



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
December 24, 2017

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

11:15 AM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103

4:30 PM CANDLELIGHT HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

7:30 PM CANDLELIGHT HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Monday, December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day

10:00 AM FESTIVAL HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Saturday, December 30, 2017

5:30 PM SPOKEN HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

Sunday, December 31, 2017 - New Year's Eve

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE

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



Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

Saturdays in Advent

December 2, 9, 16, 23 – 5:30 PM

Holy Communion
(spoken service)

Sundays in Advent

December 3, 10, 17 –

8:00 & 10:45 AM

December 24 –

10:00 AM (one service only)

Holy Communion

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

4:30 and 7:30 PM

Candlelight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM

Festival Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, December 30 –

5:30 PM

Sunday, December 31 –

10:00 AM (one service only)



Christmas Decorating
after today's
10:00 AM service.

Greeting Card Ministry

The Trinity Hospitality Team will be starting their second year of presenting birthday cards to teen and adult Trinity members either in their mailboxes at TLC or through the regular mail. The Sunday school children and youth are acknowledged on their birthdays by Deaconess Barb and the various teachers. This is one way we can show our love and appreciation for all of our church family.

We obtain birth dates of our members (not the year) from the church database. If you have not received one of these birthday cards in 2017, it might mean that we do not know your birth date. If you would like to share that with us and receive a special card on your birthday, please let the church office know, or Pat or Dot as listed below.

PAT HELLMERS (219) 462-6222 pat_hellmers@yahoo.com
DOT PAKAN (219) 464-3383 dpakan63@gmail.com



From the Deaconess

The youth will go **Ice Skating** at **Central Park Plaza** on Sunday, January 7, from 4:00-6:00 pm. It costs \$5 to get in and \$3 to rent skates. You may want to bring extra for a hot cocoa or snack. If interested, please let Barb know.

Sunday School will not meet again until January 7, 2018. Wishing you the merriest Christmas season! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sunday School Christmas Program!! You did a wonderful job! I am so proud of you!!

Confirmation Class and **Youth Group** will resume on January 14. Hope you have a blessed holiday season!



Stephen Ministry

I may be a bit shy and not want others to know that I have a Stephen Minister. How is that handled? A Care Giving/Care Receiver relationship is a confidential matter. Other than the referral coordinator handling your request no one other than the Stephen Minister would know, unless you would tell them. That is how it works. For additional information contact a Stephen Leader:

ANN BAAS
(219) 476-5926

GEORGE REICHLER
(219) 477-2080

TERRY PAARLBERG
(219) 242-4035

Trinity's Worship Team

Worship is one of Trinity's four "mission areas" discerned in the course of our Healthy Congregations work several years ago. 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 will be meeting again in January. Current members are Paul Mache (Worship Leadership), Janet Wade (Music), Elene Amundsen (Altar), Valerie Steil (Decorating), Michael Beaver (Seasonal Themes and Planning), Szu-Ping Chang Wong, 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 sign-up in the lobby, or you may contact Pastor Tim at:

prt看@tlcvalpo.com

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 three 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.

“Monthly Memo”

Watch for emails from Trinity which 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!

NOTE: *If you have not been receiving our “Monthly Memo” or announcements such as church functions, funerals, etc. and would like to receive them, please stop by, call, or email the church office with your email address requesting to be added to the list.*

Notes from the Minister of Music

Our church will be hosting a concert on February 16, 2018 and we need host families for the students! The **Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble** from Augustana College, Rock Island, IL is coming to Valparaiso on Friday, February 16, 2018. This is an advanced women's choir, 60-voice plus their choir directors, Professor Michael Zemek & Professor Sonja Hurty. We will need to provide a meal before the concert at 5:30 PM here at the church and a place to stay on Friday night. If you can host the students or you can help provide the meal for them, please let me know. I think this is a great opportunity to invite people to come to our church and share the music with the community!

Thanks, Szu-Ping

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 28, 2018

Following the
10:45 AM service

— Lunch will be provided —

**Deadline for
Annual Meeting Reports
are due in the office
Wed., January 3, 2017.
If possible, please
submit electronically.**

Saturday Service Fellowship Time

The Hospitality Team will be hosting fellowship time on **January 6, 2018** 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. All are welcome!



Adult Forum

DECEMBER 24 & 31
No Adult Forum.
Christmas vacation.



