

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, December 30, 2018

No Confirmation Class

No Sunday School

Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Lectio Divina Group, 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!

All-Congregation Potluck and Annual Meeting



Each year on the third Sunday of January, the people of Trinity Lutheran Church gather to share an All-Congregation Potluck Luncheon and attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. First, we meet in The Courtyard to share a delicious meal immediately following the

conclusion of the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The Annual Meeting follows our shared meal.

Copies of the 2018 Annual Report will be available at Trinity beginning on Sunday, January 13. Mark your calendar and plan now to be with us for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 20! This is an important gathering of the people of Trinity – all voting members are urged to be present.

For the potluck, see the sign up link in our Friday eBlast or call the church office at 616.949.2510.

Lessons for Next Sunday, January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
Matthew 2:1-12

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, December 31

New Years Eve

Tuesday, January 1

New Years Day—Office Closed

Thursday, January 3

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

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

Memorial Service for Carol Fornberg, 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 6

Day of Epiphany

No Confirmation Class

No Sunday School

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

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

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

Lectio Divina Group, noon

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Dan Babin, 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, Jim Kubicek, Kaitlyn Landon, Lloyd Landon, Larson family, Bob Luders, 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.

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

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 13



After a wonderful Children's Christmas Program on December 16, Sunday School families are reminded that classes will not be meeting from December 23 through January 6, 2019. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year for our Winter Kick-off Celebration on Sunday, January 13!

IHN Families at Trinity Beginning Sunday, January 13



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We will be hosting several homeless families for a week at Trinity from Sunday, January 13 through Sunday, January 20. There are many ways to volunteer with Interfaith Hospitality Network such as preparing a meal, staying overnight, providing activities and/or helping with set-up or tear-down. Sign up to volunteer using the link in our Friday eBlasts to SignUpGenius. If you would like more details about volunteer roles, please contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten at sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org or at 616.949.2510 x121.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity



Habitat for Humanity of Kent County is offering a special volunteer opportunity which is targeted to local Thrivent Financial members but open to all others in the faith community. The day reserved is Saturday, January 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers will help a local family in need by framing a house INDOORS, in Habitat's new wall panel factory. If you're interested in volunteering, either on your own or as a group from our congregation, email Mark at mhand@habitatkent.org for more information.

Feel the Warmth – consider Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting? Consider serving as a Stephen Minister. For more information, call Brenda Heacock, Stephen Leader 616.949.3907.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger \$5600 Appeal



Our Kids Coalition Against Hunger fundraiser offering envelopes are available at The Information Center and in the narthex. Our goal is to raise \$5600 and purchase the materials to pack 20,000 nutritious meals. The meal-packing event will be held following worship on Sunday, January 27.

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.



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.: Kate Bredwell

Bread Baker: Cathy Welsh-Olson

Sacristans

8 a.m.: David & Kathy Young

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

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Tim & Tess Lundgren

Lectors

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide

10:45 a.m.: Michael Mulligan

Greeters

8 a.m.: Bill & Meri Leidel

10:45 a.m.: Brad & Sherry Blair

Ushers

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

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: Nick Rodammer

Bread Baker: Cathy Welsh-Olson

Sacristans:

Bruce & Joyce Schlanderer, Steve Stephan

Communion Assistants:

Randy & Jamie Kuntzman

Lector:

Cindy Zientarski

Greeters:

Diane Field, Mari Franz

Ushers:

Dan & Carol Butler

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry. The total offering for Sunday, December 16, was \$33,244.45. Sunday worship attendance was 537.

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| YTD through 12/16/2018 Budgeted | \$ | 934,048 |
| YTD through 12/16/2018 Actual | \$ | 929,717 |
| YTD Variance | \$ | (4,331) |
| YTD % Variance | | -0.5% |