

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices February 2, 2020

Annual Meeting Today at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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 February 2, 2020

9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Annual Meeting of Congregation
11:45 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM Holy Communion

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday February 4, 2020

6:30 PM Safety Team Meeting
7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday February 5, 2020

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

Sunday February 9, 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
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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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

Nursery - We are working on establishing a staffed nursery. It is still in the planning stages. In the meantime, we ask that parents accompany their children. If you wish to take your child out of the service, we have a nursery available. It has a changing table, rocking chairs, and toys. You can also hear the worship service over a speaker in the room. Please ask an usher for directions.

"Souper" Bowl Noisy Offering - we will be collecting our noisy offering to support the Christian Food Pantry on Sunday, **February 2**, at the beginning of worship. Please save your coins to help us provide food for those in need.

VARIETY SHOW - Mark your calendars for **February 16** and start planning your act for the Variety Show!! Show off talents large and small. Tell a joke, act in a skit, dance, sing, play an instrument, jump rope, recite a poem, etc.

Rummage Sale - Mark your calendars for **May 1st & 2nd**. May 1st will be drop-off day and May 2nd will be shopping day. See me if you have any questions.

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

Hymn of the Month

The hymn of the month for February is "**Arise, Your Light has come!**". When I studied music at Northwestern University, I took a Hymnody Seminar at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, located on the Northwestern campus. The author of this hymn, Ruth Duck (b.1947), was my professor.

This is one of her earliest hymns. In 1973, she was trying to figure out how to revise William P. Merrill's "Rise Up, O Men of God" since the texts offended her quite a bit. The hymn was about "giving heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings." It was written for men - for the brotherhood Movement in the Presbyterian Church in 1911. Professor Duck wrote this hymn in 1974 with an inclusive text and was later included in the hymnal "Rejoice in the Lord" in 1985. The hymn focuses on light and the release from captivity that the spirit brings. Ruth Duck is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ and was a professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary for 27 years before she retired.

The tune, *Festal Song*, was composed by William H. Walter (1825 - 1893) who was an organist at the church of the Epiphany and Columbia University in New York City.

Szu-Ping

Congregation Council Update

At its meeting on January 21, 2020, the Congregation Council

- Received and approved reports from the Hospitality, Stephen Ministry, Faith in Action teams and the Preschool.
- Forwarded a request from the Archives team for all committees to provide meeting minutes for the yearly TLC Archives book, to include the full meeting date, name of record preparer, team being written about, names of persons at the meeting, date of next meeting (as appropriate.)
- In his Pastor's report, Pr. Tim thanked all who assisted with Christmas decorating and undecorating... a big job made easier with many willing hands!
- Deaconess Barb will be attending the Extravaganza 2020 conference, following a track for "Rethinking Teaching and Learning."
- Learned that some member background checks will need to be re-done this year. Deaconess Barb will contact those so affected.
- Heard that the Ad Hoc committee for Youth and Family Ministry is scheduled to meet through the spring, will hear from Sunday School teachers next, and will publish their goals as they are established.
- The Groundwork strategic planning team is ready to pass their mission and vision results along to the ministry teams who will be implementing them.
- WHFG team reported on plans for the fundraising gala – A Winter's Night in Paris to be held on Feb 22, 2020. Many teams and individuals are stepping forward to help! A revised version of the priority list was provided, with roofing and parking lot remaining at the top of the list for work in 2020.
- Provided and discussed potential names for the Election to Council slate for the Annual meeting. Thankfully, there are currently enough members to fill the slate.
- Discussed Annual Meeting preparations; Burow-Flak family will make the Costco run for supplies for sandwiches, snacks, etc.
- Tabled a suggestion for cloud-based church records until we can hear a full presentation at the next meeting.
- Discussed method and style presentation of Sunday morning announcements.
- Learned that a Congregation Council Retreat will be scheduled after the selection of new members and officers

Community Conversations:

No Community Conversation today since everyone will be attending the long anticipated Annual Congregational Meeting! Thanks to Larry Chew for his thorough summary of the Year in Review last Sunday.

Here's what is planned for the month of February:

Sunday the 9th: In honor of Black History Month, long-time community member Lois Reiner will present a review of Black history in Valparaiso and the role she and her husband played in bringing African Americans to our community.

