

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices January 19, 2020



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 January 19, 2020

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Community Conversations
5:00 PM	Holy Communion
6:00 PM	Youth Group: Potluck Dinner & Christmas Party
7:00 PM	High School Youth Group

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday January 21, 2020

6:30 PM	Council Meeting
7:00 PM	Yoga

Wednesday January 22, 2020

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

Sunday January 26, 2020

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels I
10:45 AM	Sunday School
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Holy Communion
6:00 PM	Youth Group: Dinner and Activity
7:00 PM	High School Youth Group

Stephen Ministry

What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. Each care receiver is matched with a compatible Stephen Minister. The two meet in person, typically once a week for about an hour, in a mutually agreeable setting.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders:

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George Reichler:
(219) 477-2080

Terry Paarlberg:
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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 Quake Signup- The youth, grades 6-12 are invited to sign up for the Quake, February 28th-March 1st, at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, Il. \$50 deposit is due January 19th, along with the “Intent to participate” form.

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!

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



Note from the Minister of Music

Let us try something new this year! I would like to develop a Hymn-of-the-Month program this year. This can be a new or a familiar hymn that we can sing in Sunday services. I will take a couple of things into consideration when picking the hymns, such as the scripture readings and the season of the Church Year. There will be some information about each particular hymn in the Parish Notices. You can contribute too! If you find a recording or an article worth sharing with everyone, please let me know! This can be a group project!

In the time after Epiphany season, the hymn I chose for January is our sending hymn "**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**". The author, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), was born at Lambeth in England and studied at Trinity College. He was ordained in 1833, and in 1869 he became the Bishop of Lincoln, a position he held until his death in 1885. "Epiphany" means "manifestation" of Christ to the world. We will learn about not only Epiphany but also about Christ himself in this hymn as well. The hymn tune "Salzburg" was composed by Jakob Hintze (1622-1702). He served as court-musician from 1666 to 1695 to the Elector of Brandenburg at Berlin, Germany. The harmonization we will sing in the hymnal is by J.S.Bach (1685-1750).

Szu-Ping

Community Conversations:

Again, many thanks to everyone who joined us for a truly engaging and informative conversation with our guests from Housing Opportunities, Krista and Emily. We learned more about homelessness here in Valparaiso and what we as individuals and as a congregation can do to support and assist the work of HO and advocate for the homeless. When we drive past HO on Calumet and see the outside sign showing a need for some items, buy something and drop it off for their food pantry. Advocate for the homeless, especially for affordable housing.

Please join us today, Sunday, the 19th, as Pastor Tim leads a lively conversation about Genesis 3. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

On January 26th, Larry Chew will present a summary of the major activities by Council and the teams over the last year and discuss some of the actions being planned for this year. This will prepare us all for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 2nd.

Community Conversations will continue to meet from 10:45 to 11:45 in Rooms 105/107. Suggestions for topics for both Trinity and Valparaiso conversations? Questions? Please contact either Marilyn Olson (olson1903@comcast.net) or Diane Chilian (dirol@frontier.co).

Call for Silent Auction Items!

Please consider contributing to the 'We're Here for Good' dinner and silent auction on February 22.

- Something you make yourself like art, knitting, quilt, or baskets
- A service like baby sitting or yard work
- Something you might rent out like a cabin
- A new and unused commercial item other might like

Please contact Larry Chew at 304-400-7601 to get your item on the list.

Book Club:

Today, January 26, 2020 in either Fellowship Hall or the Library.

This month they will discussing: "The War Room"

by author Chris Fabry.

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.

Caregiving Team

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE?

... in our congregation who is sick and might appreciate a card, a call, or a visit from one of the members of Trinity's Caring Group? Please alert one of us so that we can bring comfort to your friends and family. Thank you for being a part of our mission.

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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 nancyjoseley@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

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

THE ELCA AND FAITH IN ACTION: Iran and the Methodist Church

What does our church – the ELCA – do about conditions in the world? The following are two statements From Bishop Eaton on the Iran Conflict and the United Methodist Church.

