

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, December 22, 2019

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

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

Lectio Divina, 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 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!

## Members in Our Prayers

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

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

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

### Monday, December 23

Brass Rehearsal, 9 a.m.

Tutoring, 10:30 a.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 24

*Christmas Eve*

**Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight Services of Holy Communion**

3 p.m. Youth Instrumentalists, Brass, Timpani, and Organ

5 p.m. Resound Bell Choir, Brass, Timpani, and Organ

7 p.m. Trinity Choir, Brass, Timpani, and Organ

9 p.m. Brass, Timpani, and Organ

11 p.m. Brass, Timpani, and Organ

### Wednesday, December 25

*Christmas—Office Closed*

### Thursday, December 26

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

### Sunday, December 29

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

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**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.*



## Lessons for Next Sunday, December 29

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hebrews 2:10-18

Psalms 148

Matthew 2:13-23

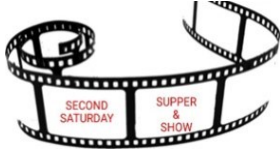
## SOLO Together in January



Trinity women who are at least fifty years of age and are widowed, divorced or are single without a significant other have been having a great time together. They meet for lunch at a variety of area restaurants once each month to simply have fun!

On Tuesday, January 7, the group will meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Marco New American Bistro which is located at 884 Forest Hill Avenue in Grand Rapids. Reservations are made for the group in advance so it is important to RSVP. Please contact Trinity member Marjorie Paul at 616.209.5263 by Sunday, January 5 to reserve your place at the table.

## Heat Up Your Winter Blues with a Hawaiian Luau



Dig out your Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, Panama Jack shorts, straw hats and bring your "Ohana!!!" Join us on Saturday, January 11, for Second Saturday Supper and Show (\$4). We will be showing "Lava" and "Lilo & Stitch." A Hawaiian themed supper will be served. Please RSVP by Sunday, January 4, 2020 – contact Family Activity Coordinator James Morin or Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis for more information.

## "Life Begins at 60" – Let's do Chinese in January!



PLEASE JOIN US on Thursday, January 23, 2020, when we will all gather at 6 p.m. at the First Wok Chinese restaurant, 6740 Old 28th Street in Cascade. We'll be dining in a small banquet room with room for the first thirty-five people. If you are 60 years or older, come and enjoy the evening with us. To make your reservation, contact hosts Marybeth and Joe Iaria at surfin@charter.net or 530-209-0436.

## Kids Coalition Against Hunger Donations



As you consider year-end giving, please keep in mind our annual appeal to help end world hunger. This year's goal is to raise \$7,000 and pack over 25,000 meals! Mark your calendars for the meal-packing event on Sunday, January 26 after worship. And give generously – envelopes are available at the Welcome Center and in the narthex.

## "A Clean Start in the New Year" cleaning supplies appeal



We will once again be collecting cleaning supplies for distribution to area food pantries and social service agencies. Why not buy a laundry basket or cleaning bucket and fill it with cleaning supplies? Here are just a few suggested items: dish detergent, all purpose spray cleaner, powdered cleanser glass cleaner, disinfectant (bleach or other), disinfectant wipes toilet bowl cleaner, toilet bowl brush, sponges, scrub brush, rubber gloves, paper towels laundry detergent, stain remover, and fabric softener sheets. Please drop off your donations during the months of January and February in the labeled black barrels located outside the narthex and in The Courtyard.

## Trinity Fitness classes for the new year . . .



Monthly fitness class schedules are available at the Courtyard Welcome Center. Somatic Yoga, Tai Chi or Functional Movement offerings are available. The suggested donation is \$3 per class or \$20 per month. Contact our fitness instructor, Xristina Kuhlmann at xristina@msn.com with any questions.

## 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.: Hannah & Jacob Johnson  
10:45 a.m.: Abbie Glass, Lyndon Turnage

#### **Cantor:**

10:45 a.m.: Deb DeWitt

**Bread Baker:** Rebecca Linstrom,  
Sue & Garrett Bakkila

#### **Sacristans**

8 a.m.: Kathy & David Young  
10:45 a.m.: Joyce Bonbrake, Jo Murphy

#### **Communion Assistants**

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox  
10:45 a.m.: Jo Murphy, Marjorie Paul

#### **Lectors**

8 a.m.: Sheila Talsma  
10:45 a.m.: Gregg Gallagher

#### **Greeters**

8 a.m.: Gordy & Beth Engstrom  
10:45 a.m.: Joyce Schenk, Lynn Getzin

#### **Ushers**

8 a.m.: Gloria Von der Heide,  
Vince Schumacher  
10:45 a.m.: David Kuecherer,  
Jerry Hendricks,  
Chris Kutschinski

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

**Band:** Beyond Belief

**Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

**ProPresenter Operator:** Greg Lang

**Bread Baker:** Rebecca Linstrom,  
Sue & Garrett Bakkila

#### **Acolytes**

Jack Bishop, Brendan Cargill

#### **Sacristans**

Lisa & Matt Mead

#### **Communion Assistants**

Kris Baker, Allison Landon

#### **Lector**

Amy Fox

#### **Greeters**

Grace Lanning, Allison Landon

#### **Ushers**

Dave & Carrie Boer

### For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.  
The total offering for Sunday, December 15, was \$24,651. Sunday worship attendance was 550.

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| YTD through 12/15/2019 Budgeted | \$ 1,012,700 |
| YTD through 12/15/2019 Actual   | \$ 946,992   |
| YTD Variance                    | \$ (65,708)  |
| YTD % Variance                  | -6.5%        |