



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
December 18, 2016

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, December 18, 2016

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT PROGRAM
- 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 CHRISTMAS PARTY – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

- 12:00 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE
- 7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7:00 PM HOSPITALITY TEAM – ROOM 105/107

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

- 6:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER – NAVE
- 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR LOFT

Saturday, December 24, 2016 - Christmas Eve

- 4:30 PM CANDLELIGHT HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 7:30 PM CANDLELIGHT HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

Sunday, December 25, 2016 - Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM FESTIVAL HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE



Decorating for Christmas

Christmas decorating after the
10:45 service today, December 18.

Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

Saturdays in Advent

November 26,
December 3, 10, 17 – 5:30 PM
Holy Communion
(spoken service)

Sundays of Advent

November 27,
December 4, 11, 18 – 8:00 &
10:45 AM
Holy Communion

Wednesdays in Advent

November 30, December 7,
14, 21 – 6:30 PM
Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24
4:30 and 7:30 PM
Candlelight
Holy Communion Service

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25
10:00 AM
Festival Holy Communion

Name of Jesus

(First Sunday of Christmas)
Saturday, December 31 –
5:30 PM
Sunday, January 1 – 10:00 AM
(one service only)

Member Pledges Continue to Support Trinity: Not Too Late to Pledge for 2017

Once again this year, many Trinity givers have chosen to pledge their time, talents, and financial resources to Trinity Lutheran Church, our faithful worship and our missions. Regular weekly financial pledges help the congregation to plan and afford our yearly expenses. Regular giving affords the opportunity to faithfully commit to doing God's work each and every week.

Pledges can be made at any time by picking up a pledge card in the church office or at the welcome center in the foyer. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates during services or delivered to the church office. Trinity offers a Simply Giving direct deposit option, a "Give" button on the Trinity home page, and a stock giving program. Pastor Tim can provide more information to interested members.

As of December 11, 2016, eighty-three (83) giving units have returned pledges for 2017. The total amount of these pledges is \$220,786. The total amount of all pledges for 2016 equaled \$193,908. As you can see, there is a significant increase (\$26,878) and more pledges for 2017 will continue to be returned. Thank you to all who have made commitments to Trinity's ministries.



Adult Forum

December 18 - There will be no Adult Forum so that everyone can attend the Sunday School Advent program.

December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017 - No Adult Forum

Norm & Pat Hellmers, Jane Schreiner

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

In 2012, when Trinity became a Stephen Ministry congregation, 12 Trinity Stephen Ministers have provided caring, confidential, one-to-one support and encouragement to 20 individuals, both within and outside of our congregation. Stephen Ministers provide care for "as long as there is a need." In some situations, this has meant a few visits with a care receiver, and at other times the relationships have lasted for years.

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

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Generally, it is acknowledged that grief at the holidays can be particularly difficult. The loved one is not present for the family times, the inspirational church services, the family meals, the gift-giving...and a griever can feel very alone, even in the midst of family or friend frivolity. The celebrations of the past created a sense of belonging and loving connections, and so the family rituals tie into deep emotions while sparking memories. The griever often notes the isolation felt when the celebrations and rituals change of necessity, and can face the holiday with a noticeable lack of anticipation.

However, much of the time, grievers report that their deep feelings of dread do not reflect the actual unfolding of the day. They have often said, "It was not as bad as I thought it would be..." finding that family and friends are supportive, and when acknowledgement of the loved one who died is made openly (perhaps through a ritual or purposeful conversation,) reminiscences which admittedly might begin with sadness are often replaced with laughter of funny "remember when..." memories, leading

to a measure of healing for the griever.

