

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, January 14, 2024 — Second Sunday after Epiphany

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 14

Clean Start Appeal continues

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

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

Monday, January 15

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Health Ministries Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Oasis Training, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Club, 7 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17

Fitness Class, 10 a.m.

Private Party, 5:30 p.m.

Odyssey of the Mind, 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

Heart-To-Heart Conversations, 10:15 a.m.

Volunteer at In The Image, 1 p.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal 6 p.m.

Choosing Peace and Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 20

DeColores, 10:30 a.m.

Liturgical Drama Workshop, 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 21

Clean Start Appeal continues

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

All Congregation Potluck & Annual Meeting, noon

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.

MS & HS Tubing at Cannonsburg, 3 p.m.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Cantor: Marcia Schaner

Sacristans: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

Lector: Joel Westra

Communion Assistants: Debbie Duckworth,
Elaine Rongey

Ushers: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey,
Gloria Vonderheide

Acolytes: Isaac Johnson

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Lisa Postlewaite

Lector: Amy Fox

Communion Assistants: Dan & Carol Butler

Ushers: Mark Baker, Dave & Carrie Boer,
Mark Hagbom & Sally Mahoney,
Jeff Postlewaite

Acolytes: Maggie Coles, Sydney Waite

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Carrie Hoeksema

Sacristan: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Lector: Susan Barnhart

Communion Assistants: Colin & Caitlin Finch

Ushers: Jim & Sue Coates, John Derbin, Don Kishman,
Jamie Norris, Wayne Snyder

Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Dawn Brackmann and Kris Fox

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness,**

hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery: Sue Bailey, Dale Barkema, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Dan Butler, Mike Danielski, Kim Danielski, Gordy Engstrom, Diane Field, Kris Fox, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Mary Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Grace Lanning, John Leese, Marilyn Leese, Bob Leese, Jane Legault, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Stephanie McLeod, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Bob Sielaff, Dave Smoes, John Walls, Robert Williams, Rick Wolner, Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kathy Young, Kay Zeaman, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved**

ones: Albert Asfour, Maria Ashimine, Greg and Rachele Battreall, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Liz and Jason Coles, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Josh and Katie Gardner, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Beth Krueger, Kristen Lamprich, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Debbie and John Potter, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Linda Taffs, Wollen/Billings families and Natalie Yeager.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Matthew Smith and Pastor John Burow and the people of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lansing, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Baptism Today at 9:15 a.m.

Today at 9:15 a.m. we welcome Lillian Francis Brondyke into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Lillian's parents are Patrick and Amanda Brondyke and her brother is PJ Brondyke. Lillian's sponsors are Mike and Monica Garver and Spencer and Nicole Brondyke.

Readings & Hymns for January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

#807 Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (red book)

#798 Will You Come and Follow Me (red book)

#574 Here I Am, Lord (red book)

JANUARY 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Trusted relationships help people follow Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
Monday	1 Samuel 3:1-20	The call of Samuel
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Honor God in body and spirit
Wednesday	Ephesians 6:1-4	Nurturing faith at home
Thursday	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Timothy's faith through family
Friday	2 John 1:12-13	Nurturing faith by relationships
Saturday	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	The Lord knows us well
Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls the first disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." John 1:45 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Nurturing God, we thank you for your love that reaches out to us through others that we may have confidence and joy as followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food you care for our lives and our physical wellbeing; we thank you for the many ways you show your love for us. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with joy as a follower of Jesus.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*You Have Come Down
to the Lakeshore*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is someone you trust and why do you put your trust in that person?
- Who has helped you as a follower of Jesus? What was it about this person that encouraged you in your Christian life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 1:35-51.

Beginning with the wise men from the East and Jesus' baptism, Epiphany is the season that focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. In John 1 it is the followers of Jesus who do some of that revealing. Jesus "found" Philip and brings him into the fold of followers. Just as Jesus "found" Philip, now Philip finds Nathanael (vv. 43, 45). Philip is described as someone from Bethsaida, the same hometown as Andrew and Peter who were just added to Jesus' followers. It is likely they had been neighborhood boys, familiar with one another. These are examples of faith formed through personal relationships. First, it was John the Baptist pointing to Jesus that drew in Andrew, and then Andrew "found" Peter and brought in his brother. Now Philip is added to the group, and he goes and gets his friend Nathanael. Nathanael is a skeptic. Philip simply suggests with a note of confidence that Nathanael should find out for himself. Nathanael then has his own experience of being "found" by Jesus and he, too, is drawn in.

Discuss: How do you speak about Jesus to others?

Pray: **Faithful God, we thank you for those you have placed in our lives to help us in our life's journey as a follower of Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, as a follower of Jesus, how can you encourage someone in their faith?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalms 139 speaks poetically about the intimate relationship that God has with us. We are fully and utterly known by God and God's love for us. Take time to read Psalms 139:1-6 and 13-18. Think about the personal relationship you have with God. How has that relationship been enriched by others who have nurtured you in the Christian faith over the years? Consider writing a card thanking one or more people for their care for you in your Christian faith.



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