The Iran Conflict

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”
(Matthew 5:9).*

The current crisis between the United States and Iran is worrisome for many of us in our church, in our nation and in the world. Our country and Iran need urgently to find ways to resolve our differences through a de-escalation of the current crisis, using diplomacy and other peaceful means.

Armed conflict and war are always tragic for those directly involved and often as well for civilians, who also may suffer under punitive sanctions. These situations are evidence of broken relationships.

Our social statement, “For Peace in God’s World,” offers guidance:

We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share with the Church of Jesus Christ in all times and places the calling to be peacemakers The basis of the Church’s peace-calling is in God’s final peace, the peace of God’s eternal reign. That calling is to proclaim the Gospel of God’s final peace and to work for earthly peace.

For our part, we have a window of opportunity to stop the current conflict before it worsens. We should appeal now to our elected officials to pursue the path of dialogue and diplomacy with Iran — for our sake, for the sake of the people of Iran and for the sake of the world God so loves

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The United Methodist Church

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Last week, in a flurry of misleading headlines, many of us read that the United Methodist Church (UMC) had split. This is not, in fact, what happened. On Jan. 3, it was announced that an ideologically diverse group of leaders collaborated in a mediation process resulting in their unanimous support for a proposed agreement. If adopted, the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation would result in the separation of the United Methodist Church. At this point, it still needs to come through the appropriate legislative mechanisms in order to be deliberated by the UMC General Conference in May.

Many of you may be pondering the good Lutheran question: What does this mean? For the UMC? For our full communion partnership? It is simply too soon to have clarity on those questions. I assure you that there are leaders, both ELCA and UMC, who are carefully and faithfully tending to these questions.

For now, I invite your continued prayers for, and accompaniment with, our full communion partners. Reach out to your neighbors and let them know that you are walking with them and praying for them, for the unity of Christ's church, and for God's justice and peace for all people and creation. This is a time for deepening our commitments to the relationships at the very heart of our bond as siblings united in Christ.

Prayer Requests

For those in the parish:

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

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>	Nancy Tittle	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	George Reichle
Chloe <i>(niece)</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>		Carol Sue <i>(Cousin)</i>	Chuck & Sandi
	Chuck & Sandy Anderson	Julia Young <i>(mother)</i>	Jon Young
Max <i>(son)</i>	Kirsten & Mike Renehan	Maria <i>(Daughter)</i>	Arlene & Will Gross
Karen <i>(Friend)</i>	Patricia Cummings	Jake Mayernik <i>(son)</i>	Christine & Bill Iler
Tristan Massey <i>(student)</i>	Juanagene Nietert		

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	January 19, 2020	January 26, 2020
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Handbells	Adult Choir
Musicians	Paul Schreiner-Guitar Jeff Hellmers-Trombone Debbie Fray- Flute Ethan Preston	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Barbara Herzinger	Kaleb Iler
Assisting Minister	Bill Iler	Bill Iler
Communion Assistants	Mark Maassel Kati Kallay Judy Phillips	Kay Kielplikowski Marilyn Olson Mary Jo Nuland
Greeters	Pat & Norm Hellmers	Mary Jo Nuland Kay Kielplikowski
Lector	MaryJo Nuland	Patricia Cummings
Ushers	Scott young	Mary Jo Nuland Alan Kielplikowski
Secure Offering	Scott Young	Alan Kielplikowski
Fellowship Refreshments	Caregiving Team & Stephen Ministry	Caregiving Team & Stephen Ministry

Sunday Evening

	January 19, 2020	January 26, 2020
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	Terry Paarlberg	Janice Ault
Altar Guild	Elene Amundsen	Pat/Norm Hellmers
Unlock Doors	Marty Swinehart	Mike Delliquadri

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$3,739

Year-to-Date: \$314,656

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$374

Year-to-Date: \$31,974

Attendance Last Week: 127

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.