

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, November 25, 2018

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**

## 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, and at the Information Center in The Courtyard. 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!

**Baptisms:** Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Mae Elizabeth Olson into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Mae's parents are Spencer and Kaitlin Olson. Her sponsors are Michael and Lauren Rodewald.

## 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, 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 Lebanon Lutheran Church in Whitehall, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

### Monday, November 26

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Meeting, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 27

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

Spiritual Growth Committee Meeting, 5:45 a.m.

Book Club, 7 p.m.

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

### Wednesday, November 28

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

Alleluia Ringers, 6 p.m.

Combined Children's Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

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### Thursday, November 29

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, November 30

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

### Saturday, December 1

ArtMakers Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Cookie Decorating and Delivery, 2 p.m.

### Sunday, December 2

No Confirmation Class

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

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

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Advent by Candlelight, 5:30 p.m.

## "Deck the Halls of Trinity" TODAY at noon



TODAY 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. If possible, let Sylvia Stouten know you plan to attend. It would be great if you bring a salad or dessert.

## Lessons for Next Sunday, December 2

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Psalms 25:1-10

Luke 21:25-36

## JOYful Days Holiday Luncheon – RSVP deadline is tomorrow!



Trinity members and friends, men, women, singles and couples are all welcome to join us at Paddock Place on Wednesday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. for pleasant conversation and a delightful three-course meal. You may choose either Atlantic Salmon or Prime Baseball Sirloin for your entree at a cost of \$17 per person. Sign up and pre-pay for this event by tomorrow by contacting Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten at 616.949.2510 x121.

## Cookie Decoration and Delivery—December 1



A special invitation to our middle school and high school families – on Saturday, December 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. you are invited to help spread Christmas cheer! We are going to decorate Christmas cookies at Trinity and then deliver them to members of our community. Help brighten someone's Christmas season! If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Dan at dan.schewe@tlcgr.org.

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

Today is the last day to sign-up for "Advent by Candlelight." This event is for the women and teens (13 and older) of Trinity and their friends. 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.

## 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 this event no later than Sunday, December 2. Sign up on the clipboard at the Information Center in The Courtyard or through the link to the SignUp Genius in Friday's eBlast.

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

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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email Sid Hoeksema at 616.540.7190 or sidney.hoeksema@tlcgr.org.

## The Schubert Male Chorus presents "Stories of Christmas"

Join the Schubert Male Chorus on Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center. General Admission is \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. Tickets may be ordered on line at schubertmalechorus.org or you can get them in the church office.

## Messiah Sing-A-Long



Dust off your old score and come join us as we sing through the Christmas portion of the Messiah (Part 1), accompanied by strings, organ and harpsichord, and featuring some well-known area soloists. The program is here at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 16, and singing will begin at 7:30 p.m. A fun twist to this

program is the opportunity for a lucky "guest" to conduct the Hallelujah Chorus! If you've ever had the urge to be a conductor, drop your name and \$5 into our drawing at one of our "Sounds of Christmas" concerts! The name will be drawn near the end of our Sunday concert. All are welcome - \$5 at the door.

## 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.: Sid Hoeksema

**Bread Baker:** Shelley Mishler

#### **Sacristans**

8 a.m.: David & Kathy Young

10:45 a.m.: Joyce Bonbrake, Jo Murphy

#### **Communion Assistants**

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

10:45 a.m.: John Fox, Tess Lundgren

#### **Lectors**

8 a.m.: Jim Coates

10:45 a.m.: Diane Biser

#### **Greeters**

8 a.m.: Bill & Meri Leidel

10:45 a.m.: Don & Sandy Kishman

#### **Ushers**

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide, Vince Schumacher

10:45 a.m.: David Kuecherer, Jerry Hendricks, Bob Crossman, Chris Kutschinski

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

**Band:** Rejoice

**Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

**ProPresenter Operator:** Greg Lang

**Bread Baker:** Shelley Mishler

#### **Sacristans:**

Lisa & Matt Mead, John & Linda Holm

#### **Communion Assistants:**

Diane Field, Neil Sendler

#### **Lector:**

Steve Stephan

#### **Greeters:**

Don & Judy Otten

#### **Ushers:**

David Okkema, Steve Stephan

## 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. Please contact Rachele Battreall at 616.949.2510 x113.

### **For the Record:**

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry. The total offering for Sunday, November 18, was \$20,832.73. Sunday worship attendance was 449.

YTD through 11/18/2018 Budgeted	\$ 852,942
YTD through 11/18/2018 Actual	\$ 835,220
YTD Variance	\$ (17,722)
YTD % Variance	-2.1%