

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, November 17, 2019

### **Sunday, November 17**

*Consecration/Stewardship Sunday*

*New Member Sunday*

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

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

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

LWR Quilting, noon

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon (in The Upper Room)

Trinity Travelers Holden Village Info Meeting, noon

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Craig's Cruisers Youth Event, 5 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 Brian and Gail Mazurek in loving memory of Donald Ryan.

**Eternal Light:** The Eternal Light reminds us of God's presence among us. The Eternal Light for today was given by Don Bushman in memory of Don's mother, Hazel, and by Marjorie Paul in loving memory of her husband, Pastor David Paul.

## 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, Beth Engstrom, Mike Franz, Phyllis Gehl, Mark Hahn, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Susan Kwast, Logan Landon, Larson family, Marilyn Leese, Bob & Cathy Luders, Carolyn McCreedy, Marilyn Mellema, Jim Miller and Family, Shirley Pearson, Roger Perham, Randy Preston, John Racek, Jacqueline Riegling, Frank Rothfuss, Thiago Saliba, Chas Schaner, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Esther Sellman, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, Lauren Sytsma, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, David Waite, 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 Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

### **Monday, November 18**

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

Art Class, 5 p.m.

NAMI Family to Family Class, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 19**

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

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

TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

Health Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 20**

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

Children's Ministry Committee, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, November 21**

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Messenger Assembly, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Dégagé (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.

Earth Keepers, 6 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Meeting, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### **Friday, November 22**

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

### **Saturday, November 23**

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

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

Medicare/Medicaid Counseling, 10 a.m.

Isaac McKinney's Eagle Scout Court of Honor, 1 p.m.

Young and Sleepless Movie Night, 5:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, November 24**

*Christ the King Sunday*

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

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

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School practice in Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.

Deck the Halls of Trinity, noon

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

Richard Hysell Memorial Luncheon, 3 p.m.

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

## Baptism this morning

Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Isabella Jean Abbate into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Isabella's parents are Jaclyn and Zachary Abbate. Her sponsors are Janelle Youngdahl and Nick Shevokas.

## Lessons for Next Sunday, November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Colossians 1:11-20

Psalms 46  
Luke 23:33-43



*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

October 2019

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Six months ago, we celebrated the substantial completion of a yearlong building project. In the weeks ahead we come to the official conclusion of the three-year Capital Campaign which provided the resources to move forward with this significant expansion, renovation and upgrading of our facilities to serve this congregation's ministry. With courage and deep generosity, the people of Trinity have supported amazing improvements to our old house.

As we come to yearend 2019, we would urge your consideration of a special gift to care for our future together. Please consider:

**a gift to our Capital Campaign** – This fall we are beginning to service the \$2 million construction loan that allowed us to complete our \$5.8 million building project. Your yearend gift to our Capital Campaign will help us reduce the overall mortgage that will be part of our operating budget in the years ahead. Help us reduce our debt and dedicate more of our operating budget to mission and ministry!

**a gift to the Building Endowment Fund** – Gifts to the Building Endowment Fund, a new "Forever Gift" fund that makes distributions annually to support maintenance of and improvements to our facilities, are gifts to the future care of our church home. A new fund at Trinity in the last three years, the Building Endowment Fund has grown to more than \$200,000, allowing for a distribution of \$6500 in the fall of 2019.

**a gift to the Mission Endowment Fund** – Gifts to the Mission Endowment Fund are "Forever Gifts" to ministries beyond our doors. A long-standing investment in our life together, at the end of the third quarter of 2019 the Mission Endowment Fund was valued at \$555,000, allowing for a \$19,250 distribution to organizations serving in our community and to other benevolent partners in the fall of 2019.

The people of Trinity are an amazingly generous community of believers. With courage and vision, we embraced a massive building project that will benefit those who will care for this congregation's ministry for the next fifty years. And during the three years of our Capital Campaign, we increased our benevolent giving from \$218,262 to \$263,520, providing nearly 25% of our annual offering giving to ministries beyond our doors. With your support, we hope to continue to grow in our benevolence ministries.

At yearend 2019, please consider a gift to one of the funds described in this letter. And continue to help us meet our annual budget with your regular offering giving. We are grateful for your support and partnership as the people of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Grateful for the ministry we share,

Pastor Bob Linstrom, Senior Pastor  
Brad and Sherry Blair and John and Kris Fox, Capital Campaign Co-Chairs  
Chris Engle, Treasurer

### **Some Ideas for Year End Giving from our Endowment Fund Committee**

#### **Gifts of appreciated investments:**

Gifts of appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares could save capital gains taxes and allow for the deduction of the current value of the shares. Make sure that the shares themselves are donated. Do not sell the shares first.

