

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, December 16, 2018

*No Confirmation Class*

**Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.**

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 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.

## 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!

## 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 Schomborg, 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.

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

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

### Monday, December 17

Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 18

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

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

### Wednesday, December 19

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

O-A-K Meetings, 1 p.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 20

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 21

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

Dégagé (Talsma Team), 5:45 p.m.

### Sunday, December 23

*No Confirmation Class*

*No Sunday School*

**Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Holy Communion at Trinity will be filled with music and meaning. All five services will include organ, brass and timpani.

**3 p.m. - All Youth Choirs, with Youth Instrumental Prelude, Kate Bredwell, Director**

**5 p.m. - Resound Handbell Choir**

**7 p.m. - Trinity Choir**

**9 p.m. - Karen Krummel, Cello**

**11 p.m. - Diane Triplett Biser, Chione Koech, Soprano**

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate together the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

## Lessons for Next Sunday, December 23

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:39-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

## 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 Today at 10:45 a.m.



Trinity's children will present the story of Jesus' birth in the sanctuary today 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.

## Christmas Cookie Buffet after 10:45 Worship Today!



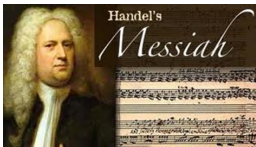
The whole congregation is invited to a Christmas cookie reception in The Courtyard following the 10:45 worship service. You are sure to find your favorite holiday treat!

## Lectio Divina Group to meet Today



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. today in one of the Sunday School classrooms. Are you new to Lectio Divina? All are welcome – come on your own and invite a friend.

## Messiah Sing-A-Long this Evening



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 today, 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.

## Stephen Ministry – equipped to care . . .

Trinity's Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. To find out more, contact Brenda Heacock, Stephen Leader (616-949-3907).

## 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:** Cathy Olson

#### **Sacristans**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

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

#### **Communion Assistants**

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

10:45 a.m.: Fritz Kilcrease, Don Kishman

#### **Lectors**

8 a.m.: Cathy Olson

10:45 a.m.:

#### **Greeters**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Esther Sellman

#### **Ushers**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: David Kuecherer, Jerry

Hendricks, Bob Crossman, Chris

Kutschinski

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

**Band:** Beyond Believe

**Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

**ProPresenter Operator:** Jeremy Tesch

**Bread Baker:** Cathy Olson

#### **Sacristans:**

Kristen & Abi Lamprich, Jana Siminski

#### **Communion Assistants:**

John & Linda Holm

#### **Lector:**

Sheryl Vander Baan

#### **Greeters:**

Dan & Carol Butler

#### **Ushers:**

David Okkema, Todd Brandstadt

**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 9, was \$25,581.61. Sunday worship attendance was 507.

YTD through 12/09/2018 Budgeted	\$ 911,165
YTD through 12/09/2018 Actual	\$ 896,473
YTD Variance	\$ (14,692)
YTD % Variance	-1.6%