

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices December 8, 2019

Poinsettia order forms are ready!

*All orders need to be placed no later than Monday,
December 16th.*

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

Today at Trinity

Sunday December 8, 2019

8:00 AM	TIE Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:25 AM	TIE Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Adult Forum
10:45 AM	Sunday School Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels I
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Holy Communion
6:00 PM	Youth Group: Dinner & Activities
7:00 PM	High School Youth Group

This Week at Trinity

Monday December 09, 2019

7:00	MEF Meeting
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Tuesday December 10, 2019

9:30 AM	Esther Circle
7:00 PM	Faith In Action
7:00 PM	Yoga

Wednesday December 11, 2019

12:00 PM	Parish Notice Deadline (office@tlcvalpo.com)
6:45 PM	Handbells
7:15 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday December 12, 2019

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
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Sunday December 15, 2019

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:25 AM	TIE Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM	Adult Forum
10:45 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Advent Christmas Concert & Chili Supper

Health Ministry

Consider adding **yoga** to your week, as a wonderful mind, body, spirit practice! Our 7 PM Tuesday evening class is a great introduction to yoga if you've never tried it before.

Stephen Ministry



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you or your loved one with confidential, one-to-one Christian care to help you through a difficult time. For more information, or to receive care, contact:

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November Christian Food Pantry Report

During October 214 families were served providing food for 572 peoples. November was even busier with 260 families served providing food for 589 people. Plans for Thanksgiving serves were based on having served 83 families in two days last year. It was a huge surprise to have 107 families come on the first day this year. 30 came the second day. Fortunately with the donation of 100 turkeys, generous food donations and monetary help all families were fully served. Now plans are being made for providing Christmas menu items. Hopefully hams will be available to offer with sugar an 'extra special.' The usual veggies, potatoes and fruit will be offered with desserts from Strack's to top off the meal. As the usual needs for basic giving occur each week the often-listed supplies are needed: tuna in water, CEREAL, bathroom tissue, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, rice, pork 'n' beans, mac 'n' cheese, soups, fruit and money for perishables. Fortunately a large number of eggs have been donated this fall. Help comes from so many different places and is greatly appreciated as pantry volunteers work to help provide pantry services to the families in our 'neighborhood' that need that kind of assistance. Thank you to all who help the pantry give assistance in numerous ways. There has been much to be thankful for during this special holiday season.

Thank you for caring and sharing,

Nan, Anne and Sharon



From the Deaconess

Youth Group Meals - the high school youth group meets nearly every Sunday evening. They really enjoy being together. Something new that we started doing is cooking dinner together. On the second Sunday of each month, we meet at the grocery store and shop for our food. Then we go back to church and cook together. We have six very dedicated high school students. They are impressive young people. We do, however, still need other meals provided. We have 10 people that eat each week. Would you be willing to make a meal and do the clean up? Please let me know if you're interested. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer!

Sunday School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 15, 10:30-11:00 am. Practices will be December 8th, 10:45-11:45 am. Parents are asked to bring children at 9:00 am for rehearsal on December 15. Fellowship Time will be after the program. We are asking parents to provide snacks for Fellowship Time. Baked goods, fruit, cheese and crackers are some welcome items.

If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Barb Herzinger, bherzinger@tlcvalpo.com, or 462-9624, ext.

Notes from the Music Minister

Our "**Winter Choir**" will join our Adult Choir today to sing Psalm 72. The setting of this piece is from Psalms of patience, protest, and praise by John L. Bell. Bell was inspired by the Iona Community, founded during the Great Depression in Scotland. The Iona Community began as an effort to unite the clergy and the working people affected by the Depression. Clergy and craftsmen were brought together on the island of Iona to rebuild a 1,000-year-old historic abbey and create the Iona Community.

Psalm 72 was written as a prayer for the inauguration of a king, possibly Solomon, so that he may fulfill his duty as an agent of God's justice. This psalm is associated with the birth of Christ who transformed expectations of a divine monarchy.

Our Annual Advent / Christmas Concert, **Festival of Lessons & Carols**, is on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 5:00 PM. The chili supper will follow the concert at around 6:15 PM. A freewill offering will be collected for the Trinity Youth Group at this annual event. Please join us and support our youth group!