#### **Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA:**

Who should consider a QCD? Traditional IRA owners or beneficiaries who are at least 70 ½ in age should consider a QCD. If this describes you, talk to your financial advisor or tax professional to discuss your specific situation.

Be aware that the distribution from the IRA must be made payable directly to the charity for it to qualify. Also, you will want to keep records of your distributions to provide to your tax preparer. Most IRA custodians will not report this information automatically.

***Please consult with a tax professional for the most up-to-date advice. The information contained here is not intended as tax advice and it is not a substitute for tax advice.***

## Today is Consecration Sunday at Trinity

Today is "Consecration Sunday" at Trinity. At all three worship services this morning there is an invitation for members and friends of Trinity to make their Estimates of Giving for 2020, their pledges of offering giving for the year ahead, as an act of worship. Additional "Estimate of Giving" forms can be found in the narthex and at the Welcome Center in the Courtyard so that you may offer your pledge for our shared ministry in the year ahead – please plan to return your Estimate of Giving in the basket this morning or to the church office soon as our Finance Committee and Congregation Council use those estimates to plan the 2020 budget for our shared mission and ministry.

## Trinity Choir Rehearsal for Advent Lessons and Carols

You are welcome to participate in the December 8 Lessons and Carols service with the Women's or the Men's Chorus. Rehearsals will be on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. **today** and on December 1 (Women's Chorus) and on November 24 (Men's Chorus). 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.

## "Deck the Halls" NEXT SUNDAY, November 24 at noon



On Sunday, November 24 at noon, we will gather in the Courtyard for a potluck-style lunch and then divide into teams to decorate the church. Trinity will provide the entrée and beverages. Please bring: a salad (last name A – L) or a dessert (last name M – Z). Please contact Sylvia Stouten at sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org or at 616.949.2510 x 121 if you plan to attend this event. All are welcome!

## Rehearsals begin for Children's Christmas Program



All children ages 3 years through grade 5 are invited to join the Christmas program on December 15 at 10:45 a.m. Songs will be rehearsed in November and December during Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Speaking parts will be assigned to interested 4th and 5th graders. Email kids@tlcgr.org for more info!

## Thanksgiving Day Dinner Gathering on November 28



No place to go for Thanksgiving Day? Good news! You are invited to gather in the Trinity Courtyard for a Thanksgiving meal, and to play games and watch football with others. All are welcome! Sign up by Monday, November 25 via Signup Genius or contact Carrie Wigmans at cwys@comcast.net or 616.648.5254.

## Advent by Candlelight Signup for Women and Teen Girls



Signups continue for Advent by Candlelight. The signup board is located in the Courtyard fellowship area. During the four Sundays of November, the women and teens of Trinity will have an opportunity to sign up to be table hosts or guests for this year's event. Contact Angela Davis with questions.

## Christmas Eve Youth Instrumentalists

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 larry.biser@tlcgr.org for more information.

## 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

### Traditional Services

#### **Acolytes**

8 a.m.: Hannah & Jacob Johnson  
10:45 a.m.: Ali Bredwell, Drake Selleck

#### **Cantor:**

10:45 a.m.: Deb DeWitt

#### **Bread Baker:** Shelley Mishler

#### **Sacristans**

8 a.m.: Elaine Rongey  
10:45 a.m.: Jan Jacobson, Nancy Mattson

#### **Communion Assistants**

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide, Dale Barkema  
10:45 a.m.: Alexander Hahn, Doug Haneline

#### **Lectors**

8 a.m.: Martha Blandford  
10:45 a.m.: Dolly Lowe

#### **Greeters**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates  
10:45 a.m.: Bob & Barb Crossman

#### **Ushers**

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates  
10:45 a.m.: Dan Pollert, Paul Getzin, John Derbin

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

#### **Band:** Rejoice

#### **Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

#### **ProPresenter Operator:** Trevor Bidle

#### **Bread Baker:** Shelley Mishler

#### **Acolytes**

Caleb Thamban, Dakota Morin

#### **Sacristans**

Lisa & Matt Mead, Jana Siminski

#### **Communion Assistants**

Diane Field, Laurie Freshour

#### **Lector**

Dan Butler

#### **Greeters**

Dave & Chris Straw

#### **Ushers**

Dave & Carrie Boer

### For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.  
The total offering for Sunday, November 10, was \$14,244. Sunday worship attendance was 403.

YTD through 11/10/2019 Budgeted	\$ 876,584
YTD through 11/10/2019 Actual	\$ 821,246
YTD Variance	\$ (55,339)
YTD % Variance	-6.3%