

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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Parish Notices March 1, 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 March 1, 2020

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:15 AM	Fellowship
10:45 AM	Community Conversations
10:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Confirmation Levels
11:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Holy Communion

This Week at Trinity

Tuesday March 3, 2020

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

Wednesday March 4, 2020

12:00 PM	Parish Notice Deadline (office@tlcvalpo.com)
5:45 PM	Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 PM	Holden Evening Prayer
6:45 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 07, 2020

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
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Sunday March 8, 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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January Christian Food Pantry Report

During January 202 families were served providing food for 549 people. With the low temperatures it was appropriate to offer bean soup kits, an onion and ham hock for making home-made soup. ‘It smells good and tastes great.’ (It was planned that the kits were to be assembled by the Northview Kiwanis kids but due to ‘crossed communications’ the project was taken care of by Girl Scouts from First Christian Church.) As always the kits were well received. The 2019 year-end report will soon be sent to the seven churches sponsoring the pantry. Figures show a large financial carry-over into 2020 but it must be remembered that most monetary donations are received around the holidays late in the year and will be depended upon for getting supplies during the summer months when donations taper off. Food donations are needed year-round with special requests for juices, canned fruit, cereals, soups, canned spaghetti sauce and tuna. Hygiene products and cleaning supplies along with paper goods are always welcomed. And as always – any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Don’t hesitate to call with pantry questions:

Pantry co-directors: Nan Steeves, founder

Anne Egolf

Sharon Crowder



From the Deaconess

Invest in our Youth - We've put up the envelope board in the foyer. This is an opportunity to invest in our youth by supporting the Mission Trip to Denver, July 25-August 1. Simply take a numbered envelope, put that amount of money inside, and fill out the front. You will receive a postcard from one of the youth while on the Mission Trip. Thank you for your support!

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 – Deaconess Barb is with the youth at the Quake in Chicago this weekend, February 28-March 1. Please pray for their safety and for a spiritually uplifting weekend.

Variety Show Rescheduled – I'm pleased to announce that we will offer the Variety Show and snack bar on Sunday, April 26, 3:00-4:30 pm!!

Please consider putting together an act to amaze and entertain. A sign-up sheet will go up in a few weeks.

Lenten Noisy Offering – remember to set aside your coins for the Noisy Offering that will be taken at the beginning of worship on **Palm Sunday, April 5**. During Lent, we focus on fasting, prayer and alms giving.

Remembering how blessed we are, we set aside money for the extravagances in our lives – lattes, toys, cars, our homes, clothing, etc. We pray for people who are persecuted, in prison, lonely, hospitalized, and in despair. We give up things like gossip, chocolate/candy, treats, and other bad habits. We take on kindness, generosity, love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and care for our fellow creatures. We don't have pigs or barns this year in which to collect your coins; instead, we ask you to use a jar, cup or something else to keep track of them. Please pick up a Lenten Activities calendar on the table in the narthex.

Mark Your Calendars – VBS will be June 22-26, 2020, with Luther Road!!

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

In March, we are going to visit a hymn from the Philippines. Hymn 748 "O God in Heaven" is a Cebuano hymn. There are about twenty million people in the Philippines that speak the Cebuano language. This hymn is a set of three petitions, one to each person of the Trinity. "To the first person, the request is to grant mercy, blessing, songs, grace, and peace; to the second, to help us remember Jesus' pain, passion, resurrection, call to follow, and love for tomorrow; to the third, to give blessing, strength, help, hope, and peace. The peace requested from the Father is to unite us, the peace requested from the Spirit is for the mournful, and in between the love of Jesus looks backward and forward."

The melody is from a piece of old Ilonggo folk music from the southern Philippines. Ilonggo folk music is the music that has been handed down from generation to another. The hymn tune, "Halad", was adapted by Elena Maquiso(1914 -2005) in 1961, and Daniel Niles(1908 -1970) translated it into English in 1964. Elena Maquiso was born in the Philippines and studied there before she came to the United States, where she went to the Hartford (Connecticut) Theological Foundation (DRE, 1969). She later went back to the Philippines and taught at the university. She was also the director of its Ulahingan Research Project where she was very involved with indigenous folklore and hymnody.

Daniel Niles was born in Sri Lanka. He was influenced by a devout Hindu in college but later changed from law to Christian theology and studied at the University of London. He was interested in the relationships of Christianity with other religions and later ordained in the Methodist Church in 1936.

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Trinity Music Concert Series of 2020

We have six concerts planned this year. Please mark it in your calendar and join us for these fantastic fellowship opportunities!

May 3rd, Sunday - Lutheran Summer Music will give a concert at 4 p.m. They will also help lead an Evening Prayer for the evening service at 5 p.m.

June 5th, Friday - Our Adult Choir and the choir from the First United Methodist Church of Valparaiso will present the first-ever combined church choir concert of the Franz Schubert Mass in G, plus other sacred favorites. This concert is sponsored by **The Concert Association of Valparaiso** and will be performed at the First United Methodist Church in Valparaiso.

June 6th, Saturday - The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble will perform at Trinity at 7 p.m.

October 25, Sunday - Fourth annual Reformation Concert at 5 p.m.

November, Sunday - Valparaiso Community Choir Fest (Date and time - TBD)

December 13, Sunday - Trinity's annual Christmas Concert at 5 p.m.

Our **Spring Novice Choir** is set for May 24. The rehearsals will be on May 17 and 24. I will let you know when the date is closer.

There is a lot happening this year. Please invite your friends and come support our Music Ministry and have fellowship together!

