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 those who made profession of faith today: Ashley Benson, Maci Brenneman, Ben Calsbeek, Adam De Boer, Kylie Kurtz, Alayna Van Regenmorter.

Pray for **Zoe Heemstra** as she tore her ACL last week.

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

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.

"We would like to say a special thank you for all the prayers offered on our behalf. That's truly an amazing feeling. Also thank you for all of the visits from the pastors, pastorcal care team, friends and family. Truly God's love walked through the door every time you visited. Thank you for the birthday cards given to Vickie and the sympathy cards given on her behalf." ~ Jim Riphagen & family

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 9, 2018

WELCOME

TRINITY CHURCH

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 invite us to find our place alongside Mary as she receives the surprising news that she will carry the Savior of the world in her womb. Mary finds herself living between God's spoken promise and the fulfillment of that promise. This is true for us as well. Even when things seem dark or don't make sense, God assures us that "nothing is impossible with God." And so we're called to surrender to our faithful Father with outstretched arms

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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.

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.

HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

We will go to two Sunday morning worship services (9:30 / 10:50) on December 16, 23, and 30. We will resume our normal three worship service schedule (8:15 / 9:30 / 10:50) on January 6.

YOUNG LIFE COMMUNITY MEAL

On Saturday, Dec. 15, Young Life Sioux County is

hosting a community meal with the theme, "Learn about your neighbor." The meal will take place at the Sioux Center High School from 5-7pm. Everyone is invited to attend, bring along a potluck dish to share, get to know others, and hear from a few of the Young Life leaders and students.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES

We hope you will join us for one of our candle light Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24 at 4:00 & 5:30.

DOG SLED RACE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Our Men's Ministry has an opportunity again this year to partner with one of our ministry partners, Coldwater Foundation, at the Gunflint Mail Run Dog Sled Race in Grand Marais, MN. The race is a community event at beautiful Mink Lake Wilderness Camp. After the race, men on the trip will share in fireside fellowship and have the opportunity to snow shoe, cross country ski, or ice fish. 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. Please register by Dec. 23. If you have any questions, contact Shay Davis at 712-541-5279.

CARDS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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.

CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us as we bless the members of our church who are in care facilities or are homebound with Christmas caroling TODAY, 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.

COLLEGE STUDENT GOODIE BAGS

College students, stop by the table in the fellowship hall TODAY to pick up a "Finals Week Goodie Bag". This week, December 10-13, you are welcome to come to Trinity and enjoy a quiet place off campus. Enjoy free wi-fi, study rooms, white boards, snacks, and drinks from 8am-5pm.

"RESILIENCE" FILM VIEWING

This event has been postponed and will be shown after our next Wednesday night meal. "Resilience" is a movie that calls us to take action to help those who have been traumatized in childhood.

MOMS IN PRAYER

The Sunday morning Moms in Prayer group will not meet on Dec. 16, 23, and 30. They will resume on Jan. 6 at 9:30am in Adult Room 1.

MEN OF TRINITY

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS (K-5TH GRADE)

Kids K-5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's Area from 6:30 to 7:30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

6:30-7:30 in the Youth Room.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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

WORSHIP

"Joy To The World"

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery"

Offering / Announcements

Profession of Faith

"I Surrender"

Message

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):

No Sunday school today.

Kids will sit with their parents after singing.

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.

GROWING OUR MISSIONAL HEART:

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

Come to learn about God's heart for the nations, including how to support and send our missionaries well. Hear from one of the Engage Global staff members and Mark Tiemersma, our new mission partner at Radius International.

Looking Back, Longing Forward: A Hopeful Surrender

Luke 1:26-38