PRAYER

Pastoral Care Ministry Coordinators:

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Pastoral Care Team Members:

Sandi Carlson, Anita Cirulis, Dave and Sandy Harmelink, Dave and Lonna Kluis, Art Van Riesen. They visit and pray with individuals and families with both immediate and longer term care needs.

Pray for **Gordon Brumels** as he recovers from gallbladder surgerv.

Pray for Fran Koets as she recovers from back injections.

Pray for Glen Hegstad as he recovers from a fall.

Pray for **Darbi Duistermars** who was diagnosed with post transplant lymphoproliferative disorder. She will undergo chemo for her lymphoma at Mayo over the next 3-4 months.

Please keep **Mark and Ashley Van Voorst** and family in your prayers as Mark has gone to basic training for 6 months.

Stan Vandersall's new address is 414 Truman Street Libson, Iowa 52253.

Pray for those who are homebound:

Prairie Ridge: Dorothy Weiss, Jeanette Van Voorst,
Jeanette Vanden Hul, Doc Krommendyk, Margarita
Lopez, Jo Leslie, Jane Garnett, Rod Vellinga, Helena
Ludens, Randy Cleveringa, Marian Clark. Landsmeer
Ridge: Glen & Ardie Hegstad. Ostego Place, Storm Lake:
Alma Bogaard. Good Samaritan Society, LeMars: Donna
Koenig, Paul & Lois De Jong. Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls:
Ben Wiese.

Bulletin Prayer Request:

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office or give permission to the Pastoral Care Team to share the request. **Email:** trinityoc@gmail.com **Call:** 712-737-4542 **Text:** 712-201-3090

GET CONNECTED

Contact Us:

There are many ways that you can contact us and receive information from us at Trinity:

Visit our website: connectwithtrinity.com
Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Call the church office: **712.737.4542**

Text us: **712.201.3090**

Small Groups:

Small groups are a key aspect of our church community with close to 200 people participating. Group sizes vary and mainly meet in members homes and have various meeting times. We want people to find a place to grow spiritually and connect with others.

Looking for a place to connect and find a sense of belonging? We have room for you! Check out our "Groups" page online at: connectwithtrinity.com. There are also other groups that are in the process of being formed. We want you to find a place that fits you.

Common Interest Groups:

Common Interest Groups are a great way to connect people who share an interest in the same thing. Be sure to check out the current groups, as well as let us know if you have an interest or passion and would like to start other groups. Some of our current groups are connecting people who enjoy running, quilting, scrapbook / crafting, mens basketball, rock climbing, motorcycle riding, conexiones, and heartland strategy.

Find out more information and sign up opportunities for Small Groups and Common Interest Groups at:

connectwithtrinity.com. Please contact Julie Andersen at: juliekandersen87@gmail.com with any questions.

Watch Trinity Online:

We invite you to watch a live stream of our Sunday morning worship services at **connectwithtrinity.com/live** or on our Facebook page.

Worship One Serve One:

The church is not a building, it's the people. People with unique gifts and passions that when brought together, make ministry happen. It takes all kinds of people with all kinds of gifts to do ministry at Trinity. We encourage you to bring what gifts you have to worship one, serve one.

WORSHIP SERVE

To serve, visit connectwithtrinity.com/serve

December 2, 2018

WELCOME

TRINITYCHURCH

At Trinity, we're working hard to help people connect with God, with each other, and with God's work in the world. We hope you experience that connection today.

WELCOME, FIRST-TIME GUESTS!

Welcome to Trinity Church! We are so glad you are here today. We prayed this week that all who enter our doors would experience the life-changing, eternity-altering love of God through Jesus. If you're here for the first time, please stop at the Welcome Center. We'd love the opportunity to meet you. Thanks for coming today!

SUNDAYS AT TRINITY

8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. Worship

What is it that we long for? Is our deepest desire to go back to the past, to relive better times or recapture the joys of earlier days? Advent is a season about longing, but not for a return to the past. We look back to the past, but we long forward into what God is doing now and will do in the future.

Today **Pastor Brian Keepers** will explore with us, through the Old Testament book of Ezra, how we can respond to change in our lives. Even when change is a good thing, it still carries with it a sense of loss. The key to moving forward into God's hopeful future is to learn to lament our losses and to trust that even when change comes, God's presence and promises are unchanging.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENESIS HOUSE ANGEL TREE

Consider blessing someone else this holdiay season by taking a tag off the Genesis House Angel Tree. The tree is at the Welcome Center. Take a tag, write your name on the list, purchase the gift on your tag, and return the gift to the tree with the tag on it by Thursday, Dec. 20.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Those interested in becoming a member of Trinity are invited to join us Saturday morning, December 8, to meet with some of Trinity's leaders, hear about Trinity's story, and to ask questions about the church. If you are interested in attending, contact Andy Keller at keller.andy.w@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS TALENT SHARE

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4pm as we celebrate the Christmas season by creating space for our younger ones to use their talents to share the story of Christmas.

