# 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.

Congratulations to **Doc & Lorraine Krommendyk** on celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on December 22. If you would like to bless them with a card, you may send them to Prairie Ridge.

Pray for **Pam Van Beek** as she recovers from heart valve surgery.

Pray for Zoe Heemstra as she recovers from ACL surgery.

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.

#### 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 ON E

# December 23, 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!

# **TODAY AT TRINITY**

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, **Youth Pastor Ben Vos** will speak about God's preferred future. If Advent is a season of waiting, then what is it that we are waiting on? And if we've done the work of looking backwards to learn and mourn and give thanks, then what are we longing forward for? God's preferred future is His kingdom come in all its power and glory and fullness. So as we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus again this Christmas, followers of this Jesus also wait and prepare for the kingdom of the Father, which is already here and still yet to come.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 2019 GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

**Becoming Better Readers of the Bible** is a 7-week class to help you gain confidence in reading and meditating on God's Word. Join us in Adult Room 4 on Sundays at 9:30am.

**Connecting Conversations** is an on-going class to walk with other Trinity folks to discuss the sermon preached that morning and to take steps in applying it to your life. Join us in Adult Room 4 on Sundays at 10:45am.

**Financial Peace University** course topics include: saving, debt strategies, budgeting, investing, home buying, insurance, and giving. Looking to beat debt and make a plan for the future? Join us for a preview session in Adult Room 2 on **Jan. 20 at 10:40am**. Sign up at connectwithrinity.com/ sign-up.

**Rooted** is a 10-week journey that will help you dive into key areas of the spiritual life in the context of meaningful community. This is our core discipleship and connecting class at Trinity. Sign up at connectwithtrinity.com/sign-up. Sessions start January 27.

**Men's Wild at Heart Book Study -** Men are invited to join their fellow Christian men for a lively discussion over the book WILD AT HEART by John Eldredge. This weekly Bible study will **start on Tuesday, January 8 from 6:30-7:30pm** in Adult Room 1. The book explores your natural masculinity and how God incorporates it into His plans and purpose for your life. To sign up, visit connectwithtrinity.com/sign-up.

**Dwelling in the Word -** God's Word has the power to change us from the inside out. Paul instructs us to "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly!" (Col. 3:16) This is why Scripture memory has long been a key practice for God's people. **Starting January 9**, join Pastor Brian and Dr. Jeff Barker on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm as they share tips and practices to help you memorize Scripture. Even if you think you can't memorize, this class is for you!

HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES We will only have two Sunday morning worship services (9:30 / 10:50) on December 23 and 30. We will resume our normal three worship service schedule (8:15 / 9:30

/ 10:50) on January 6.

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.

NURSERY ON CHRISTMAS EVE Our nursery will be open and available for use during our Chrismtas Eve services. However, volunteers will not be present to staff it.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS Our church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas. Office hours will stay the same throughout the rest of the week.

YOUTH GROUP & LIGHTHOUSE KIDS Wednesday night Youth Group & Lighhouse Kids will not meet for the next two weeks. They will resume meeting on January 9.

#### CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX

With the distribution of many holiday cards this time of year, we want to remind you to check your church mailbox for anything that has been left for you.

# WORSHIP

"Angels We Have Heard On High" "King Of Heaven" Offering / Announcements

"Go Tell It On The Mountain" "Revelation Song"

Message

Communion

# 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 & Worship will not meet today. They will resume meeting on January 13.

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

There is no Children's Sunday School today. They will resume meeting on January 13.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8): There is no Youth Sunday School today. They will resume meeting on January 13.

MOMS IN PRAYER: Moms in Prayer will not meet today. They will resume meeting on January 6. Looking Back, Longing Forward: God's Preferred Future Luke 13:18-21