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Community Conversations:

We had a nice gathering last Sunday when Pastor Tim led us in a lively conversation about Genesis 4 and 5. A poll of the group indicated the folks in attendance may prefer a Bible study to a conversation about the worship service and sermon; however, most would be happy with either. Thanks for your participation!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Back by popular demand today is Pastor Tim, who will lead another lively conversation regarding Genesis 6, 7 & 8; in summary, "The Flood". Looking forward to welcoming an eager, inquisitive group in Rooms 105/107 at 10:45 following refreshments in the fellowship hall.

March 8: We welcome Katie Carr and Diane Chilian, who will lead a conversation about "Building Relationships". NOTE: During our lively first conversation in January, it was revealed that the majority of folks present wanted to get to know one another better; i.e., they wanted to build relationships. This conversation is a follow-up to that first conversation.

March 15: Our own Paul Schreiner will lead an energetic and engaging conversation about the "upcoming (Valparaiso) community projects, which provide opportunities for volunteers. There are three Project Neighbors projects that would welcome Trinity volunteers (another great way to get to know one another). As Paul would say, "Be there or be square!"

March 22: Spring Break, NO Community Conversation

March 29: Mr. Manse Parks from St. Andrews Episcopal congregation will lead a conversation about prison ministry, aka, God Pod. Should be fascinating.

Remember that suggestions for topics for future Community Conversations, as well as any questions you may have are most welcomed. Please contact either Marilyn Olson (olson1903@comcast.net) or Diane Chilian (dirol@frontier.co).

REMINDER!

Please turn in your annual pledge cards. The finance committee and council are working hard to make sure Trinity can keep providing what our congregation needs and wants. Without your pledge and commitment to financially support our missions it's hard to look into the future on a positive note. If you can't commit to a specific amount, at least turn in a pledge card with your name on it. Remember that Simply Giving is available. It's simple to sign up for. I give this way and my pledge comes out of my checking account every Friday before I can spend it on any extra wants, like another stop for a specialty coffee or trip to Dairy Queen for my favorite blizzard (Reese's Peanut Butter Cup with extra Peanut Butter Sauce....YUMMY). You can even split your pledge between General Funds and Here For Good, this way you contribute to two funds with one transaction. Additional Annual and We're Here For Good pledge cards can be found at the Welcome Station or ask an usher. THANK YOU for all you do for Trinity. Peace, Your Financial Secretary....Chris Iler

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.

INTERESTED IN LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS?

During the season of Lent, I wondered if there might be interest among members of the congregation in meeting for a simple supper before Wednesday 6:30 p.m. services. I would be happy to co-ordinate a schedule and contribute to the meals. Please contact me if you also would like to see this happen.

Nicole Lee - email: nicole.lee@valpo.edu

March Book Club:

March 22nd at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall
“Why is God laughing? The Path to Joy and Spiritual Optimism”
Written By: Deepak Chopra

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 you let us know if someone has a special need, our entire caregiving team goes into action. We check with the care receiver to see if he/she would like visits, calls, cards or some other form of contact. We really try to be aware of all who need this special attention, so we very much appreciate your letting us know of someone we can help. This way all of us share in our calling “to care for one another.” If you know someone, please contact one of us.

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

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 specifically related to the environment.

Mitigation, Adaptation and Resiliency — Support legislation and policies that address the global impact of greenhouse gas emissions, incorporating the principles of participation, solidarity, sufficiency and sustainability. Impacts and related policy considerations are multifaceted, including food security threats, agricultural challenges, increased health issues, national security and the forced migration of thousands.

Sustainability — Encourage and advocate for important legislation to protect frontline communities and vulnerable populations that disproportionately experience the negative impacts of environmental degradation, including climate-related changes that exacerbate existing racial, economic, ecological and social injustices.

Creation care strengths of ELCA — Amplify ELCA experiential, educational and creation care value resources, expressing faithful hope for the future, at this time of pressing and wide ranging environmental concerns.

Resources: Find more in ELCA social teaching resources, including the social statements “Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice”; “Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All;” and “Genetics, Faith and Responsibility.”

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	Dick <i>(cousin)</i>	Nancy Tittle
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	Thomas <i>(grandson)</i>	George Reichler
Chloe <i>(niece)</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>	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
Tristan Massey <i>(student)</i>	Juanagene Nietert	Jake Mayernik <i>(Son)</i>	Christine & Bill Iler

Sunday Worship Servers

Sunday Morning

	March 1, 2020	March 8, 2020
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke	Rev. Dr. Timothy Leitzke
Minister of Music	Szu-Ping Chang Wong	Szu-Ping Chang Wong
Choir	Adult Choir/Joyful Noise	Adult Choir
Musicians	Paul Schreiner- Guitar Jeff Hellmers- Trombone	Paul Schreiner- Guitar
Acolyte	Isabel Ecklund-Baker	Kaleb Iler
Assisting Minister	Marty Swinehart	Bill Iler
Communion Assistants	Mary Jo Nuland Lucas Ecklund-Baker Sally Ecklund-Baker	Judy Phillips Marilyn Olson Terri Gingerich
Greeters	Mark Maassel Mary Jo Nuland	Mary Jo Nuland Patricia Cummings
Lector	Bill Iler	Mike Renehan
Ushers	Bill Iler	Mike Renehan Mike Delliquadri
Secure Offering	Bill Iler	Mike Renehan
Fellowship Refreshments	Faith In Action	Faith In Action

Sunday Evening

	March 1, 2020	March 8, 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	Ben Brobst-Renaud	Pat Hellmers
Altar Guild	Elene Amundsen	Marilyn Olson
Unlock Doors	Marty Swinehart	Mike Delliquadri

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Key Financial Items and Attendance

Offerings for General Fund

Last Week: \$5,725

Year-to-Date: \$49,205

IN/KY Synod Benevolence

Last Week: \$573

Year-to-Date: \$4,922

Attendance Last Week: 114

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.