

Trinity Lutheran Church



PARISH NOTICES

January 31, 2016

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, January 31, 2016

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:00 PM CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 4:30 PM LEVEL I-III CONFIRMATION – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

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

Saturday, February 6, 2016

- 8:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – ROOM 103
- 8:30 AM ZUMBA – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 5:30 PM SPOKEN HOLY COMMUNION – CHAPEL

Sunday, February 7, 2016

- 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 10:45 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 12:15 PM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 4:30 PM LEVEL I-III CONFIRMATION – ROOM 105/107
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING – YOUTH ROOM

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

mark your calendar!

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

January 31

Following the
10:45 AM service

— Lunch will be provided —

SOUPER BOWL NOISY OFFERING

February 7

“Becoming Trinity”

February 21 & 28

March 6, 13 & 20

Variety Show
Sunday, February 28
4:00-6:00 PM

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

April 9, 16, & 23
4:00- 5:00 PM

Reconciling in Christ Affirmation of Welcome

Affirmation of Welcome

Trinity Lutheran

Adopted at the Congregational Meeting
January 28th, 2001

As a community of the people of God we are called to minister to all people in our world, knowing that the world is often an unloving place. Our world is a place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. We are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society.

We affirm with the apostle Paul that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. We acknowledge this reconciliation extends also to those whose affectional orientation is toward a person of the same gender.

Because gay and lesbian persons are often scorned and alienated from the Church, we wish to make known our caring and concern. It is for this purpose that we affirm the following:

that gay and lesbian people share with all others the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;

that gay and lesbian people are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making the same affirmation of faith that all other people make; and

that as members of this congregation gay and lesbian people are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

Suggested Update and Revision

Affirmation Statement

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We affirm with the apostle Paul that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. We acknowledge this reconciliation extends to people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

Because people of all gender identities and sexual orientations are often scorned by society and alienated from the Church, we wish to make known our caring and concern. It is for this purpose that we affirm:

- People of all gender identities and sexual orientations share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;
- People of all gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making a common, public affirmation of faith; and
- As members of this congregation, people of all gender identities and sexual orientations are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.



SOUPER BOWL NOISY OFFERING ON FEBRUARY 7

1 in 7 Americans struggle with hunger.

48 million people.

15 million are children.

You can help.

On Sunday, February 7, we will join with congregations and other groups across the country in the fight against hunger in America by participating in the “Souper Bowl of Caring.” At the beginning of each service we will gather a “noisy offering,” and the money gathered will be donated to our local Christian Food Pantry. This is one of two such “noisy offerings” we do each year. The Souper Bowl offering supports those in our own community who struggle with hunger. The second noisy offering, which includes the money we set aside during Lent, is given to ELCA World Hunger.

Let’s make our 2016 noisy offerings the noisiest ever – bring your offering to church on February 7th. Let’s eliminate hunger in our community!

P.S. If you prefer to make a less noisy “noisy offering,” cash and checks (made out to Trinity) will be gladly received!

Being the Church...

Each Sunday, we join together to worship, praise, and give thanks. Each of us is aware that our lives as people of God give us opportunities to be the Church every day of the week. Here are opportunities to bring a Christian presence to activities going on in our community:

- **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 **Wednesdays at 6:00 PM** at the **Dayspring Counseling Center, 1005 N. Campbell Street**. For more info, call (219) 364-2732 or email rochse@pcfcc.org.

Christian Food Pantry

During December the pantry provided 235 families (561 people) with food. With some “baskets” provided by the Valparaiso FOP, the pantry handed out 97 baskets to pantry clients. Turkeys or turkey breasts were provided by a local doctor and local contractor! Our next project will be bean soup kits that will be give out in February. Cranberries, pumpkin pie kits, ham hocks, and corn muffin mixes are offered to go along with the soup kit. Many clients look forward to getting these annual cold-weather items. Although numerous extra items have been donated by various groups as well as Strack & VanTil, many basic items are still needed. Baked beans, bathroom tissue, mixed vegetables, peas, canned pasta, and soups are always needed. Various dried beans for the soup kits would also be appreciated.

As always the scale to go by is ‘if you use it a pantry client may need it also.’

Questions? Nan, Anne, or Sharon can help.