Even though holidays may be particularly painful, they can provide opportunity for some of the "grief work" which promotes healing or reconciliation of the loss. Opportunity for working on several tasks of grief arise during the holidays. These tasks are identified, generally, as (1.) Accepting the Reality of the Loss, when our tendency is to want to shield ourselves from it. When we confront the fact that Mom isn't there to set up the dinner this year, we confront the reality that someone else needs to step up, or to arrange to share the preparations. (2.) Experiencing the Grief is a pain we may try to avoid, with great emotional energy. Allowing the sadness, fear, depression, and intense emotions in a safe, non-judgmental environment helps us to work through those responses in a more healthy manner. Unfortunately, the only way to move beyond the painful feelings of grief is to move through them. (3.) Converting the relationship from one of Presence to one of Memory is another task that can be difficult. Holidays are a prime time for memory-sharing...even of memories

of long ago. In sharing of memories at the holidays, the griever can be reminded that their loved one will not be forgotten over time, and will also be remembered by family and friends far into the future. (4.) The task of Withdrawing Emotional Energy focused on the deceased, and Reinvesting it in other relationships can often take a very long time. Gradually, the griever begins to focus less on the grievous loss, and can begin to remember that goodness is still present in his/her world. Resurgence of grief may appear at times over many years (especially at the holidays!) but gradually the pain of remembering becomes less intense, and the griever is able to engage again with life.

Holidays/birthdays/anniversaries often offer both of these options – remembering, and reengagement-over-time. The newly bereaved often need to limit the demands on their emotional energy in a time of heightened hype and activity. But supportive conversations, rituals, and family and friends which allow the griever to participate on their terms can promote an environment which fosters work on these tasks of grief.

(Adapted from writings of Lynn Batchler)

BECOME A PART OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL

All confirmed members are encouraged to prayerfully consider becoming a part of the Congregation Council. The elected Council consists of twelve members, each of whom serves a three year term. The terms are staggered so that each year there are four openings on the council. At the annual meeting in January, four members will be elected.

For more information about serving on the council, you may speak to any of the current members. For a complete listing of the Council, see back page of this Parish Notice.

In response to God's love and grace and
Christ's call to diaconal ministry

Lindsay Fertig

will be consecrated as a deaconess of the
Lutheran Deaconess Association.

You are invited to join in the celebration of
worship, thanksgiving, and praise to God.

*Saturday, January 14, 2017
10 am*

Chapel of the Resurrection
Valparaiso University
1600 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Reception to follow at the

Center for Diaconal Ministry
1304 LaPorte Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Regrets Only 440.655.6894

*If you are unable to attend,
your presence in spirit and prayer will be gratefully appreciated.*

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

January 29, 2017

*Following the
10:45 AM service*

— Lunch will be provided —

**Deadline for
Annual Meeting Reports
are due in the office
Wed., January 4, 2017.
If possible, please
submit electronically.**

TLC Electronic Giving

Now Open for Business!

As we have promised, 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/>

Just 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.



Cold/Flu Season Reminders

To protect everyone, especially the youngest and oldest among us and those with chronic illnesses, please do not attend church functions if you are ill. In general, remember the simple ways to help prevent the spread of common contagious infections.

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with tissues, then wash/sanitize your hands
- Use an alternative “passing of the peace” by nodding, crossing your arms across your chest, or hand waving a peace sign
- Before serving and/or receiving communion wash/sanitize your hands
- If concerned, avoid the common cup during communion (or skip communion)

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.

Zumba will not have classes on December 17, 24, & 31. Classes will resume on January 7, 2017 on Saturdays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall through March 25th. You may purchase a 6 session punch card for \$20 or \$4 per session. Multigenerational! Come and have some fun!

Give a Gift of Hope for Christmas at Trinity

People from Trinity Lutheran Church have discovered a simple, joyous way to shop for Christmas. They shop right here at church. Shopping is fast, easy, and rewarding at **Gifts of Hope**. You donate any amount you would like to a charitable organization in another person's name. You give that person a beautiful, hand-crafted card naming the organization that receives the gift, and the receiver of the card has the joy of knowing someone has been helped by a gift that keeps on giving.

Our Trinity catalog offers twenty-four local, national, and international charitable organizations from which to choose. Helpful *Faith in Action* team members can guide you through the simple shopping process at the **Gifts of Hope** table.

