth. The rabbis developed the idea of a Noachide, or descendant of Noah, as an ethical category. Briefly put, whether your neighbor was Hebrew was not as important as the fact that your neighbor was most definitely a fellow descendant of Noah. This is similar to how Saint Paul argued that before the Law was given at Sinai God had loved everyone through Abraham. The rainbow thus reminds us of

God’s promise not to destroy us, and how this promise has blessed us with the opportunity to welcome every fellow descendant of Noah and include them in God’s work.

It is in this spirit that we as Christians also use the rainbow flag to welcome LGBT persons. We welcome all, and that includes LGBT. While the rainbow has become an LGBT symbol (and lately has been expanded to include brown and black stripes), we use it as a Christian LGBT symbol. That is, our reasons for welcoming are theological. The LGBT are Noachides, like everyone else. All of us are under the same promise. Our world does not generally deal in promises, but rather deals in threats. Our world proclaims that there is not

enough to go around and someone must be left out. Frequently it is churches that take the lead on deciding who is out, and frequently churches pick the LGBT as outside of God’s love and grace. While we post the rainbow to welcome everyone we are acutely aware of the way churches exclude this particular community. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we fly the rainbow flag and post rainbow stickers as a reminder to our Christian sisters and brothers that the LGBT are part of God’s covenant, just as much as we fly the rainbow flag to proclaim to the LGBT that God’s love and grace are for them. In this respect, the rainbow flag represents total inclusion in our Christian welcoming while other symbols may not do so.



Christian Food Pantry - July Report

END OF JULY ALREADY!?! During the month, 273 families were served providing food for 654 individuals. Since school starts August 14, there are only 3 more days for Kid's Kits (113 kits were given out in July). We are well supplied for making kits to finish out for this summer. Thanks for those generous donations! One dad had forgotten to pick up the kit for his daughter. She was so disappointed that he made a special trip back for it. Guess that is a testimony to the kits being appreciated.

In September, laundry detergent will be offered as an 'extra' - kind of a "back to school" item. Often the schools request that each child bring in a box of tissues. That would be a good September donation along with a detergent (any size).

Juices of all flavors are always appreciated. It will be warm for a while yet so 'summer drinks' are well received. Fresh vegetables are being donated with some clients ready to learn new recipes for preparation. We have several volunteers that can readily help with fun ideas.

With a couple of congregations doing a 'special Sunday' a month and continuous faithful giving from others, the shelves are nicely 'filled' to begin the fall season. It was a 'no-worry serve' summer with lots of help with continuous donations that seemed to have started with the great postal drive in May. It won't take long for these supplies to be served and the usual items will need to be replenished. It should be easy to remember: If you use it, a client family will need it. Thanks to Strack and Van Til and another source which breads, buns, and sweets are generously donated. The sliced bread is greatly enjoyed. A special crew of extra volunteers pick up those items on a daily basis. Another 'crew' picks up items purchased at Aldi's each day the pantry is open. We couldn't have managed this 35-year old program without lots of VOLUNTEERS!!!! Let's all keep up the good work to help our 'neighbors' through tough times.



THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS. IF YOU HAVE ANY TO SHARE, PLEASE DROP THEM OFF IN THE FOOD PANTRY CARTS IN THE FOYER. THANK YOU!



Food Pantry Items for the Month of

AUGUST

Canned Fruit & Pork 'n' Beans

Trinity members are asked to meet a Christian Food Pantry need by donating food items in high demand at the center. This August we will focus on **canned fruit** and **pork 'n' beans**. 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.



You can find Trinity Lutheran Church on Facebook at: [tinyurl.com/tlcvlpo](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/tlcvlpo)

WANNA HELP THE Homeless Shelter Team???

A group of around thirty Trinity volunteers is staffing this year's Monday men's overnight shelter here at Trinity. The men come in beginning at 7:30 Monday evenings, many tired and hungry from a hard day's work having missed meal times at the New Creation Center in town. We try to provide a dinner for the guys before they turn in and something to go with coffee in the morning as they depart before seven o'clock.

The average cost per week to provide a meal is approximately \$60. The men's overnight program at Trinity is completely volunteer based. We do use the building, but no Trinity dollars are used for supplies, bedding, laundry, or food. The cost for a six month season runs from \$1,400 to \$1,800, depending upon how many men sleep here weekly, and currently our volunteers attempt to meet that need.

If you feel called to help by donating to the program or providing a meal, contact Mike at (219) 508-4422 or Larry at (219) 928-5070. Thank you for being part of a congregational family interested in reaching out to all people in need in our church, in our community, and in our world.

MEN'S SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

Sign up for August,
September, and October
on the church website!



Minister of Music Update

We are delighted to announce that Szu-Ping Chang Wong will be Trinity's next Minister of Music. Szu-Ping is a Valparaiso resident with experience serving Lutheran congregations. She will join the staff in mid-August.