Sunday the 16th: Midwinter Break; therefore, no CC

Sunday the 23rd: Pastor Tim will resume his Bible Study with a focus on Genesis 4 & 5

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Community Conversation on February 9th! As usual, we'll meet from 10:45 to 11:45 in Rooms 105/107. Suggestions for topics for both Trinity and Valparaiso communities and questions are welcomed.

Please contact either Marilyn Olson (olson1903@comcast.net) or Diane Chilian (dirol@frontier.co).

Interested in Joining Trinity? Save the dates!

We will hold our next series of new member classes later this winter. Our time runs for ninety minutes on Sunday evenings, starting with dinner at 6:00 and then an hour together with some current members. It's a time to get to know members of the Worship, Faith in Action, Hospitality, and Congregational Life teams, get to know fellow new members, and get to know more about what Trinity does. Childcare is provided. We are finished at 7:30.

This year we will meet on March 1, March 8, March 15, March 29, and April 5. We will aim to welcome new members at the Vigil of Easter, Saturday April 11 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim. Prtim@tlcvalpo.com or 219-462-9624.

Year End Giving Statements:

Everyone should have received their year-end giving statement. If you have any questions or concerns, please call/text Mike Kinsey (317) 385-7259.

A Winter's Night In Paris

Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 22 at 6:00pm

Advance Ticket Sales ONLY: order deadline is Sunday, February 16th.

To order follow the link provided on the homepage of the Trinity website at www.tlcvapo.com.

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

Health Ministry:

Every 2nd Sunday of each month, Nan Paarlberg, our Parish Nurse will be performing blood pressure checks. This will take place after the morning service; and is open for all that would be interested!

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

Caring for One Another

When the Caring Group becomes aware of a need, the entire caregiving team goes into action. We assess how best to serve. We ask would you like a parish nurse to visit, a Stephen Minister, a call or visit from the pastor, or someone to talk to? This way all of us share in our calling “to care for one another.”

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THE ELCA AND FAITH IN ACTION: 2020 Federal Domestic Policy Priorities

What does our church – the ELCA – do about conditions in the world? The following are some of the 2020 federal domestic policy priorities of ELCA advocacy.

Child nutrition programs — Restore, protect and adequately fund school and community based feeding programs as part of the federal safety net, and oppose efforts to convert nutrition assistance programs to block grants to states which would over time diminish free and reduced-fee meal benefits.

Criminal justice reform — End mass incarceration, promote fairer sentencing and support restorative reentry programs in our communities through federal and state funding and reforms.

Civil and human rights — Safeguard and promote protections for vulnerable populations, including communities who face barriers, unjust treatment or inequalities on the basis of racial, ethnic, cultural, gender, sexual orientation or class identity.

Resources: Find more about these issues in ELCA social teaching resources, including the social policy resolution “Advocating for Child Nutrition,” the social message “Human Rights” and the social statement The Church and Criminal Justice

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	

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>(neice)</i>	Craig & Becky Lutz		
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

	February 2, 2020	February 9, 2020
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	TIE	Adult Choir
Musicians	Paul Schreiner- Guitar Mike Beaver- Piana Shelly Sager- Clarinet Jeff Hellmers-Trombone Debbie Fray- Flute Ethan Preston- Saxophone, recorder, ocarina	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Isabel Ecklund-Baker	Bill Iler
Assisting Minister	Bill Iler	Marty Swinehart
Communion Assistants	Judy Phillips Nan Paarlberg Mary Jo Nuland	Kay Kielpikowski Lu Kreiger-Blake Kati Kallay
Greeters	Mike Kinsey Lynn Kinsey	Kay Kielpikowski Mary Jo Nuland
Lector	Mike Renehan	Larry Chew
Ushers	Mike Renehan	Alan Kielpikowski Karen Tognetti
Secure Offering	Mike Renehan	Alan Kielpikowski
Fellowship Refreshments	Caregiving Team & Stephen Ministry	Caregiving Team & Stephen Ministry

Sunday Evening

	February 2, 2020	February 9, 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	Jane Screiner	Scott Otterbacher
Altar Guild	Marilyn Olson	Pat/Norm Hellmers
Unlock Doors	Mike Kinsey	Marty Swinehart

Staff

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$9,545

Year-to-Date: \$32,023

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$955

Year-to-Date: \$3,203

Attendance Last Week: 121

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.