Get your shopping done in the foyer after services or between services on Sundays through December 18. Catalogs will be available on those dates. Be on the cutting edge of giving. Shop til you drop ... to your knees in joyous thanks for **Gifts of Hope**.



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

The Salvation Army of Porter County is looking for volunteers to ring the bells at their various "Red Kettle" collection sites located throughout Portage, Chesterton, and Valparaiso. All money collected in Porter County stays in Porter county funding programs for the less fortunate. For more information contact Tom Muchesko (708) 209-8042, or to schedule yourself for a time and location contact Kimber Ritchey at the Salvation Army (219) 628-2396.

Christian Food Pantry



With 265 families served in November, 651 people were provided with food. Except for the awesome donation of 100 turkeys, most of the food items given for the 92 Thanksgiving dinners had to be purchased since donations of food and money are down a lot. Usually the FOP provides 'baskets' and turkeys for Christmas giving. However, the police contact person has not answered messages asking for information about their usual Christmas project. It has been decided that it will be great if the FOP giving comes through and the pantry can do some supplementing if necessary. (When the FOP project started, we received 100 'baskets.' The last two years we have gotten 30 'baskets' and have made up the other 70 needed for the 100 families that signed up. Giving for their project is also down.) If the FOP cannot provide 'baskets' this year, the pantry will not be able to provide an extra Christmas

giving. Too much was spent for Thanksgiving and money needs to be used for basic giving.

Recently one church group noted the slim donation situation and placed the information on the church website and several facebook contacts. They got an awesome response. Perhaps that is another method of communication for the pantry through our sponsoring churches.

In the meantime, the basic items that are given to each family per visit are needed. Everything from tuna to mac and cheese and cereal - plus money for the fresh items. If a 'refresher' list of those items is needed contact any director and it will be sent. Any help you congregational contacts can give is greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please call:

Nan (219) 462-6169
Anne (219) 462-8593
Sharon (219) 464-1764

Thank you for all the prayers for Barb's mom, Marge Herzinger. They were much appreciated. Please continue to hold her in prayer. We would like to continue letting her know we are thinking of her by sending her a card to the address below with an encouraging greeting.

Marge Herzinger
444 Skyview Street • El Cajon, CA 92020



From the Deaconess...



Sunday School Advent Program - The Sunday School children will present an Advent program on Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Parents are invited to bring a snack to share following the program. Dress rehearsal will be Sunday, December 11 at 9:30 AM.

Levels I-III Confirmation will meet this Sunday, December 18 at 4:30 PM in Room 105/107 for class. All youth will meet from 6:00 - 7:00 PM for a gift exchange Christmas party. High school **Youth Group** meets at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room.

Chili Supper — Thank you to everyone who attended the Chili Supper! We raised \$508 which support the youth ministry here at Trinity. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Questions?
Call Deaconess Barb at:
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End-Of-Year Offering Deadline

December 25th will be the last Sunday for contributions to be included in your 2016 statement. Please check your mailboxes for your 2017 offering envelopes. Thank you!

Greeting Card Ministry

The Hospitality Team will be starting a new ministry beginning in January 2017. We want to show love and appreciation to the adult members of Trinity on their birthday by placing a greeting card in their TLC mailbox. We hope you will enjoy receiving these cards. The Sunday school children, youth, and confirmation classes are already acknowledged on their birthdays by Deaconess Barb and the various teachers.

The church database has birth dates for most people, but if we find that we don't have yours, we will contact you.

If you have comments or questions, contact Pat Hellmers at:
(219) 462-6222 • pat_hellmers@yahoo.com

You can find Trinity on Facebook at:

tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo

“Like” our page & share events with your friends.

