

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, December 2, 2018

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, 10 a.m.

Advent by Candlelight, 5:30 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, 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 8 a.m. we welcome **Calvin Jesse Platt** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Calvin's parents are Carolyn Johnson and Jesse Platt, and he is little brother to Devan and Sabrina Platt. His sponsors are Karly Sikma and Debbie Duckworth.
- Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome **Liliana Grace Feutz** into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Liliana's parents are Steve and Michelle Feutz, and she is little sister to Nathan Feutz. Her sponsors are David and Alexandra Feutz.

Rejoice Flowers: The Rejoice worship flowers are given today by Jim and Janet Genow in loving memory of their daughter Meg.

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, Mark Hahn, 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,

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, December 3

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

Executive Committee Meeting, 7:15 a.m.

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

SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, December 5

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

Advent Baked Potato Bar, 5:15 p.m.

Alleluia Ringers, 6 p.m.

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

Advent Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Bob's Quest for the Historical Jesus, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 6

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

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 7

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

Al-Anon Speaker Meeting, 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

Michael and Kristen Sytsma Renewal of Vows, 5 p.m.

Scandinavian Smorgasbord, 5:30 p.m.

Dégagé (Stouten Team), 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

No Confirmation Class

Traditional Worship Service, 8

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Lessons and Carols Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Lessons and Carols Service, 10:45 a.m.

Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Meeting, 1 p.m.

Angels of Advent, 2 p.m.

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

High School Youth Group, 7 p.m.

Members in Our Prayers (continued)

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 Zion Lutheran Church in Woodland, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Advent Devotional Booklets Available Today



Beginning today, you should receive daily emails during Advent with a devotion written by and for the members of Trinity. If you prefer a hard copy of the actual booklet, there are a limited number of hard copies available for pickup at the Information Center in The Courtyard.

Scandinavian Smorgasbord cancelled for 2018



Each year in early December the people of Trinity have been welcomed to a wonderful Scandinavian Smorgasbord, an evening of food, fellowship, song and tradition, with Kris Shannon as our lead chef and hostess. Because of the declining health of Kris' mother Carol Fornberg, organizers have cancelled the December 8 event in 2018. Let us keep the Fornberg and Shannon families in prayer in this difficult time and look forward to the return of the Smorgasbord in 2019.

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, today and December 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 at 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.

Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 16



Trinity's children will present the story of Jesus' birth in the sanctuary on December 16 at 10:45 a.m. The program will be integrated into our traditional worship format, replacing the homily and concluding with the order of Holy Communion. The celebration continues for the whole congregation with a Christmas cookie reception in The Courtyard following the service.

Messiah Sing-A-Long on Sunday evening, December 16



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.

Christmas Eve Worship Assistants Needed



Christmas Eve is just around the corner and many worship volunteers are needed to help us offer the gift of Christmas in worship. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Jodi in the office at 616.949.2510 x110, or follow the link sent out in our Friday eBlast.

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: Cathy Welsh-Olson

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

10:45 a.m.: Jan Jacobson, Nancy Mattson

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Gregg Gallagher, Alexander

Hahn

Lectors

8 a.m.: Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Chris Kutschinski

Greeters

8 a.m.: David & Nancy Morrison

10:45 a.m.: Marjorie Paul, Marian Schaible

Ushers

8 a.m.: Dave Wait, John Potter

10:45 a.m.: Scott Stoll, Dale Elliott, Brian

Meuser, Brad Kessel, Tim Lundgren

Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Beyond Belief

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Greg Lang

Bread Baker: Cathy Welsh-Olson

Sacristans:

Bruce & Joyce Schlanderer, Deb Rohde,

Mitch Scholten

Communion Assistants:

Mike & Mari Franz

Lector:

Lisa Mead

Greeters:

Carrie Wygmans, John Holm

Ushers:

Karen Nagle, Michael Bishop

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 25, was \$20,832.73. Sunday worship attendance was 437.

YTD through 11/25/2018 Budgeted	\$ 870,149
YTD through 11/25/2018 Actual	\$ 851,304
YTD Variance	\$ (18,845)
YTD % Variance	-2.2%