

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, January 6, 2019

Day of Epiphany

No Confirmation Class

No Sunday School — resumes next Sunday, January 13

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

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 and Cheryl Bushman in loving memory of Don Bushman.

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, Ally DeStefano, Joyce Elliott, Beth Engstrom, Pastor 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, Bruce Schlanderer, Chris Schomberg, Ilene Seadal, Jim Searfoss, Esther Sellman, Shannon Family, Michael Smith, Lauren Sytsma, 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church in Allegan, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, January 7

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8

Executive Committee Meeting, 7:15 a.m.

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

SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Endowment Fund Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 9

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.

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

Youth & Family Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 10

NARFE, 1:30 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Oasis Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 13

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) guests arrive

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

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.

Mission Trip Meeting, noon

Lectio Divina Group, noon

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

High School Youth Group, 7 p.m.

Lessons for Next Sunday, January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Psalms 29

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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.



IHN Families at Trinity Beginning NEXT SUNDAY



We will be hosting several homeless families for a week at Trinity from Sunday, January 13 through 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.

Sunday School Resumes next Sunday

Sunday School resumes next Sunday. We look forward to seeing you for our Winter Kick-off Celebration on Sunday, January 13!

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.

A Clean Start in the New Year



Throughout January and February, we are collecting cleaning supplies for distribution to area agencies. Suggested items include: laundry basket or cleaning bucket, dish detergent, all-purpose spray cleaner, glass cleaner, disinfectant wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, laundry detergent, and fabric softener sheets. Please drop off your donations in the labeled black barrels found in the narthex and in The Courtyard. Thank you!

Training Workshop for IHN Volunteers on January 19



A Half Day Training for IHN Volunteers

Family Promise will be hosting their annual training for IHN volunteers at Cornerstone Church on Saturday, January 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cornerstone Church is located at 48 Lafayette Ave SE in Grand Rapids. You won't want to miss this time of learning and connecting with a keynote speaker, breakout sessions and more. Please RSVP to Cassidy Dykstra at cassidydykstra@familypromisegr.org.

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.

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: Kris Fox, Dawn Brackmann

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

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

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Gary & Betty Hall

10:45 a.m.: Jo Murphy, Patti Mutch

Lectors

8 a.m.: Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Jo Murphy

Greeters

8 a.m.: David & Nancy Morrison

10:45 a.m.:

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: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Greg Lang

Bread Baker: Kris Fox, Dawn Brackmann

Sacristans:

Lisa & Matt Mead, Jana Siminski

Communion Assistants:

Grace Lanning, Katie Larson

Lector:

Michael Bishop

Greeters:

Allison Landon, Grace Lanning

Ushers:

Karen Nagle, John Hall

Kids Coalition Against Hunger

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.

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry. The total offering for Sunday, December 30, was 19,371.24. Sunday worship attendance was 333.

YTD through 12/30/2018 Budgeted	\$ 989,050
YTD through 12/30/2018 Actual	\$ 996,740
YTD Variance	\$ 7,690
YTD % Variance	0.8%