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 (219) 364-2732 or email rochse@pcfcc.org

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

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

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Jane Fryer


RITTENHOUSE: Ethel Roberts

For Friends & Family

NAME:	FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:	NAME:	FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:
Robert (grandfather)	Christine Cawby	Jim (cousin)	Larry & Ann Baas
Mildred (grandmother)	Christine Cawby	Daisy (aunt)	Richard & Vel Schultz
Teresa (cousin)	Lauren Mache	George	Richard & Vel Schultz
Ted (cousin)	Cheryl Dieter	Audrey (cousin)	Richard & Vel Schultz
Chris (nephew)	Lu Krieger-Blake	Mike (father)	Matt & Karen Hernes
Abby (granddaughter)	Rev. Jane Aicher	Brian	Richard & Vel Schultz
Dean (father)	Carey Johnson Young	Carrie (niece)	Richard & Vel Schultz
Nikki (niece)	Richard & Vel Schultz	Randy	Richard & Vel Schultz
Carol	Richard & Vel Schultz	Janet (sister)	Richard & Vel Schultz
Karen	Richard & Vel Schultz	Bob (brother)	Richard & Vel Schultz
Cindy (& family)	Marty Swinehart	Tom	Richard & Vel Schultz
Bridgette (aunt)	Valerie Webdell	David & family	Christine Cawby
Lucas	Arlene & Will Gross	Arlene & family	Christine Cawby
Marsha	Larry & Ann Baas	Brandon (brother-in-law)	Matt & Karen Hernes
Linda (sister)	Barbara Pearson	Thomas (grandson)	George Reichler
Garlan (brother-in-law)	Barbara Pearson		

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		SATURDAY, DEC. 17	 CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES		
Presiding Minister		The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke			
SERVICE		SUNDAY, DEC. 18 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM	SATURDAY, DEC. 24 4:30 PM	SATURDAY, DEC. 24 7:30 PM	SUNDAY, DEC. 25 10:00 AM <i>(One Service)</i>
Presiding Minister		The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music		Cheryl Dieter	Cheryl Dieter	Cheryl Dieter	Cheryl Dieter
Musicians					
Guitar		Paul Schreiner		Paul Schreiner	
Saxophone		Anna Cox		Anna Cox	
Choir		8:00 10:45	Joyful Noise!	Adult Choir	Adult Choir
Adult Choir		8:00 10:45			
Acolyte		8:00 10:45	Sophie DeRuntz Ethan Preston	Gregory Lichtenberger Michael Lichtenberger	Tom Muchesko
Assisting Minister		8:00 10:45	Paul Parsons	Barb Herzinger	Patricia Cummings
Communion Assts.		8:00 10:45	Keith & Terri Gingerich Barb Herzinger	Laura Yokovich Katie Lichtenberger Natalie Lichtenberger	Karen Muchesko Sally Finck Barb Herzinger
Greeters		8:00 10:45	Amy Parsons Patrick & Michelle Ward	Kandyce Hannon Kay Kielpikowski	Len & Diann Ptacek Karen Muchesko
Lector		8:00 10:45	Barb Herzinger	Kandyce Hannon	Soren Bjornstad
Ushers		8:00 10:45	Scott & Vonda Young Patricia Cummings Chuck Anderson	Norm Amundsen Terry, Kris, Hannah, Claire Lopez	Mike & Rita Delliquadri Mike Renahan Karen Muchesko*
*offering only					
Secure Offering		8:00 10:45	Scott Young	Norm Amundsen	Mike Delliquadri
Bread Baker		Dot Pakan	Rita Delliquadri	Pat Hellmers	Pat Hellmers
Altar Guild		Gloria Cornman Elene Amundsen Pat & Norm Hellmers	Gloria Cornman Elene Amundsen Pat & Norm Hellmers	Gloria Cornman Elene Amundsen Pat & Norm Hellmers	Gloria Cornman Elene Amundsen Pat & Norm Hellmers
Unlock Doors		Chuck Anderson			Mike Delliquadri
Fellowship Time					

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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$10,382	\$278,756

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$1,038	\$27,875

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
142

- 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.

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

Please Note:

On the following days, the office hours will be 9 AM - noon: December 19, 22, 27, 28, & 29 and will be closed on December 23 & 30, 2016. If you need access to the building at other times, please make prior arrangements.

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.