Christian Food Pantry

NOVEMBER REPORT: There were 328 families served (providing food for 830 people). There were 90 Thanksgiving turkeys given out along with other holiday dinner items. It is hoped that the Valparaiso FOP will be able to help with Christmas dinner 'baskets' again this year. Luckily the pantry will be able to supplement more 'baskets' if the 100 needed cannot be given by the FOP. Both Strack and VanTil stores have been generous with the holiday bags purchased by shoppers which aids in the regular and holiday giving from the pantry. (If you are asked about the Christmas pick-up dates, they are December 18 and 20 – days the pantry is regularly open.) Basic items that are always needed and not often donated are cereal, bathroom tissue, tuna (in water), canned fruit, pork 'n' beans, canned pasta, and peanut butter. Juices, coffee (small cans), and teas are also appreciated by many clients. All donations are gladly received by 'someone.' Thank you to all who care to help your 'neighbors' by giving to the pantry.

Holiday Greetings and Merry Christmas, Nan, Sharon and Anne

Food Pantry Items for Dec. & Jan.

For December and January, Trinity members are asked to meet a Christian Food Pantry need by donating coffee and laundry detergent. Any size ground coffee or instant coffee, either regular or decaffeinated, will be helpful. Of course, donations of any kind, 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.

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



Gifts of Hope Returns

They're back! The Faith in Action team offers the TLC alternative Christmas gift option again this year. You can donate any amount of money to any of the 21 worthwhile charitable organizations from our Christmas catalog. You donate in honor of another person, and you receive a beautifully hand crafted original card to give to the person in whose name you have donated. This is the Christmas gift that keeps on giving.

This will be the last Sunday that the Faith in Action/Social Ministry Team will be selling **Gifts of Hope** during Advent. Pick up our catalog in the church foyer before or after service this Sunday, December 24. Purchase a **Gift of Hope** for each of your loved ones and experience the joy of giving in a unique way this Christmas.





YOGA! — meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Choose \$5 per class or \$20 for a 5 class punch card. Everyone is welcome!

ZUMBA — No Zumba class on December 23rd & 31st. Class will resume on Saturday, January 6 through March 31, 2018 at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Choose \$5 per class or \$20 for a 5 class punch card. Come and start the New Year with some exercise and fun!

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)

Thrivent Members Can Help Out

Are you a Thrivent member and a Trinity member? If so, Trinity could use your help. Depending upon your Thrivent membership status, you may be eligible to apply for one or two Thrivent grants each year. These \$250 grants can be used for many Trinity related activities for both church needs and outreach.

The grants allow various Trinity groups to fund their events and activities. We have used Thrivent grants to help supplement the cost of running our Gifts of Hope program, feeding our homeless guests, and offering our in-house yoga program. Other grant ideas are being planned by various groups including health ministry, hospitality and faith-in-action/social ministry.

If you are willing to apply for a Thrivent grant, you can call the church office (462-9624) or stop in Monday through Friday and leave your name with Betty. On the weekend at church, you can talk to Pat Hellmers, Larry Baas, or Mike Delliquadri. Help will be available for the application process.

Church Council News

BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY: TLCV is committed to providing a safe church environment. In October, the Church Council approved the Background Check Policy submitted by the Safety Team. This policy requires background checks to be performed on all volunteers who participate in TLCV programs and activities related to youth and family ministries, health ministry, or Stephen Ministry. If you are presently involved in one of these ministries, we ask you to verify with your team leader that you are current with your background check. Background check screening is required every 3 years. If you only fill in or act as a substitute, you are still required to follow this policy. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the safety team or the Church Council. Background check forms are available from Betty in the church office and can be returned to her after completion.

Member Pledges Continue to Support Trinity: Not Too Late to Pledge for 2018

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 20, 2017, seventy-five (75) giving units have returned pledges for 2018. The total amount of these pledges is \$220,940. The total amount of all pledges (83) for 2017 equaled \$224,227. Several giving units that pledged in 2017 have not yet pledged for 2018. If these units pledge the same amount they did in 2017, the total pledge amount for 2018 would increase significantly. Thank you to all who have made commitments to Trinity's ministries.

2017 Offering Deadline

2018 Offering Envelopes

All offerings must be turned into the church by the end of the service on December 31, 2017 in order to be counted towards 2017. Please check your mailboxes for your 2018 offering envelopes. If you did not receive any offering envelopes and wish to have them, please contact Mike Kinsey at:

(317) 385-7259
or
mandlk1@frontier.com.

