



TRINITY Lutheran Church

PARISH NOTICES
December 9, 2018

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► Today at Trinity

Sunday, December 9, 2018

- 9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP TIME – ALL ARE WELCOME –
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 10:30 AM TIE REHEARSAL (*Trinity Instrumental Ensemble*) –
CHOIR ROOM
- 10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM
- 11:45 AM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 5:00 PM ADVENT / CHRISTMAS CONCERT– NAVE
- 6:15 PM YOUTH CHILI SUPPER FUNDRAISER - FH

► Opportunities This Week at Trinity

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

- 9:30 AM ESTHER CIRCLE – ROOM 105/107
- 2:30 PM PARISH NOTICES DEADLINE
- 7:00 PM FAITH IN ACTION – ROOM 103
- 7:00 PM YOGA – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

- 6:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER – NAVE
- 7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM

Friday, December 14, 2018

- 7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM

Sunday, December 16, 2018

- 9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP TIME – ALL ARE WELCOME –
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 10:30 AM TIE REHEARSAL (*Trinity Instrumental Ensemble*) –
CHOIR ROOM
- 10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- 10:45 AM CONFIRMATION LEVELS I-III – ROOM 109
- 11:45 AM JOYFUL NOISE! REHEARSAL – ROOM 103
- 5:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION – NAVE
- 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING– YOUTH ROOM

ANNUAL ADVENT / CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 9 • 5:00 PM

followed by

Chili Supper Youth Fundraiser

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 16 • 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

Sundays in Advent

December 2, 9, 16, 23 –

9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Holy Communion

Wednesdays in Advent

December 5, 12, 19 – 6:30 PM

Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

4:30 and 7:30 PM

Candlelight

Holy Communion Service

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

9:00 AM

Festival Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 30 –

9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Holy Communion



ANNUAL ADVENT / CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Festival of Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 • 5:00 PM

A freewill offering will be collected for the Trinity Youth Group at this annual event. Please join us for a chili dinner downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the concert.



Advent/Christmas Concert & Chili Dinner

Join us this Sunday, December 9 for our annual Advent/Christmas concert and chili dinner.

The concert begins at 5:00 PM. The chili dinner follows at approximately 6:15 PM.

Decorating for Christmas

Mark your calendars: Christmas decorating after the 5:00 PM service on December 23.

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

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 before and after services all Sundays through December 23. Catalogs are available at our table. Be on the cutting edge of giving. Shop til you drop ... to your knees in joyous thanks for **the greatest Christmas Gift of Hope, Jesus Christ.**



Food Pantry Report for November

With the pantry closed 2 days in November, the ‘attendance’ was down. We served 183 families providing food for 401 people and 83 families were provided with the food items and turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. As the holiday approached the shelves at the pantry were very empty, however, our sponsoring congregations, various community groups and individuals stepped up so that basic supplies are well covered for now. At this time of year clients often need extra items like juices, Kleenex, throat lozenges, teas, lotions and other items that help with cold discomforts. One ‘crafty’ group has given us about 100 warm scarves for winter wear. With ‘basics’ adequately covered right now unexpected choices are always fun for clients to be able to choose from. Small bottles of cooking oil, small coffees, paper towels, and small dish or laundry detergents are examples. As always the idea of ‘if you use it, someone else could use it’ is a good rule to use for knowing what to donate. All items are greatly appreciated. The local FOP will be providing items for Christmas giving. Dates for that distribution have not been set as yet. It is awesome that the pantry has supplies that will be available to assist so many through the special holiday activities.

Sending greetings for a Merry Christmas and – always – thank you for helping us to help our ‘neighbors.’

— Nan, Anne, and Sharon



December 9 – Each week Trinity's building is alive with visitors. Among our most consistent visitors are the students, faculty, and staff of the Valparaiso Adult Learning Center. Courses are offered in high school equivalency and English as a Second Language, mornings and evenings. These courses happen in Trinity's basement almost every week. On December 9th we are blessed to have with us Danni Mancusi-Shreve and Ghusoon Altameemi from the Adult Learning Center, who will share with us some of what the Center does, and the ways in which Trinity's hosting the Center serves the greater Valparaiso community. (For more information, see **Valparaiso Adult Learning Center** in this parish notices.)

December 16, 23, & 30 – No Adult Forum. Everyone invited to attend the Sunday school program on December 16.

Jane Schreiner, Norm and Pat Hellmers



Christine Cawby
&
Bill Iler

wish to invite you to a

Worship Service
&
Marriage Ceremony

Trinity Lutheran Church
201 Washington Street
Valparaiso

Saturday,
January 12, 2019
12:00 pm

This is a full
worship service that
includes our commitment
to each other.

An RSVP would
be appreciated
but not necessary.

Please email:
christine.cawby@gmail.com
or call/text
(219) 252-8530

*A private luncheon
follows the ceremony.*

Valparaiso Adult Learning Center

Inside Trinity Lutheran Church--Rooms 105 & 107

219-916-7444 | valparaisoalc@cwicorp.com

Providing **FREE** classes and services!

