

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

## Today at Trinity: Sunday, January 12, 2020

### Sunday, January 12

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

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

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Tutoring, 10:30 a.m.

Mission Trip Participant Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

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

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Forum Prayer Group, 4:30 p.m.

"The Refugee Crisis" Supper and Forum, 5 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 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 Sanctuary worship flowers are given by Paula R. Tibbe and Todd Osbeck, Clara Osbeck and Nate Yu in memory of Paula's parents, Ken and Dorothy Tibbe.

## Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Emily Ashby, Dale Barkema and family, George Bauer and family, Krysta Billock, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Dixie Brinks, Kate Christenson, Captain Karl Crist, Jack Danielson, Samantha DeBoer, John Derbin, John Dicky, Lois Engel, 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, Johnny Mielock, Jim Miller and Family, Caylyn Moglia, Elizabeth Mulligan, Pastor Karen Niemeyer, Roger Perham, Mae Preston and family, Jacqueline Riegling, Thiago Saliba, Chas Schaner, Joyce Schlandlerer, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Esther Sellman, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, David Smoes, 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 St. Stephen 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, January 13

*Messenger Submissions Due*

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

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Council, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 14

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

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

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

### Wednesday, January 15

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

Pastor Bob's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Bob's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry Committee, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, January 16

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

Degage (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.

Earth Keepers Meeting, 6 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, January 17

*Dinner Group Weekend*

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

Wedding Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.

Degage (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.

### Saturday, January 18

*Dinner Group Weekend*

Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.

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

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

Marriage of Lauren Schira and Colton Wright, 3:30 p.m.

"Young and Sleepless" Parents' Night Out, 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday, January 19

*Dinner Group Weekend*

*Annual Meeting Sunday*

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

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

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

All Church Potluck, noon

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, 1 p.m.

Family Prayer Gathering, 3 p.m.

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

## Family Prayer Gathering next Sunday at 3

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, January 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. for a Family Prayer Gathering. We will talk about prayer, pray in a variety of ways, and give you tools for your prayer life. Join us in praying in new and old ways!

## Lessons for Next Sunday, January 19

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Psalms 40:1-11

John 1:29-42

## **"The Refugee Crisis" Supper Forum TODAY at 5 p.m.**

Join us at 5 p.m. today 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 Forum will take place on Sunday, February 9 beginning at 5 p.m. Sign up using the link in Friday eBlasts to attend the next event.

## **Sunday School Winter Kick-off TODAY with hot chocolate . . .**

Kids are welcomed back to Sunday School with a hot chocolate bar after class TODAY in the Commons. Sunday School is offered weekly at 9:30 a.m. for all children from 3 years of age through grade 5. Join anytime throughout the Sunday School year!

## **"Young and Sleepless" Parents' Night Out on January 18**

Parents will meet at the Great Escape Room on Saturday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m. for an evening out. The cost of the escape room will be approximately \$30 per person. Contact Anne Meeuwse at 517.896.8018 for more information.

## **2019 Annual Meeting Reports Available Today**

The 2019 Annual Report is available in the narthex and at the Welcome Center. Plan now to be with us for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 19! 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.

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

Please join us on Thursday, January 23, 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](mailto:surfin@charter.net) or 530.209.0436.

## **Kids Coalition Against Hunger Meal Packing on January 26**

Our annual appeal to help end world hunger one meal at a time is in full swing! We have almost met our goal to raise \$7,000, so we can pack 25,000 meals! We have raised \$5,634 but still need \$1,366 to meet our goal. 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**

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 outside the narthex and in The Courtyard.

## **Trinity Women's Retreat—Saturday, February 1**

Women of Trinity will gather for a retreat at Trinity on Saturday, February 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Using the theme, *For Just Such a Time as This*, we will study the book of Esther and hear inspiring words from our keynote speaker, Trinity member Karen Palaszek. Sign up today after worship or go to the SignUp Genius link in the Trinity Friday eBlast.

## **Trivia Night at Trinity on Saturday, February 8**

Sign up for Trivia Night on the big poster board in The Courtyard! There will fun for everyone on Saturday, February 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. It will be a rousing night of team competition, prizes, food, and fun. Trivia is appropriate for ages 12 and older; kids aged 4 – 11 will have pizza and watch movies; and nursery for the little ones under age 4 will be available *if requested*. Plan to bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten 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  
Nick Hopkins, Rejoice Keyboardist

### **Traditional Services**

#### **Acolytes**

8 a.m.: Andrew Fox, Isaac Stephan  
10:45 a.m.: Ally Becker, Leah Bryce

#### **Cantor:**

10:45 a.m.: Sid Hoeksema

**Bread Baker:** Kris Fox, Dawn Brackmann

#### **Sacristans**

8 a.m.: Cathy Olson, Elaine Rongey  
10:45 a.m.: Joyce Bonbrake, Jo Murphy

#### **Communion Assistants**

8 a.m.: Elaine Rongey, Betty Hall  
10:45 a.m.: Linda Taffs, Jo Murphy

#### **Lectors**

8 a.m.: Bill Leidel  
10:45 a.m.: Melissa Haneline

#### **Greeters**

8 a.m.: Dave & Sue Wait  
10:45 a.m.: Bob & Barb Crossman

#### **Ushers**

8 a.m.: Gordy Engstrom, Bill Bailey  
10:45 a.m.: Don Kishman, Wayne Snyder,  
Jamie Norris, John Derbin

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

**Band:** Rejoice

**Sound Board Operator:** Brooks Alder

**ProPresenter Operator:** Greg Lang

**Bread Baker:** Kris Fox, Dawn Brackmann

#### **Acolytes**

Rachel Ahrens, Jack Bishop

#### **Sacristans**

Kim Hysell, Jana Siminski

#### **Communion Assistants**

Neil Sandler

#### **Lector**

Kathryn Larson

#### **Greeters**

Dan & Carol Butler

#### **Ushers**

John Hall, Karen Nagle

### **For the Record:**

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.  
The total offering for Sunday, January 5 was \$14,485. Sunday worship attendance was 442.

YTD through 1/5/2020 Budgeted	\$1,098,832
YTD through 1/5/2020 Actual	\$1,027,606
YTD Variance	\$ (71,226)
YTD % Variance	-6.5%