

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, December 9, 2018

No Confirmation Class

Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.

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.

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!

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

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, Donna Erickson, Kristi Flatt, 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, Nan Pederson, Louise Pfau, Midge Reges, Jacqueline Riegling, Ethan and Caleb Ruble, Ralph Schenk, Sam Schewe, Chris Schomberg, Ilene Seadal, Jim Searfoss, Esther Sellman, Shannon Family, Michael Smith, Tom Steel, Linda Taffs, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, John Walls, Pastor Bob Wendelin, Erma Wilcox, Peyton Wollen, and Kathryn Zielinski.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, December 10

Messenger Submissions Due

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Council and Staff Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

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

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

Wednesday, December 12

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

JOYful Days Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 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.

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 13

NARFE, 1:30 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 14

Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 15

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 16

No Confirmation Class

Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Cookie Reception, noon

Congregation Council Special Meeting, noon

Messiah Sing-A-Long, 7:30 p.m.

ELCA Church in Our Prayers

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

Kids Coalition Against Hunger



TODAY is the kickoff for our Kids Coalition Against Hunger fundraiser. Reverse offering envelopes will be available at all three services. The meal-packing event will be held following worship on January 27.

Lessons for Next Sunday, December 16

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7

Isaiah 12:2-6
Luke 3:7-18

Advent Devotional Booklets Available Now



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

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.

Children's Christmas Program next 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.

Christmas Cookie Reception – Next Sunday after worship



The whole congregation is invited to a Christmas Cookie Reception on Sunday, December 16 in The Courtyard following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. You are sure to find your favorite holiday treat!

Lectio Divina Group on Sunday, December 16



Join Trinity member Mark Mattison as he facilitates this traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer. Lectio Divina is a contemplative blend of silence and slow, prayerful reading of Scripture. The group will meet at 11:45 a.m. in one of the Sunday School classrooms in the children's wing on Sunday, December 16. Are you new to Lectio Divina? All are welcome – come on your own or invite a friend.

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 Choir – you would be welcome to join us!



If you would like to join the Trinity Choir for our Christmas Eve service, we would love to have you! The choir will sing for the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion. Please come to rehearsal on Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. We will warm-up before the service at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Packets of music are available in the choir room; if you have questions, please see Trinity Choir Director Sid Hoeksema.

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.: David & Kathy Young

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

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Gary & Betty Hall

10:45 a.m.: Doug Haneline, Brad Kessel

Lectors

8 a.m.: Gary Hall

10:45 a.m.: Rebecca Linstrom

Greeters

8 a.m.: Dave & Sue Wait

10:45 a.m.: Joyce Schenk, Steve Cairns

Ushers

8 a.m.: Bill & Meri Leidel

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: Nick Rodammer

Bread Baker: Cathy Welsh-Olson

Sacristans:

Kim Hysell, Jim Kubicek

Communion Assistants:

Kim Hysell, Laurie Freshour

Lector:

Kelly Wittry

Greeters:

Todd & Bonnie Brandstadt

Ushers:

Dave & Carrie Boer

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, December 2, was \$19,587.49. Sunday worship attendance was 486.

YTD through 12/02/2018 Budgeted	\$ 892,932
YTD through 12/02/2018 Actual	\$ 870,891
YTD Variance	\$ (22,041)
YTD % Variance	-2.5%