

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, December 1, 2019

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

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

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

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

LWR Quilting, noon

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 Welcome 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!

**Worship Flowers:** Today's Rejoice worship flowers are given by Mari and Mike Franz in loving memory of our mom, Maxine Wooster. Traditional service flowers are given by William Stroh in loving memory of Helen Stroh.

**Eternal Light:** The Eternal Light reminds us of God's presence among us. The Eternal Light for today was given by Mari and Mike Franz in loving memory of our mom, Maxine Wooster.

## Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Emily Ashby, George and Julia Bauer, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Dixie Brinks, Kate Christenson, Captain Karl Crist, Jack Danielson, Samantha DeBoer, John Dicky, Beth Engstrom, Mike Franz, Phyllis Gehl, Mark Hahn, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Susan Knoll, Susan Kwast, Logan Landon, Larson family, Marilyn Leese, Bob & Cathy Luders, Carolyn McCready, Marilyn Mellema, Jim Miller and Family, Shirley Pearson, Roger Perham, Randy Preston, Jacqueline Riegling, Frank Rothfuss, Thiago Saliba, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Esther Sellman, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, Lauren Sytsma, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, John Walls, Peyton Wollen, Kathy Young, Susan Youngren, Kay Zeaman and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up in prayer this morning the pastor and people of Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Kent City, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

### Monday, December 2

Fitness Class (Functional Movement), 10 a.m.

Forum Prayer Group, 10 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

NAMI Family to Family Class, 6 p.m.

Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 3

Executive Committee, 7:15 a.m.

Girl Scout Training Session, 8:30 a.m.

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

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

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Girl Scout Training Session, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 4

Girl Scout Training Session, 8:30 a.m.

Fitness Class (Tai Chi), 9 a.m.

Advent Meal, 5:15 p.m.

Advent Vespers, "Holden Evening Prayer," 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 5

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Girl Scout Training Session, 6 p.m.

Oasis Potluck, 6 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 6

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

ArtMakers Set-Up, 3 p.m.

Al-Anon Speaker Meeting, 7 p.m.

G. R. Women's Chorus Concert, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 7

Fitness Class (Tai Chi), 8:30 a.m.

ArtMakers Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Brass Rehearsal, 9 a.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 9:30 a.m.

Youth Cookie Making and Delivery, 2 p.m.

G. R. Women's Chorus Concert, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 8

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

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

**Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, 10:45 a.m.**

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

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

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

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

Angels of Advent, 2 p.m.

Forum Prayer Group, 4:30 p.m.

Refugee Crisis Supper and Forum, 5 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

## Lessons for Next Sunday, December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Matthew 3:1-12

## Trinity Choir Rehearsals for Lessons and Carols, Christmas

You are welcome to participate in the December 8 Lessons and Carols service with the Women's or the Men's Chorus. Women's Chorus Rehearsal will be **today** at 9:45 a.m. The Combined Choruses will rehearse at 9:30 a.m. on December 8.

To participate in the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service, choir rehearsal will be on December 19 at 7:30 p.m. and on December 24 at 6:15 p.m. Contact Sid Hoeksema at sidhoeks@aol.com for more information.

## Advent Baked Potato Bar, beginning December 4

Our Advent Suppers will once again offer a Baked Potato Bar. On each of the three Advent Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18 at 5:15 p.m., Trinity will provide the baked potatoes, butter, cheese and sour cream along with beverages. Sign up today to bring additional toppings for the Potato Bar. Come and have a baked potato or two, load it up with your favorite toppings and enjoy good fellowship.

## Grand Rapids Women's Chorus Annual Winter Concert

The Grand Rapids Women's Chorus will present its concerts at Trinity Lutheran Church this year on December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. Each evening of music will celebrate freedom and unity as well as the diversity of music that we call American. Enjoy an evening of beautiful music by this 80 voice choir. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and donations will be accepted at the door. There will be a reception in The Courtyard following the Saturday concert.

## Refugee Crisis Supper Forum on Sunday, December 8

Sunday evening Supper Forums are under way at Trinity as we come together around the topic of "The Refugee Crisis." Supper will be provided and Pastor Linstrom will facilitate the study as we look beyond the headlines and examine what a faith-filled response to the refugee crisis might look like. The remaining Supper Forums will take place on Sunday evenings, December 8, January 12 and February 9 beginning at 5 p.m. Sign up using the link in Friday eBlasts to attend one or more of these events.

## Schubert Chorus Christmas Concert on December 14

The Schubert Male Chorus will be performing its annual Christmas Concert at the East Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center located at 2211 Lake Drive SE. One half of the proceeds from each ticket sold will once again support the Trinity 2020 Youth Mission Trip. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office or from Schubert Male Chorus members Doug Haneline and Ken Block.

## Scandinavian Smorgasbord on Saturday, December 14

Enjoy a delightful smorgasbord of Scandinavian food, sing-a-long holiday music, and even a visit from Santa Lucia from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in The Courtyard on Saturday, December 14. The cost is \$8 per person to be paid at the door. Let us know you plan to attend and how you might be of help with the event no later than Sunday, December 8. Sign up on the clipboard at the Welcome Center in The Courtyard or through the link in Friday's eBlast to the SignUp Genius.

## Christmas Eve Youth Instrumentalists for 3 p.m. Service

We are seeking youth instrumentalists to play for the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. If any youth musicians are interested in playing, please contact Larry Biser at for more information.

## 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 Kris in the office at 616.949.2510 x110, or follow the link sent out in our Friday eBlast. No experience is necessary – we'll provide you with a brief training!

## Worship Participants

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Robert Linstrom, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dan Schewe, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Karen Niemeyer, Assisting Pastor

### Music Staff

Larry Biser, Organist & Director of Bell Choirs  
Sid Hoeksema, Director of Trinity Choir  
Deb DeWitt, Trinity Choir Accompanist  
Kim Owens, Rejoice Music Coordinator  
Nick Hopkins, Rejoice Keyboardist

### Traditional Services

#### **Acolytes**

8 a.m.: Mollie Brandstadt, Eden Korb  
10:45 a.m.: Allison Becker, Hailey Pfeiffle

#### **Cantor:**

10:45 a.m.: John Fox

**Bread Baker:** Rebecca Linstrom

#### **Sacristans**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates  
10:45 a.m.: Jan Jacobson, Nancy Mattson

#### **Communion Assistants**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates  
10:45 a.m.: Chris Kutschinski  
Rebecca Linstrom

#### **Lectors**

8 a.m.: Bill Leidel  
10:45 a.m.: Steve Cairns

#### **Greeters**

8 a.m.: David & Nancy Morrison  
10:45 a.m.: Marjorie Paul

#### **Ushers**

8 a.m.: Dave Wait, John Potter  
10:45 a.m.: Katarina & Tim Lundgren  
Scott Stoll, Brad Kessel

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

**Band:** Rejoice

**Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

**ProPresenter Operator:** Trevor Bidle

**Bread Baker:** Rebecca Linstrom

#### **Acolytes**

Abi Battreall, Abi Lamprich

#### **Sacristans**

Kim Hysell, Jim Kubicek

#### **Communion Assistants**

Mike & Mari Franz

#### **Lector**

Kim Danielski

#### **Greeters**

Dan & Carol Butler

#### **Ushers**

Karen Nagle, Dave Okkema

### For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.  
The total offering for Sunday, November 24, was \$25,707. Sunday worship attendance was 447.

YTD through 11/24/2019 Budgeted	\$ 929,933
YTD through 11/24/2019 Actual	\$ 879,969
YTD Variance	\$ (49,964)
YTD % Variance	-5.4%