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Sandi Anderson
Brandon Brkljac
Richard Cornman
Lauren Mache
Eden Preston
Nikki Schofield
Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson
Susan Swanson
Ruth Swelstad
Bob Tittle

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Jane Fryer

For Friends & Family

NAME:

Larry (uncle)
Lee
Fred (father)
Bruno
Jenny
Barb
Zach, Erin, Andrew,
& Stella Rongers
Matthew (niece)
Vanessa (family friend)
Caron (sister)
Christine (wife)
Gary (son)
Sherry (aunt)
Robert (uncle)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Barb Herzinger
Juanagene Nietert
Amy Parsons
Karen Tognetti & family
Lene & Gary Behrens
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Mike Beaver
Karen Tognetti & family
Roger & Judy Phillips
Lori Olson
Mark Forker
Annamae Wheeland
Reese & Madi Mayernik
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NAME:

Robert (grandfather)
Mildred (grandmother)
Teresa (cousin)
Ted (cousin)
Abby (granddaughter)
Dean (father)
Bridgette (aunt)
Lucas
Linda (sister)
Garlan (brother-in-law)
Jim (cousin)
Mike (father)
David & family
Arlene & family
Thomas (grandson)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Christine Cawby
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Lauren Mache
Cheryl Dieter
Rev. Jane Aicher
Carey Johnson Young
Valerie Webdell
Arlene & Will Gross
Barbara Pearson
Barbara Pearson
Larry & Ann Baas
Matt & Karen Hernes
Christine Cawby
Christine Cawby
George Reichler

Names will appear for approximately one month.

To "renew," call (219) 462-9624 before noon on Wednesday for Sunday's parish notices.

Worship Servers

SATURDAY SERVICE 5:30 PM	DECEMBER 23, 2017	DECEMBER 30, 2017
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 AM	DECEMBER 24, 2017 10:00 AM	DECEMBER 31, 2017 10:00 AM
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir		Adult Choir
Musicians		<i>Dot Pakan</i>
Organist		Paul Schreiner
Guitar	Paul Schreiner	Anna Cox
Saxophone	Anna Cox	Anna Cox
Acolyte	Audrey Leitzke	Tom Muchesko
Assisting Minister	Mike Beaver	Marty Swinehart
Communion Assts.	Emily Leitzke	Kati Kallay
	Chuck Anderson	Kay Kielpikowski
	<i>Dot Pakan</i>	Sally Finck
Greeters	Norm & Pat Hellmers	<i>Kay Kielpikowski</i>
		Chuck Anderson
Lector	Max Otterbacher	Lu Krieger-Blake
Ushers	<i>Chuck Anderson</i>	Mike & Rita
*offering only	<i>Dot Pakan</i>	Delliquadri
	Scott & Christine Otterbacher	
Secure Offering	Chuck Anderson	<i>Mike Delliquadri</i>
Bread Baker	Pat Hellmers	Dot Pakan
Altar Guild	Judy & Roger Phillips	Judy & Roger Phillips
	Elene Amundsen	Elene Amundsen
	Pat Hellmers	Pat Hellmers
Unlock Doors	Mike Delliquadri	Marty Swinehart
Fellowship Time		



Name Tag Orders

I will be sending in some new orders for name tags soon. The cost is \$6.00 for the clasp type and \$7.00 for the magnet type, paid to me after you receive your name tag. I just need to know how you want your name on the name tag and which type you want. This is a piece of “jewelry” that you do not want to be without!

You can contact me at:
pat_hellmers@yahoo.com
(219) 462-6222

Attention All Facebook Enthusiasts!



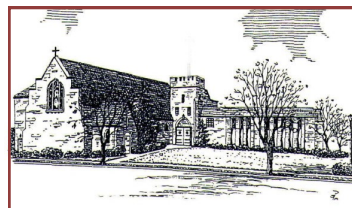
You can find us
on Facebook at:

tinyurl.com/tlcvlpo

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

The Hospitality Team

Occasionally during services and church functions, our parking lot can become very full. In order for us to remain a good neighbor in our community, please be mindful not to block cars or driveways. Thank you!



STAFF

Pastor

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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$5,745	\$296,691

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$574	\$29,669

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
171

- 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 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM and Wednesdays 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Outside of office hours, call (219) 561-3887.

Please Note:

*The office will be closed
December 25, 2017
through
Monday, January 1, 2018.
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.