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

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

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Jane Fryer

For Friends & Family

NAME:	FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:	NAME:	FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:
Brady <i>(son-in-law)</i>	Dan & Beth Garwood	Lucas	Arlene & Will Gross
Anne Berit	Jonathan Young	Marsha	Larry & Ann Baas
Les <i>(father)</i>	Jennifer Hora & Craig Heisel	Linda <i>(sister)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Caron <i>(sister)</i>	Lori Olson	Garlan <i>(brother-in-law)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Christine <i>(wife)</i>	Mark Forker	Jim <i>(cousin)</i>	Larry & Ann Baas
Gary <i>(son)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Daisy <i>(aunt)</i>	Richard & Vel Schultz
Sherry <i>(aunt)</i>	Reese & Madi Mayernik	George	Richard & Vel Schultz
Robert <i>(uncle)</i>	Reese & Madi Mayernik	Audrey <i>(cousin)</i>	Richard & Vel Schultz
Robert <i>(grandfather)</i>	Christine Cawby	Mike <i>(father)</i>	Matt & Karen Hernes
Mildred <i>(grandmother)</i>	Christine Cawby	Brian	Richard & Vel Schultz
Teresa <i>(cousin)</i>	Lauren Mache	Carrie <i>(niece)</i>	Richard & Vel Schultz
Ted <i>(cousin)</i>	Cheryl Dieter	Randy	Richard & Vel Schultz
Abby <i>(granddaughter)</i>	Rev. Jane Aicher	Janet <i>(sister)</i>	Richard & Vel Schultz
Dean <i>(father)</i>	Carey Johnson Young	Bob <i>(brother)</i>	Richard & Vel Schultz
Nikki <i>(niece)</i>	Richard & Vel Schultz	Tom	Richard & Vel Schultz
Carol	Richard & Vel Schultz	David & family	Christine Cawby
Karen	Richard & Vel Schultz	Arlene & family	Christine Cawby
Brigitte <i>(aunt)</i>	Valerie Webdell	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	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.

TLC Electronic Giving

Trinity has developed a link on our website to enable an electronic Giving option. You may find this link thru our website at: <http://tlcvalpo.com/>

Scroll down our home page to find the "donate" button. Clicking here will take you to a secure page for simple registration. You may give via credit/debit card, checking, or savings account. You may give as a one time donation, or may schedule regular contributions.

Worship Servers

SERVICE - 5:30 PM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 5	SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
<i>Presiding Minister</i>	Rev. Perry Beaver	Rev. Ronald Barnett
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Dot Pakan	Dot Pakan
SERVICE - 9:00 AM	SUNDAY, AUGUST 6	SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
<i>Presiding Minister</i>	Rev. Perry Beaver	Rev. Ronald Barnett
<i>Musicians</i>		
<i>Piano / Organ</i>	Stephanie Reeder	Stephanie Reeder
<i>Guitar</i>	Paul Schreiner	Paul Schreiner
<i>Saxophone</i>	Anna Cox	Anna Cox
<i>Choir</i>		
<i>Acolyte</i>	Chloe Parsons	Tom Muchesko
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Beaver	Patricia Cummings
<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Chuck Anderson Nan Paarlberg Jeffrey Hellmers	Karen Muchesko George Reichler Judy Phillips
<i>Greeters</i>	Marilyn Hanson Barb Pearson Chuck Anderson	Norm & Pat Hellmers
<i>Lector</i>	Michelle Ward	Linda Beach
<i>Ushers</i>	Gary & Lene Behrens	Bob & Nancy Tittle
<i>*offering only</i>	Pete & Kathy Brannen	Dennis & Linda Beach
<i>Secure Offering</i>	Pete Brannen	Dennis Beach
<i>Bread Baker</i>	Amy Parsons	Nancy Tittle
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Judy & Roger Phillips	Judy & Roger Phillips
<i>Unlock Doors</i>	Mike Kinsey	Marty Swinehart
<i>Fellowship Time</i>	Amundsen family Hernes family	



From the Deaconess



RailCats Game -

If you are interested in attending a Gary RailCats game on August 25, see Deaconess Barb.

Stockholder's Dinner -

Sunday, August 27, 6:00-7:30 PM. Want to hear about the Mission Trip to Nashville? Want to see pictures and hear the youth talk about their experiences? Join us! We will have dinner together and then do a slide presentation and talk about the ministry that happened and the fun times we had. We couldn't do it without you! Allow us to show our appreciation!

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2017 SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 28 (Memorial Day weekend) through Sept. 3 (Labor Day weekend), we will have one Sunday service at 9:00 AM followed by fellowship time.

SUNDAYS 9:00 AM
SATURDAYS 5:30 PM

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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$4,116	\$170,467

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$412	\$17,046

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
107

1. The offerings total for general fund excludes any designated or restricted gifts.
2. Trinity Lutheran Church is a "tithing" congregation. We send the Indiana/Kentucky Synod 10% of our general fund offerings each week.

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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.

Note: Pastor Tim will be on vacation July 31 - August 13.

Deaconess Barb's office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM and Wednesdays 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Outside of office hours, call (219) 561-3887, ext. 4.

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.

