

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, November 18, 2018

*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

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

**Celebration of Music Concert Series:**

**Dexter Kennedy, Organist, 3 p.m.**

Middle School Event at Craig's Cruisers, 4:30 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:

- Jane and Don Barsema in loving memory of Jane's parents, Lois and Graham Broadbent,
- Brian and Gail Mazurek in loving memory of Donald Ryan, and
- Marjorie Paul in loving memory of her husband David.

## Deck the Halls of Trinity next Sunday



On Sunday, November 25 at noon, we will gather in The Courtyard for a potluck-style lunch and then divide into teams to decorate the church. All are welcome! Trinity will provide the entrée and beverages. Please bring: a dessert (last name A – L) or a

salad (last name M – Z). Sign up for this event on the clipboard at the information table in The Courtyard or contact Sylvia Stouten at 616.949.2510 x121 or [sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org](mailto:sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org).

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

### Monday, November 19

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Leonard St. NE, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 20

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

O-A-K Meetings, 1 p.m.

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

### Wednesday, November 21

Combined Children's Choirs in sanctuary, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, November 22

*Thanksgiving—Office Closed*

### Friday, November 23

*Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed*

### Saturday, November 24

David Hansen Memorial Service, 4 p.m.

### Sunday, November 25

*No Sunday School*

*No Confirmation Class*

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

**Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.**

Trinity Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Deck the Halls of Trinity, noon

## 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, Jerry Hendricks, 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, 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.

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

## Lessons for Next Sunday, November 25

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Revelation 1:4b-8

Psalms 93  
John 18:33-37

## Scandinavian Smorgasbord December 8 – sign up now!



Enjoy a delightful smorgasbord of Scandinavian food, sing-a-long holiday music, and even a visit from Santa Lucia from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in The Courtyard on Saturday, December 8. The cost is \$8 per person to be paid at the door. Let us know you plan to attend and how you might be of help with the event no later than Sunday, December 2. Sign up on the clipboard at the information table in The Courtyard or through the link to the SignUp Genius in Friday's eBlast.

## Christmas Store Items Accepted At Trinity



Family Promise and Dégagé Ministries are operating Christmas Stores again this year where, through donations, clients are able to purchase items at a low cost so they can gift those they love. Dégagé Ministries has set up an Amazon Wish List where you can purchase specific items (by Sunday, December 2) and have them **shipped directly to Dégagé**. Trinity's Friday eBlast has more information.

Donations of in-kind gifts and financial donations for both organizations will be accepted at Trinity through Sunday, December 2.

## 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 Sunday, 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.

## Advent by Candlelight for Women and Teen Girls December 2



The sign-up for "Advent by Candlelight" is at The Courtyard 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](mailto:angela.davis@tlcgr.org), or at 616.949.2510 x129.

## Women's Chorus to sing on December 9 – join us!



### Women's Choir

Ladies who sing, join us in preparing beautiful Christmas music, "There Is No Rose," for the annual Lessons and Carols Service, on Sunday, December 9 at 10:45 a.m. We will rehearse in the new choir room on two Sundays, December 2 and 9, from 9:30 until 10 a.m. An email was sent out with this information, so please check with your singing friends and make sure they received the information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call or email Sid Hoeksema at 616.540.7190 or at [sidney.hoeksema@tlcgr.org](mailto:sidney.hoeksema@tlcgr.org).

## Sounds of Christmas Concert with the Chamber Choir of GR



Welcome the Christmas season with the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids at the annual Sounds of Christmas Concerts on Saturday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m. at the Basilica of St Adalbert. The concert will feature wonderful holiday music and a chance to sing some favorite carols. Purchase tickets early at Schuler Books for \$5 off the adult price or at the door: Adults \$20 Seniors \$15 Students \$10. Visit the website: [www.chamberchoirgr.org](http://www.chamberchoirgr.org) for more information.

## 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.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: John & Elizabeth Derbin

#### **Communion Assistants**

8 a.m.: Dave & Sue Wait

10:45 a.m.: John & Elizabeth Derbin

#### **Lectors**

8 a.m.: Gary Hall

10:45 a.m.: Fritz Kilcrease

#### **Greeters**

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom

10:45 a.m.: John Fox, Lynn Getzin

#### **Ushers**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Dan Pollert, Paul Getzin, Steve Cairns

### Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

**Band:** Beyond Belief

**Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

**ProPresenter Operator:** Greg Lang

**Bread Baker:** Shelley Mishler

#### **Sacristans:**

Kristen & Abi Lamprich, Steve Stephan

#### **Communion Assistants:**

Chris & Kim Engle

#### **Lector:**

Neil Sendler

#### **Greeters:**

Bruce Schlanderer, Steve Stephan

#### **Ushers:**

David Okkema, Steve Stephan

**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 11, was \$22,554.98. Sunday worship attendance was 440.

YTD through 11/11/2018 Budgeted	\$ 830,397
YTD through 11/11/2018 Actual	\$ 814,387
YTD Variance	\$ (16,010)
YTD % Variance	-1.9%