High School Equivalency (HSE) Preparation

Prepares students to pass the exam for the HSE diploma; the equivalent to a credential for high school completion. You could earn your HSE in three months or less*.

*depending on assessment levels and commitment

English Language Learner Class (ELL)

Provides English language instruction to non-English speaking adults along with practical skills for everyday personal, social, and working situations.

Certification Courses

Certification courses are offered in the Adult Learning Center classroom or online for Internet & Computing Core, ParaPro, & Medical Administrative Assistant.



Visit and like our Facebook page!

Adult Education and Learning Centers of NW Indiana or search @adulteducationnw



1-877-607-0680



Adult Forum

December 9, 2018

10:45am

Join us in Room 105/107 to learn more about the Valparaiso Adult Learning Center's FREE classes and services.

Special Thank You

The Valparaiso Adult Learning Center would like to send a special thank you shout-out to Trinity Lutheran Church for their tremendous support and involvement with the Valparaiso Adult Education program!

We welcome volunteers!



Ask us how you can get involved!

Electronic Giving

Trinity has a link on our website to enable an electronic giving option. You may find this link on our website at:

<http://tlcvalpo.com/>

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

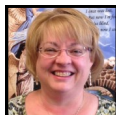


You can find us on Facebook at:

tinyurl.com/tlcvalpo

"Like" our page & share events with your friends.

The Hospitality Team



From the Deaconess

CHILI SUPPER YOUTH FUNDRAISER - Sunday, December 9 after the Advent/Christmas Concert. Enjoy various types of chili, cornbread, and your favorite toppings while supporting the youth ministry of Trinity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Come hear the children tell the Nativity story on Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have snacks and coffee **after** the program is over.

Any questions, please contact Deaconess Barb at:
(219) 462-9624 ext. 4 • bherzinger@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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 3, 2019

Following the
10:45 AM service

— Lunch will be provided —

**Deadline for
Annual Meeting Reports
are due in the office
Wed., January 9, 2019.
If possible, please
submit electronically.**

2018 Offering Deadline — All offerings must be turned into the church by the end of the service on December 30, 2018 in order to be counted towards 2018.

For Friends & Family

Prayer Requests

For the Parish:

THOSE IN NEED:

Sandi Anderson
Brandon Brkljac
Richard Cornman
Carole Gilliland
Pat Jabo
Lauren Maché
Eden Preston
Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson
Susan Swanson
Bob Tittle

NAME:

Don (*father*)
Yvonne (*cousin*)
Sue (*daughter*)
Steve (*son-in-law*)
Matt (*friend*)
Mike (*brother*)
Tom (*nephew*)
Gerald "Bo" (*spouse*)
Cheri (*friend*)
Kelley (*daughter*)
R.J. Johnson family
Margie (*friend*)
Dan C.
Susan (*niece*)
Martha (*aunt*)
Cheryl (*friend*)
Jim (*brother-in-law*)
Karen (*niece*)
Vicky (*friend*)
Diane (*friend*)
Mary
Mitch
Donna (*aunt*)
Lowell (*uncle*)
Aubrey (*niece*)
Liesch family
Ruth Anderson family

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Jennifer Hora
Karen Tognetti
Annamae Wheeland
Annamae Wheeland
Patricia Cummings
Patricia Cummings
Lu & Brian Blake
Marilyn Hanson
Ann Baas
Nan Paarlberg
Jennifer Hora & Craig Heisel
Jennifer Hora
Mike & Lynn Kinsey
Barbara Pearson
Juanagene Nietert
Juanagene Nietert
Erma & Darrel Eichhorn
Judy & Roger Phillips
Jennifer Hora
Jennifer Hora
Juanagene Nietert
Juanagene Nietert
Vonda Young
Vonda Young
Erma & Darrel Eichhorn
Rick & Pat Broadstone
Diann Ptacek

NAME:

Bill (*friend*)
Bess (*mother*)
Rita (*friend*)
Nathan (*brother*)
Lily Grace (*cousin*)
Colten
Amy (*sister*)
Fred (*father*)
Zach, Erin, Andrew,
& Stella Rongers
Caron (*sister*)
Christine (*wife*)
Sherry (*aunt*)
Robert (*uncle*)
Robert (*grandfather*)
Mildred (*grandmother*)
Teresa (*cousin*)
Ted (*cousin*)
Dean (*father*)
Bridgette (*aunt*)
Lucas
Linda (*sister*)
Garlan (*brother-in-law*)
Jim (*cousin*)
Mike (*father*)
Thomas (*grandson*)

FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:

Roger & Judy Phillips
Linda Beach
Patricia Cummings
David Burow-Flak
Patricia Cummings
Patricia Cummings
Christine Cawby
Amy Parsons
Mike Beaver
Lori Olson
Mark Forker
Reese & Madi Mayernik
Reese & Madi Mayernik
Christine Cawby
Christine Cawby
Lauren Maché
Cheryl Dieter
Carey Johnson Young
Valerie Webdell
Arlene & Will Gross
Barbara Pearson
Barbara Pearson
Larry & Ann Baas
Matt & Karen Hernes
George Reichler

Names will appear for approximately one month. To "renew," call (219) 462-9624 before noon on Wednesday for Sunday's parish notices.



