

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, February 23, 2020

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IHN Guests Leave Today

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.

Lectio Divina, noon

Valparaiso University Chorale Lunch, 1:30 p.m.

Celebration of Music Concert—Valparaiso Chorale, 3 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

Life Begins at 60 Dinner, 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 traditional worship flowers are given by Dave and Kathy Young and Family in memory of their daughter Kelly E. Beld.

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Emily Ashby, George Bauer and family, Krysta Billock, Kate Bishop, 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, Bill Fisk, Phyllis Gehl, Pam Gunderson, Mark Hahn, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Susan Knoll, Susan Kwast, Patrick Ladwig, Logan Landon, Larson family, Marilyn Leese, Bob & Cathy Luders, Judy Mallen, Gail Mazurek, Carolyn McCready, Marilyn Mellema, Johnny Mielock, Sammy Mielock, Jim Miller and Family, Caylyn Moglia, Roger Perham, Mae Preston and family, Jacqueline Riegling, Thiago Saliba, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Esther Sellman, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Sheryl VanderBaan and Family, Ronnie VanderVen, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, Dave and Kathy Young, Susan Youngren, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up in prayer this morning Pastor Ryan Prondzinski and the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Michigan Center, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, February 24

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

Art Class, 5 p.m.

NAMI Family-to-Family, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

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

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

Hospitality Committee, 5:45 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 6 p.m.

Women's Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26,

Ash Wednesday

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

Ash Wednesday Worship, 4 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.

Cub Scout Parents Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 27

Stroller Strides, 9 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Friday, February 28

30 Hour Famine

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

Saturday, February 29

30 Hour Famine

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

Drum Workshop, 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, March 1

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

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

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

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Luther World Relief Quilting, noon

Alleluia Bells, noon

Lectio Divina, noon

Fifth Grade Communion Class, 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

Baptism of Brienne Iris Olimpo

Today at 10:45 a.m. we welcome Brienne Iris Olimpo into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Brienne's parents are Joy and Jeff Olimpo. Her sponsors are Gail Weber, Greg Bauer, and Jacquelyn Morrow.

Lessons for Next Sunday, March 1

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Psalms 32

Matthew 4:1-11

Valparaiso Chorale in Concert TODAY at 3 p.m.

Under the direction of Dr. Christopher M. Cock, the Valparaiso University Chorale is a 48-mixed voice ensemble that performs an eclectic repertoire from traditional to significant contemporary works to selections that have multicultural perspectives, all in their original languages. Please join us this afternoon at 3 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship on February 26 at 4 and 7 p.m.



You are invited to begin your Lenten journey from ashes to Easter in solemn worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. We will gather this week on Ash Wednesday, February 26 at both 4 and 7 p.m. for worship.

Lenten Grace Groups at Trinity – sign up is underway . . .

These small group Bible Studies meet weekly during the five weeks of Lent. This year's Grace Group study is entitled "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen. All adult Trinity members are encouraged to join a small group to read and reflect on the same topic. Sign up to participate using the link in Friday's eBlast. Books are available for Grace Group participants for a suggested donation of \$5. Contact Sylvia Stouten for more information.

Lenten Blood Drive - March 2 from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Consider making a blood donation part of your Lenten discipline. Each donation can save up to three lives and keep our blood supply strong. Please contact Sue Babin at smbabin@yahoo.com or 267.218.5967 to schedule an appointment.

GriefShare Support begins on Wednesday, March 4

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? To support those in the grief process, a 13-week GriefShare Seminar/Support group begins on Wednesday, March 4, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. A \$15 registration fee will cover the cost of workbooks and pre-registration is required. Contact Pastor Karen at karen.niemeyer@tlcgr.org to register.

Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers begin Wednesday, March 4

For five Wednesdays beginning on March 4, a wide variety of delicious soups will be served in The Courtyard from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Please consider providing soup or bread or helping with setup or cleanup for one or more of our Soup Supper dates. Sign up by using the link in Friday eBlasts where you will also find details. Contact Tess Lundgren at tesslundgren@gmail.com for more information. Lenten Midweek worship will follow supper at 6:30 p.m..

Pancakes and Playtime on Saturday, March 7 at 9 a.m.

At Pancakes & Playtime, we will learn that God gives us each a new morning as a gift to be celebrated! The morning includes breakfast, story time, and activities. Families with children ages pre-school and younger are invited to sign-up. Contact Rachele Battreall Rachele.battreall@tlcgr.org for more information.

"Kids Helping Kids" Sunday School Appeal - IHN Backpacks

The Sunday School is collecting items to fill 25 backpacks for children in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program. The hope is to provide a little comfort and joy to the IHN kids during this difficult time. Check out the display by the Nursery. Donations are due Sunday, March 8.

"Life Begins at 60" – A Night Out at Thousand Oaks

We will gather for a first-class dining experience at REDS Restaurant at the Thousand Oaks Golf Club, 4100 Thousand Oaks NE, on Friday, March 20, at 6 p.m. If you are 60 years or older, please join us. Please note that reservations will be limited to the first 30 people who register. Contact Carol Butler at 616.540.1660 or caroljb43@gmail.com or Pastor Karen karen.niemeyer@tlcgr.org to make your reservation.

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 Worship Services

Acolytes

8 a.m.:
10:45 a.m.: Nicholas Derbin, Lydia Albaitis

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.: Sidney Hoeksema

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates
10:45 a.m.: Jo Murphy, Joyce Bonbrake

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Dave & Sue Wait
10:45 a.m.: Patti Mutch, Chris Kutschinski

Lectors

8 a.m.: Sheila Talsma
10:45 a.m.: Tim Lundgren

Greeters

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates
10:45 a.m.: Lynn Getzin, Barb Crosman

Ushers

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

Rejoice Worship Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Rejoice

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Randy Kuntzman

Bread Baker: Julie Williams

Acolytes

Jack Bishop, Mollie Brandstadt

Sacristans

Bruce & Joyce Schlanderer, Jim Kubicek

Communion Assistants

Kris Baker, Joanna Waite

Lector

Mae Preston

Greeters

Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field

Ushers

John Hall, Karen Nagle

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry.
The total offering for Sunday, February 16 was \$41,200. Sunday worship attendance was 425.

YTD through 2/16/2020 Budgeted	\$71,744
YTD through 2/16/2020 Actual	\$88,471
YTD Variance	\$16,727
YTD % Variance	23.3%