Tender Loving Care Preschool is accepting registration for 2016-2017 for present and past TLC families, and for Trinity members beginning January 4th. Registration will be open to the public effective January 15th. Available classes are as follows:

- AM and PM Early Learners classes (Tuesday & Thursday) – for children age 3 by September 1, 2016.
- AM and PM Kindergarten Readiness classes (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2016.
- AM (only) Pre-Kindergarten class (Monday through Friday) – for children at least 5 by September 1, 2016. Please note that most children in this class have had two prior years of preschool.
- PM Extended Day class (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children in Tender Loving Care AM Kindergarten Readiness or AM Pre-Kindergarten classes.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in registering or would like information, please contact Nancy Moseley at (219) 531-9534 or nancyjmoseley@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Visit our website at:

www.tenderlovingcarepreschool.webs.com

Prayer Requests

For Friends & Family

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Lu Krieger-Blake
 Sandi Anderson
 Wandalee Blair
 Brandon Brkljac
 Christine Cawby
 Josephine Kaluzny
 Paul & Lauren Mache
 Eden Preston
 Lois Stanley
 Rachel Swanson
 Susan Swanson
 Margaret Vondorkovich

AVALON SPRINGS:

Eva Kingston

PINES VILLAGE:

Eva Jane Fryer

NAME:

Carole Sue *(cousin)*
 Marge *(mother)*
 Bethany
 Amy
 Audrey *(cousin)*
 Mike *(father)*
 Robert Crocker
 Jim Davis
 Marsha
 Jon
 Brian
 Carrie *(niece)*
 Randy
 Janet *(sister)*
 Bob *(brother)*
 Tom
 Jerrie

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Sand & Charles Anderson
 Barb Herzinger
 Amy Parsons
 Amy Parsons
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Matt & Karen Hernes
 Christine Cawby
 Christine Cawby
 Larry & Ann Baas
 Larry & Ann Baas
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
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 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Richard & Vel Schultz
 Bob & Edith Young

NAME:

Les *(father)*
 Michael
 David & family
 Arlene & family
 Brandon *(brother-in-law)*
 Christa *(niece)*
 Carol *(sister)*
 Barb
 Kathy
 Roger
 Betsy
 Barbara
 Thomas *(grandson)*
 Samantha *(daughter)*
 Trevor *(son)*
 Bessie

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Jennifer Hora & Craig Heisel
 Susan Swanson
 Christine Cawby
 Christine Cawby
 Matt & Karen Hernes
 Larry & Ann Baas
 Annamae Wheeland
 Annamae Wheeland
 Annamae Wheeland
 George Reichler
 Susan Swanson
 Susan Swanson
 Lori

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

“Becoming Trinity”

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity?

Join us for five sessions of orientation. Come to enjoy fellowship with current members and Pastor Leitzke, discuss selected scripture passages, and learn what it means to be “Gathered by God, living in grace, and called to love and serve.”

Save these Sunday evenings, 6 to 8 PM: February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. Dinner will be provided!

You will be officially received into the community at the Easter Vigil service on March 26th.

Contact Pastor Leitzke or Betty in the office to RSVP.

Help needed for “Becoming Trinity”

There are three ways you could help:

- 1 Prepare dinner for one (or more!) of the five sessions. We are coordinating all of this with Confirmation and Youth Group, so contact Pastor or Deaconess Barb if you want to help. The food needs to be delivered to the kitchen by 5:45 PM on these days: February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. (The Youth will be at Quake Zone on March 13, but we will still meet.)
- 2 Make a brief presentation about one of Trinity's ministries. One person will speak on our being “gathered by God.” Another on “living in grace.” Another on being “called to love.” And another on being “called to serve.”
- 3 Attend the sessions. Pastor Leitzke has suggested that, ideally, as many current members will attend as new members. This is a ten hour commitment: two hours each Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM in the five weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil. Dinner is provided.



Trinity welcomes and encourages all who are baptized to receive Holy Communion whenever it is offered. This spring, we will offer instruction in Holy Communion. Classes will be:

— SATURDAYS —

APRIL 9, 16, & 23

4:00- 5:00 PM

Classes are open to children, whether they do not already commune or do commune but have never had any instruction.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have any questions or know a young one who you would like to bring.

(219) 462-9624

or

prtim@tlcvalpo.com



Adult Forum

JANUARY 31ST - Jan Blodget will be leading Adult Forum. She will be talking about a Bible designed as an every day Bible. It is called Seasons of Reflection: The NIV Bible in 365 Daily Readings with Special Helps on Prayer by the International Bible Society. This Bible makes it easy to spend time each day in the study of God's word. It includes Old and New Testament readings each day.