Thanks,
Szu-Ping

**At its meeting on November 19, 2019, the
Congregation Council:**

- Accepted with regret the resignation of Jennifer Hora as President.
- Affirmed Christine Iler, formerly Vice-President, as the new President of Council for the remainder of the term (until the first meeting after the 2020 Annual Congregation Meeting.)
- Approved Nicole Lee's suggestion for developing a volunteer-staffed nursery during Sunday service; acknowledged that criminal history checks could be done by the office for all nursery volunteers.
- Proposed a compromise to locking the front (wooden) doors during services... by using the door stop to keep the pre-locked door ajar unless there is an emergency, when it can be quickly closed, self-locking.
- Heard that the Personnel Team has completed most of the staff evaluations.
- Celebrated that the We're Here for Good campaign has received over \$60,000 in contributions this year... OVER general fund giving!
- Received from the Finance Team a proposed budget for 2020, and discussed a wide range of possible solutions to funding it adequately. Further discussion tabled until the next meeting.

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 **today** December 8th, 15 and 22.

Get your shopping done in the foyer before and after services any Sunday through December 22. Catalogs are available this morning 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**.

Adult Forum: Immigration

Sunday December 8: Pastor Tim leads us in conversation about *The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration, and How the Church Relates to Immigration*. With the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting last summer to become a Sanctuary Denomination, this is a timely topic.

Sunday December 22: Pastor Tim leads conversation about *Biblical Stories of Migration*. It's not as simple as "What does 'the Bible' say about migration?" The Bible says a lot of things. We'll look at themes and tensions.

Bible Breakfast Club

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.—Pines Village

Study: Advent Devotional

Lesson: "Watch, Wait, Create"

Readings from: Selections from Isaiah (Isaiah 35: 1-2a)

Leader: Barbara Pearson

All women are welcome and invited to attend. For more information, call Barbara Pearson., (219) 242-3190.

Dinners Needed:

Faith in Action needs volunteers to make dinners for the men without homes who stay at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Trinity does this every second Wednesday of each month.

We need volunteers for main course, vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert for 20 men. These need to be delivered by 6:30 on the 2nd Wednesday to the 1st Presbyterian Church on Valparaiso Street.

If you would like to volunteer for this service for those in need, please contact Patricia Cummings **242-9410**. Thanks for your help.

Preschool Registration:

Tender Loving Care Preschool is accepting registration for 2020-2021 for present and past TLC families, and for Trinity members beginning January 6th. Registration will be open to the public effective January 13th. Available classes are as follows:

1. A.M and P.M. (minimum of 9 students) Early Learners classes (Tuesday & Thursday) – for children age 3 by September 1, 2020.
2. A.M. and P.M. Kindergarten Readiness classes (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children age 4 by September 1, 2020.
3. A.M. (only) Pre-Kindergarten class (Monday through Friday) - for children at least 5 by September 1, 2020. Please note that most children in this class have had two prior years of preschool.
4. P.M. Extended Day class (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) – for children in Tender Loving Care A.M. Kindergarten Readiness or A.M. Pre-Kindergarten classes.

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

I invite you to visit our website at: www.tenderlovingcarepreschool.webs.com.

THE ELCA AND FAITH IN ACTION: DACA and the Dreamers

What does our church – the ELCA – do about conditions in the world? The following includes some suggestions from ELCA Advocacy on what we can all do to support the Dreamers.

After the Trump administration terminated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program on September 5th, 2017 the lives of over 700,000 persons called “Dreamers” -- most brought to this country as children at a relatively young age – changed. They now live in fear of imminent deportation. Several lawsuits seeking an injunction have blocked the program’s termination, allowing current recipients to continue to renew their protections but cutting off new applications. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments **on November 12th, 2019**, and once again, Dreamers’ futures will remain uncertain until the court decides this spring whether to uphold the injunction.

The Dream Act of 2019, S. 874, is a bipartisan piece of legislation introduced in the Senate on March 26th, 2019 which provides critical permanent legal protection to DACA recipients, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and individuals with Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) who are living in a state of uncertainty and fear. As Lutherans, we are committed to justice and called to welcome the stranger. This is why we need to urge Senators Braun and Young to support protection for DACA recipients and, more specifically the Dream Act of 2019, S. 874.

