

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, November 11, 2018

Veterans Day

Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Gifts

Traditional Worship Services, 8 and 10:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Cookbook Recipe Tasting, 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Cookbook Recipe Tasting, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Cookbook Recipe Tasting, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Meeting, 1 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Same Sex Marriage Supper and Forum, 5 p.m.

Senior High Youth Group, 7 p.m.

Worship Notes

Welcome! We're pleased you joined us in worship today. First-time visitors, long-time members – all are welcome!

Are You Visiting Today? Help us welcome you by introducing yourself to one of our pastors. Please also consider filling out a Trinity "Let's Connect" card that you can place in the offering plate or hand to an usher or pastor.

Communion: All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cups on the inner ring of the trays are filled with white grape juice; cups on the outer rings are filled with red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex. Those who wish to receive by the common cup are invited to receive the sacrament from the assisting minister offering the chalice on the right side of the congregation's seating.

Nametags Help Us Connect: Please fill out a nametag today. It is good to be together in worship!

Eternal Light: The Eternal Light reminds us of God's presence among us. The Eternal Light for today was given by Don and Cheryl Bushman in loving memory of Hazel Bushman.

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Lisa Barkema, Kelli Basher, George and Julia Bauer, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Flo Bouwman, Dixie Brinks, Joanne Brouse, Bob Carlson, Bob Carwell, Kate Christenson, Joanna Czaban, Kim and Mike Danielski, Jack and Donna Danielson, Jean Denton, Ally DeStefano, Beth Engstrom, Kristi Flatt, Carol Fornberg, Elias Frezghi, Richard and Phyllis Gehl, Diane Gohlke, Griewahn family, Ian Hall, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Jean Hollebeck, Callan Hughes, Ashlie Johnson, Hulda Johnson, Karen Johnson, Mary Johnson, Bob Karman, Kaitlyn Landon, Lloyd Landon, Larson family, Dolly Lowe, Judy Mallen, Carolyn McCready, Marilyn Mellema, Louise Pfau, Midge Reges, Jacqueline Riegling, Elaine Rongey, Ethan and Caleb Ruble, Ralph Schenk, Sam Schewe, Chris Schomberg, Ilene Seadal, Jim Searfoss, Esther Sellman, Michael Smith, Tom Steel, Linda Taffs, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, John Walls, Pastor Bob Wendelin, Erma Wilcox, Peyton Wollen, Susan Youngren and Kathryn Zielinski.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, November 12

Messenger Submissions Due

Art Class, 5 p.m.

New Members VIP Night, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13

Women's Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Arts Committee, 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14

JOYful Days, 10 a.m.

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 10:30 a.m.

Combined Children's Choir in Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 6:30 p.m.

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 15

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Dégagé (Coates Team) 5:45 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Oasis Board Training, noon

Dégagé (Lundgren Team) 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

Medicare/Medicaid Counseling, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Surviving the Holidays" Griefshare Gathering, 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 18

Consecration Sunday

New Members Sunday

Traditional Worship Services, 8 and 10:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

High School Lunch and Learn, noon

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Celebration of Music Concert Series:

Dexter Kennedy, Organist, 3 p.m.

Middle School Event, 4:30 p.m.

Lessons for Next Sunday, November 18

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-25

Psalms 16

Mark 13:1-8

Congregations in Our Prayers

We additionally lift up in our prayers this morning the pastor and people of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Unionville, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Donations Needed - Care Packages for College Students

Today is the final day to drop off donations for the care package for college students. Please contact Jamie Kuntzman with any questions at 616.954.0347 or at jamkuntzman@gmail.com.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due



Please bring your filled boxes to Trinity no later than tomorrow, Monday, November 12. The boxes and recipients will receive a blessing today during Children's Time at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services and then be shipped out this week. Be sure you have your boxes turned in or save them until 2019!