FEBRUARY 7 - Rick Steves, famous author and public television host, is coming to Adult Forum! Well, in the form of a DVD. We will be watching two short programs "Faithful Travel with Rick Steves" and "Opening the Door to Luther," produced by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In these programs, Steves lays out his personal philosophy — and theology — on the nature of faithful travel. He wants us to see our world as a home to billions of equally precious children and he believes that thoughtful travel can be a powerful force for peace and justice. This is not the usual Rick Steves' travelogue, but instead will take us on a journey of faith. Rick is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynwood, Washington.

FEBRUARY 14 - Nutrition update by Health Ministry. Caring for our body, mind, and spirit involves being educated about health issues, and making informed decisions. We are bombarded by advertisements, news reports, research results, and people around us, telling us what we should and shouldn't eat. It can be difficult to know who to believe and how to make the best choices. Despite what kind of diet/nutrition plan you are on, choosing the healthiest, least-processed foods is an important step in improving your health. Highly processed foods often contain high amounts of sodium, sugars, and preservatives that can be harmful to our bodies. Join our fun, interactive Adult Forum as we define "processed foods", read nutrition labels, play a product guessing game, and discuss ways to make your meals fresher and healthier.

FEBRUARY 21 - TLC member Bob DeRuntz will talk about his 2014 trip to Istanbul, Turkey, (formerly Constantinople) where on an Eli Lilly grant, he worked on a project to map and sketch the city's churches, mosques, cisterns, palaces, city walls and more. Plan to join us for this interesting presentation.

All are welcome at Adult Forum.

Jane Schreiner, Norm and Pat Hellmers



**Going through
a tough time –
emotionally
or spiritually?**

**Struggling with a
crisis in life or
simply feeling down?**

**Do you have a friend,
neighbor, co-worker,
or relative, who
is going through
a tough time?**

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful.

For information or to arrange to have someone to walk your journey with you, or to learn how you can help your friend to receive care, please contact:

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ANN BAAS

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Connect – for Parents!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:30 AM in the Youth Room

TOPIC: School Stress

How do we find the balance of stressing the importance of school and education without stressing out our kids?

– Discussion led by Kris Lopez and Michelle Ward

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30 AM in the Youth Room

TOPIC: Financial Stewardship

How do we teach our children about money management?

– Conversation led by Laura Odom

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

will be

**Saturday,
February 20**

from

5:00 – 8:30 PM

Trinity Youth will provide childcare at the church, and Trinity Parents will eat out at a local restaurant together!

**Donations for childcare will go toward Trinity Youth for their projects and trips. Kids & Youth will enjoy pizza, games, and a movie. Appetizers will be provided for parents, so bring \$ for drinks and meals. More details to follow - contact Deaconess Barb or Karen Hernes if you have questions.*

Health Ministry

“MOVE THROUGH THE WINTER” – What do you do to keep physically active during the winter? If you usually exercise outside, think of inside alternatives. Consider a gym membership, do a free exercise video on YouTube, lift weights, walk at the mall. And you can always join us for ZUMBA!

ZUMBA CLASSES – Join us as we continue to ZUMBA in February and March on Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM. \$2 suggested donation per adult; \$1 per child. If you are able to do mild aerobic activity, standing OR sitting, this class is for you! Exercise is more fun with family and friends, so bring the kids, bring your spouse, bring a friend!

WALKING GROUP – Although it's chilly, there is still an outside walking group that is meeting on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM at church. So, if you don't want to Zumba, but need some incentive to get up and move, join the walkers!

A wheelchair has been donated to Trinity and will be kept in the west lobby, parking lot entrance. Please feel free to use it at Trinity for those who may need extra assistance.

Opportunities to Serve

• **Saturday Evening Meals Needed**

The open arms women's shelter has undergone some really positive change. Women can now go to a central location, rooms at Housing Opportunities at 2001 North Calumet Ave. The women no longer need to move from church to church each night. Thanks to Dayspring Women's Shelter, women can receive counseling and other services to assist them.

Our new role is to **provide Saturday evening meals**. We are told how many people to prepare for, and we deliver a meal to the Housing Opportunities location by **6:15 on Saturday**. **A sign-up sheet for meal makers hangs on the bulletin board in the foyer** here at Trinity. If you can, sign up to prepare a meal. If you need help with the details, contact Mike Delliquadri at (219) 508-4422.