Caring Tips from Stephen Ministry

(Rev. Justin Schlueter)

As Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's approach, many people are hurting due to the loss of a loved one, a cancer diagnosis, divorce, job loss, or some other significant life challenge. These experiences can make an ordinarily joyous season difficult, lonely, and perhaps even painful.

When you know someone is struggling during the holidays, here are some simple ways you can make a big difference:

- **Offer to help in specific ways.** Try to anticipate needs and ways you can help. For example, you might ask, "Can I help you prepare Thanksgiving dinner?" or "Can I help put out the Christmas lights?" Remember, however, to follow the person's lead and not just impose your help.
- **Help people pace themselves.** The holidays are busy, and those who are hurting may need help or permission to slow down or do less than they ordinarily would. Let people know it's okay to conserve energy, take breaks, and pick which activities and traditions to take part in.
- **Ask people how they're really doing.** During the busyness of the holidays, it can be easy to just interact with people on a surface level. Finding a good time to ask hurting people how they're *really* doing—and then listening—is a powerful way to care.
- **Validate feelings.** When people do open up and share, listen and then show that you believe them and accept their feelings. Letting people know it's okay to feel whatever they're feeling can provide a lot of comfort.

By relating in these ways, you can help hurting people find comfort and hope in a difficult time.

For more information, contact:

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† Health Ministry

YOGA – Tuesdays from 7 PM to 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Susan Rizer leads beginners and experienced in basic yoga poses. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult. \$5 per class, or \$20 for a 5 session punch card. Come care for your mind, body, and spirit!



Hymnals lost or donated?

Two hymnals were found in the gathering space. One is the old "red" service book and hymnal. There is an inside label that says: "Bethlehem L.C., Fairfax, VA." The other one is the old "green" hymnal called the Lutheran Book of Worship. If these belong to someone or if they were meant to be donated, please let Pat Hellmers know. They are temporarily in the archives room for their safe keeping.

pat_hellmers@yahoo.com
or
(219) 462-6222

Sunday Worship Servers

DECEMBER 9, 2018		DECEMBER 16, 2018
▶ MORNING SERVICE - 9:00 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	Handbell Choir	Adult Choir TIE (<i>Trinity Instrumental Ensemble</i>)
Musicians	Guitar Flute Piano Tenor Saxophone Violin	Paul Schreiner
Acolyte	Eden Preston	Ethan Preston
Assisting Minister	Nicole Lee	
Communion Assts.	Gloria Cornman Nan Paarlberg Judy Phillips	Kati Kallay Kay Kielpikowski George Reichler
Greeters	Mike & Lynn Kinsey	Kay Kielpikowski Annamae Wheeland
Lector	Isaiah Carter	Mike Renehan
Ushers	Dennis & Linda Beach	Alan Kielpikowski Bill and Kaleb Iler Mike Delliquadri
Secure Offering	Dennis Beach	Mike Delliquadri
▶ EVENING SERVICE - 5:00 PM		
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Musician		
Assisting Minister		
Communion Assts.		Sandi Anderson
Lector		Sandi Anderson
Usher	Chuck Anderson	Chuck Anderson
Bread Baker	Jane Schreiner	Erma Eichhorn
Altar Guild	Marilyn Olson	Elene Amundsen
Unlock Doors	Mike Kinsey	Marty Swinehart

REMINDER:

*Sign Up for
Worship Servers*

DECEMBER

**Schedule is posted on
bulletin board in foyer.**

GRIEF GROUP

*If you are struggling to cope
after the death of a loved
one, join us for support
and conversation.*

DECEMBER 2018

Monday, December 17

JANUARY 2019

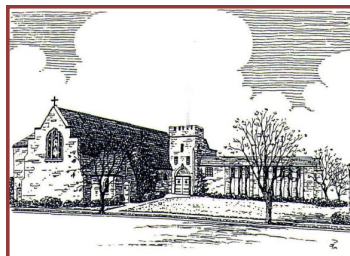
Wednesday, January 2

Monday, January 7

Monday, January 21

**CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Valparaiso
1:00 PM**

*Led by
PASTOR JANE AICHER*



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Key Financial Items And Attendance

1. Offerings for General Fund:

<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$8,126	\$281,170

2. IN/KY Synod Benevolence:

<u>Year-To-Date</u>
\$28,118

3. Attendance:

<u>Last Week</u>
173

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.

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Staff Office Schedule

Pastor Tim's office hours are Mondays 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM, 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.

Special Office Hours

The office will be closed on Fridays through the end of the year. Office hours for December 13, 24, 27, & 31 will be 8:30 AM - noon, and closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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.