Advent by Candlelight for Women and Teen Girls



The sign-up for "Advent by Candlelight" will be in the Courtyard at the Information Center. During November, the women and teens (13 and older) of Trinity will have an opportunity to sign up to be table hosts and guests. On Sunday, December 2, our annual Advent by Candlelight celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to host, sign up, or if you have questions regarding this event, please contact Angela Davis at angela.davis@tlcgr.org, or at 616.949.2510 x129.

Fall JOYful Days conclude this Wednesday, November 14



Our speaker for JOYful Days is Ryan VerWys, President and CEO of Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF). This Grand Rapids non-profit is regularly in the news because of their positive impact on affordable housing. RSVP by noon tomorrow, November 12, for lunch and the speaker by contacting Sylvia Stouten at 616.949.2510 ext. 121. Culver's Chopped Steak dinner with grilled onions and sautéed mushrooms will be served for lunch and the cost is \$7 per person payable on Wednesday.

Surviving the Holidays



Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Join us for *Surviving the Holidays* on Saturday, November 17, from 10 a.m. to noon. *Surviving the Holidays* has been specially designed to help those grieving the loss of a loved one in getting through the holidays. Our gathering will include a 40 minute video followed by a time for discussion. A \$5 registration fee will cover the cost of a participant "Holiday Survival Guide," a take-home publication filled with holiday survival tips. Pre-registration is requested for this gathering. Contact Pastor Karen to register at 616.949.2510 x112 or at karen.niemeyer@tlcgr.org.

Calling all Trinity kids! Children's Christmas Program



Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade will present the story of Jesus' birth in worship on December 16 at 10:45 a.m. Rehearsals will take place in Sunday School during November and December. If your child does not regularly attend Sunday School, they are still encouraged to participate! Please contact Rachele Battreall at 616.949.2510 x113.

Prayers for Thrivent/Habitat for Humanity Build

Please pray for Cindy Zientarski and the members of the St Luke's Lutheran Church Mission Build Team who will be traveling to Sebring, Florida in the days ahead. This area suffered great devastation after Hurricane Irma ripped through on September 9. Over 13,000 homes were reported damaged with at least 144 being completely uninhabitable. We pray for those who go forth to serve . . .

Worship Participants

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Robert Linstrom, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dan Schewe, Associate Pastor
Rev. Karen Niemeyer, Assisting Pastor

Music Staff

Larry Biser, Director of Music & Organist
Sid Hoeksema, Director of Trinity Choir
Diane Biser, Director of Children's Choirs

Traditional Services

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.: Debora DeWitt

Bread Baker: Shelley Mishler

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

10:45 a.m.: Marjorie Paul, Barb Crossman

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide, Dale Barkema

10:45 a.m.: Jack & Donna Danielson

Lectors

8 a.m.: Dale Barkema

10:45 a.m.: Amanda Kessel

Greeters

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Bob & Barb Crossman

Ushers

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom, Gary Hall

10:45 a.m.: Don Kishman, Wayne Snyder,

Jamie Norris, Alan Sellman

Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Greg Lang

Bread Baker: Shelley Mishler

Sacristans:

Bruce & Joyce Schlanderer

Communion Assistants:

Mike & Kim Danielski

Lector:

Mae Preston

Greeters:

Mae Preston, Jeanette Sorensen

Ushers:

Nathan Peters

Trinity's Inclement Weather Policy: *When the Forest Hills School District closes during the day, all Trinity daytime activities are cancelled and the church office is closed. After 3 p.m., check WOOD TV8 or WZZM TV13 to learn the status of our congregation's evening activities.*

When Forest Hills Schools announce a two hour morning delay, morning programming at Trinity will also be cancelled.



For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry. The total offering for Sunday, November 4, was \$22,554.96. Sunday worship attendance was 569.

YTD through 11/04/2018 Budgeted	\$ 810,640
YTD through 11/04/2018 Actual	\$ 794,323
YTD Variance	\$ (16,317)
YTD % Variance	-2.0%