• **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 is four openings on the council. At the annual meeting in January, four new 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.

From the Deaconess...

CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III & YOUTH GROUP will meet today at our usual times.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be collecting hats, scarves and gloves for winter to give to men or women in need through the end of February.

The youth will be accepting sponsors for the 30-Hour Famine for the next three weeks. The Famine is an opportunity for us to learn about hunger in Ethiopia. We will have a lock-in with Christ Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal youth. We will watch videos, play games, and experience what it's like to go without food for 30 hours. We will break our fast with Holy Communion and then a meal. All of the money raised will go to World Vision who has programs all over the world. If you'd like more info, you can go to www.30hourfamine.org."

Mark your calendars and start practicing because the Variety Show will be Sunday, February 28, from 4:00-6:00 PM. This a great opportunity to share your talents and abilities! Everyone is invited to attend. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer next week. This is a fundraiser for the youth trips. There will be some snacks and drinks available for a donation.

Any questions, contact Deaconess Barb at:

(219) 462-9624, ext. 4
bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com

Worship Servers

SERVICE	SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 5:30 PM	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 5:30 PM
<i>Presiding Minister</i>	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
SERVICE	SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
<i>Presiding Minister</i>	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Leitzke
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Cheryl Dieter	Cheryl Dieter
<i>Musicians</i>		
<i>Congas</i>	Ethan Preston	Ethan Preston
<i>EWI</i> (Electronic Wind Inst.)	Harlan Bjornstad	Harlan Bjornstad
<i>Guitar</i>	Paul Schreiner	Paul Schreiner
<i>Choir</i>	8:00 Joyful Noise! 10:45 Adult Choir	Adult Choir Joyful Noise
<i>Acolyte</i>	8:00 Ethan Preston 10:45 Sophie DeRuntz	Makenna Schnick Ethan Preston
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	8:00 Jeff Hellmers 10:45 Marty Swinehart	Diane Marten Paul Parsons
<i>Communion Assts.</i>	8:00 Paul Parsons Barb Herzinger Chuck Anderson 10:45 Donna Gierse Joanna Truemper Barb Pearson	Carter Schnick Lu Krieger-Blake Kay Kielplikowski Joanna Truemper Kati Kallay Terri Gingerich
<i>Greeters</i>	8:00 Paul & Amy Parsons 10:45 Joanna Truemper Barb Pearson	Kay Kielplikowski Bob & Edith Young Joanna Truemper Patrick & Michelle Ward & family
<i>Lectors</i>	8:00 Barb Herzinger 10:45 Linda Beach	Paul Mache Michelle Ward
<i>Ushers</i> <i>*offering only</i>	8:00 Bob & Nancy Tittle Mike Delliquadri 10:45 Dennis & Linda Beach David, Ben, & Sam Burow-Flak	Scott Young Chuck Anderson Bob & Edith Young* Craig & Becky Lutz Matt & Karen Hernes
<i>Secure Offering</i>	8:00 Bob Tittle 10:45 Dennis Beach	Scott Young Craig Lutz
<i>Bread Baker</i>	Betty Waligura	Nancy Tittle
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Erma Eichhorn Nancy Tittle	Judy & Roger Phillips Elene Amundsen
<i>Fellowship Time</i>	Christine Cawby family Ward family Nicole Lee family	

 Update



TRINITY PHOTO DIRECTORY

Thank you to those of you who have had your picture taken for the new Trinity photo directory. We will continue to take photographs, so if you have not had your picture taken yet, one of our photographers will be standing by the mailboxes for that purpose. Remember that you don't have to "dress up" for your photograph since it is only a head and shoulders view and will probably be printed in black and white.

In addition, we would like everyone to complete one of the information forms in the Parish Notices so that we can have your correct information to include in the directory. This will also help us update our record-keeping software in the church office.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact one of the Hospitality Team members:

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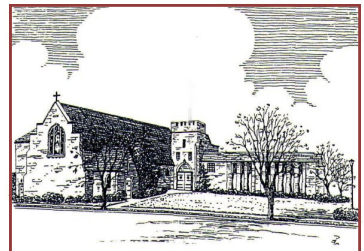
Staff Office Schedule

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, Deaconess Barb may be reached at (219) 561-3887.

Notice of Hospitalization

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



Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for

General Operations:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$5,580	\$20,145

2. Benevolence sent to IN/KY Synod:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$558	\$2,014

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
143

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.
3. Attendance at all services last week through last Sunday.