Prayer Requests

For those in the parish:

Brandon Brkljac		
Carole Gilliland	Bill Jabo	Pat Jabo
Lauren Maché	Eden Preston	Lois Stanley
Rachel Swanson	Susan Swanson	Bob Tittle
Brenda Aden	Sandi Anderson	

For Friends and Family

NAME:	FRIEND/RELATIVE OF:		
Mark <i>(friend)</i>	Marilyn Olson	Rita Freese	Karen Tognetti
Karen <i>(niece)</i>	Roger & Judy Phillips	Rita <i>(friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings
Shelley <i>(niece)</i>	Kathy Schroeder	Nathan <i>(brother)</i>	David Burow-Flak
Ashlee <i>(daughter)</i>	Carol Little	Lily Grace <i>(cousin)</i>	Patricia Cummings
Sue <i>(daughter)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Colten	Patricia Cummings
Steve <i>(son-in-law)</i>	Annamae Wheeland	Amy <i>(sister)</i>	Christine Iler
Matt <i>(friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Fred <i>(father)</i>	Amy Parsons
Mike <i>(brother)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Caron <i>(sister)</i>	Lori Olson
Tom <i>(nephew)</i>	Lu & Brian Blake	Christine <i>(wife)</i>	Mark Forker
Brandon <i>(grandson)</i>	Ann& Larry Baas	Sherry <i>(aunt)</i>	Reese & Madi
Dan C.	Mike & Lynn Kinsey		Mayernik
Susan <i>(niece)</i>	Barbara Pearson	Robert <i>(uncle)</i>	Reese & Madi
Martha <i>(aunt)</i>	Juanagene Nietert		Mayernik
Mary	Juanagene Nietert	Robert <i>(grandfather)</i>	Christine Iler
Mitch	Juanagene Nietert	Mildred <i>(grandmother)</i>	Christine Iler
Donna <i>(aunt)</i>	Vonda Young	Teresa <i>(cousin)</i>	Lauren Maché
Lowell <i>(uncle)</i>	Vonda Young	Dean <i>(father)</i>	Carey Johnson Young
Aubrey <i>(niece)</i>	Erma & Darrel	Bridgette <i>(aunt)</i>	Valerie Webdell
	Eichhorn	Linda <i>(sister)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Ruth Anderson family	Diann Ptacek	Garlan <i>(brother-in-law)</i>	Barbara Pearson
Bess <i>(mother)</i>	Linda Beach	Jim <i>(cousin)</i>	Larry & Ann Baas
Dick <i>(cousin)</i>	NancyTittle	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	George Reichle
Chloe <i>(neice)</i>	Craig & Becky Lutz	Maggie <i>(great granddaughter)</i>	Norma Lee Pickard
Jean <i>(Mother)</i>	Mike Kinsey	Jill Palmer <i>(friend)</i>	Barb Herzinger
Audrey <i>(sister)</i>	JoAnn Murphy	Veronica	Chuck & Sandi
Olga&Barney Roganovich <i>(family friend)</i>	Chuck & Sandy Anderson	Carol Sue <i>(Cousin)</i>	Chuck & Sandi
Max <i>(son)</i>	Kirsten&Mike Renehan	Julia Young <i>(mother)</i>	Jon Young
Karen <i>(Friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Maria <i>(Daughter)</i>	Arlene & Will Gross

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	December 08, 2019	December 15, 2019
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Adult Choir & Winter Choir	Adult Choir & Novice Choir
Musicians	Paul Schreiner-Guitar Jeff Hellmers- Trombone Ethan Preston - Saxophone, Ocarina, & Recorder	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Eden Preston	Eden Preston
Assisting Minister	Nicole Lee	
Communion Assistants	Cynthia Breitinger Judy Phillips Mary Jo Nuland	Mary Jo Nuland Judy Phillips
Greeters	Barbara Herzinger	Mary Jo Nuland
Lector	Mike Renehan	Patricia Cummings
Ushers	Mike Renehan	
Secure Offering	Mike Renehan	

Sunday Evening

December 08, 2019 December 15, 2019

Presiding minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Assisting Minister		
Communion Assistant/Lector	Sandi & Chuck Anderson	Sandi & Chuck Anderson
Usher	Chuck Anderson	Chuck Anderson
Bread Baker	Jane Schreiner	Erma Eichhorn
Altar Guild	Pat/Norm Hellmers	Terri Gingerich
Unlock Doors	Darrel Eichhorn	Mike Kinsey

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$3,543

Year-to-Date: \$273,962

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$354

Year-to-Date: \$27,421

Attendance Last Week: 106

Offerings exclude any designated or restricted gifts.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a "tithing" congregation that sends 10% of General Fund offerings to the Indiana/Kentucky Synod. Attendance at all services last week through Sunday.