DOG SLED RACE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Our Men's Ministry has an opportunity to partner with one of our ministry partners, Coldwater Foundation,

at the Gunflint Mail Run Dog Sled Race in Grand Marais, MN. Our weekend trip will run from Jan. 4-6, leaving at 6am on Friday and arriving home by 9pm on Sunday. Cost to attend is \$75. To register, visit connectwithtrinity.com. If you have any questions, contact Shay Davis at 712-541-5279.

MEN OF TRINITY

Our next men's Faith Tune-up/Bible Study is on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6:30-7:30pm. We will meet in Adult Room 1 to discuss purpose and meaning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FILM VIEWING

You are invited to view the film "Resilience" on December 12 in Adult Room 4 starting at 6:30pm. "Resilience" is a movie that calls us to take action to help those who have been traumatized in childhood. Discussion and a possible future opprotunity for a Bible Study, will follow the viewing.

GROWING OUR MISSIONAL HEART

You are invited to come and learn about God's heart for the nations, including how to support and send our missionaries well. Whether you are new to missions or have supported missions for years, come to hear from Rick Davis and staff at Engage Global. Come and go as you are able. Saturday, Dec 8:

8:30am - 12:00pm "How to support Missionaries Together" at Faith CRC in Sioux Center

6:00 - 9:00pm Church Mobilization training at New Hope in Orange City

Sunday, Dec 9: The 9:30 & 10:50 Adult Sunday School classes will have an opportunity to learn from one of the Engage Global staff members and to hear from Mark Tiemersma, our new mission partner at Radius International.

CARDS FOR SHUT-INS

There is a basket at the Welcome Center where you can drop off Christmas cards to be delivered to Trinity's homebound. You can find a list of those who are homebound under 'Prayer' in this bulletin. Cards will be delivered on Dec. 20.

COOKIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We are in need of 26 people to bake 3 dozen cookies for our college student goodie bags. Sign up online or at the Sign Up Table. Please package them in sets of 3 and drop off in Adult Rooms 3&4 by Wednesday, Dec. 5 by 7pm.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT

Trinity Women's Ministry invites women ages high school and up to attend our annual Christmas craft night at 6:30 on Tuesday, December 4. You will choose and pay for your craft project at the event. You can see samples at the Welcome Center. If you know in advance what you would like to make, you can indicate that on the sign up sheet. Please RSVP online or at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Anderson at parisummer@hotmail.com.

CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING Join us as we bless the members of our church who are in care facilities or are homebound with Christmas caroling on Sunday, Dec. 9. We'll meet at Trinity at 3:45 before dispersing. Bring along a plate of Christmas goodies to share so that after caroling, we can enjoy the goodies and fellowship at Trinity. Sign up online or at the Sign Up Table.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Join us in the fellowship hall from 5:45 to 6:30pm for ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, and a dessert cobbler/bread pudding. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per person.

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS (K-5TH GRADE)

Christmas worship practice will take place in the sanctuary from 6:30 to 7:15.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 6:30-7:30 in the Youth Room.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

8:00-9:00 in the Youth Room.

CENTERPOINT WORSHIP

Join us at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center for a time of prayer and worship with people across the Northwest lowa region. All are welcome. Worship begins at 8pm.

WORSHIP

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"
"We Will Feast In The House Of Zion"
"Spirit Of The Living God"

Offering / Announcements

Message

Communion

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"
"New Wine"

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

NURSERY:

0-2 year olds - Little Lambs Room **2-3 year olds -** Kingdom Kids Room

There is a Mother's Room located on the Little Lambs side with a live broadcast of the service.

Parents will need to pick up their children after the service.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP (AGES 4-6): Children will be dismissed during the 8:15 service.

Parents will need to pick up their children after the service in the Children's Area.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (AGES 4-5th GRADE):

9:30 and 10:50 in the Children's Area.

Parents will need to pick up their children after the service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8): 9:30 in the Youth Room.

MOMS IN PRAYER:

Join us in Adult Room 1 at 9:30.

All women are welcome to pray for our students and schools.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY NEXT STEPS:

Join us in Adult Rooms 3&4 at 9:30 and 10:50.

As a church we have taken a journey to grow in greater emotional health as Christ followers. However, the degree to which this will transform you is dependent upon the steps you will take going forward. We are providing space and tools for you to put together your own plan (Rule of Life) for how you would like to grow in these areas through Advent and beyond. This opportunity is open to anyone.

Looking Back, Longing Forward: The Future of the Past

Ezra 1:1-4 & 3:1-13
