## PRAYER

#### Pastoral Care Ministry Coordinators:

Julie Andersen: juliekandersen87@gmail.com & Bob De Boer: bobbyd.db@gmail.com.

#### Pastoral Care Team Members:

Sandi Carlson, Anita Cirulis, Karen Clark, 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.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Alma Bogaard** as she passed away in Storm Lake on November 19.

We extend our sympathy to **Dave & Sandy Harmelink and family** as Sandy's mom, Wilma Bertelsen, passed away on November 19 at her home in Logan, IA. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pray for **Pam Heemstra**, Cal and Bev Heemstra's niece and Scott Heemstra's cousin, who was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer. She will be undergoing intensive chemotherapy and surgery.

"Thank you to our dear friends at Trinity Church for your acts of kindness & generosity with food, visits, prayers, flowers, cards, memories & beautiful music during Dwayne's illness & passing. Thank you also to Sandi Carlson, Pastors Don Lenderink, Bob De Boer, Brian Keepers & others from the congregation for your many visits, uplifting scriptures & prayers. Finally, thank you to the church ladies for serving lunch after the funeral. The outpouring of Christian love & caring was overwhelming & very much appreciated. God is good - all the time." ~ Cheryl Plender & family

#### Pray for those who are homebound:

Prairie Ridge: Dorothy Weiss, Jeanette Van Voorst, Jeanette Vanden Hul, Margarita Lopez, Jo Leslie, Jane Garnett, Rod Vellinga, Helena Ludens, Randy Cleveringa, Marian Clark, Ardie Hegstad. Good Samaritan Society, LeMars: Donna Koenig, Paul & Lois De Jong. Happy Siesta, Remsen: Paul Van Wechel.

## Bulletin Prayer Request:

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Thursday at 9am 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

#### Life Groups:

Life Groups are becoming an increasingly important way to more fully live into your faith, particularly with the size of Trinity. 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 to step towards a deeper connection with Christ and others?** We have room for you! If you're hoping to get connected with a Life Group, sign up for more information at connectwithtrinity.com/sign-up.

#### 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.



To serve, visit connectwithtrinity.com/serve

## **ENFOLDING UPDATES**

We hope you will join us for a joint Thanksgiving Eve service with First Hospers on **Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30pm**. We will gather together at Trinity. Please bring along canned and non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Pantry.

#### November 24, 2019

## 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're 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 and we have a gift to say thanks for being our guest. Thanks for coming today!

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP** 8:10 // 9:30 // 10:50 AM

We live in a culture that tells us there's not enough and there's only so much to go around, so you should hold on tight to what you've worked hard for. We think that if we only had a little more, then we wouldn't have to worry, and our longings would be satisfied. But what if the joy and freedom we long for comes not from clenching our fists and clinging tight to what we have, but in opening our hands and hearts to a life of generosity? A life where we are able to trust God more fully? A life where we are able to freely give to others from what we have freely received? We may just find that as we embrace generosity, we are finally able to experience the fullness of life that God has for us.

Today as we conclude our series on abundance, **Pastor Brian Keepers** will explore the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25. As we think about whole life stewardship, we recognize that God gives each of us talents and calls us to practice risky faithfulness as we use them for his glory and the good of others. Too often we focus on what we lack, but the most important question is: what will we do with what we've been given?

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# ABUNDANCE

MOVING TOWARD A LIFE OF GENEROSITY





NOVEMBER 27 | 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

## JOINT WORSHIP WITH FIRST HOSPERS (SERVICE AT TRINITY)

Please bring canned & non-perishable food items to donate for the Food Pantry

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CENTERPOINT WORSHIP

Join us at Trinity TONIGHT (Nov 24) at 7:30pm for a time of prayer and worship with people across the Northwest Iowa region. All are welcome to come and join us in worship.

#### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

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#### THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY TROT

Registration is open for the 2019 Orange City Turkey Trot 5k run/walk. The 2019 beneficiaries are My Choice and Trinity Youth Missions. To register, visit orangecityturkeytrot.com.

#### THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL

All are invited to a free Thanksgiving Day Community Meal on **Thursday, Nov. 28** at Living Water Community Church in Orange City. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served from **11:30am to 1:00pm.** This meal is made possible through donations from area churches, businesses, families, and individuals. If you would like to donate food (fruit or pumpkin pies, turkeys and turkey bakers, bags of fresh cranberries, 40 oz. cans of sweet potatoes), donate money towards the meal, or help serve a 1-2 hour shift, please call Sandi Vant Hof at 712-230-0537 or email secretary@livingwatersheldon.com.

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS

Women (ages 10 and up) are invited to join us for our Christmas event, Stories of Elizabeth: The Blessing of Intergenerational Wisdom. We'll gather together in the church fellowship hall on **Saturday, December 14 from 9-11am**. Brunch will be served, followed by a devotional, and then we'll listen to stories from some of our own "Elizabeths." The morning will end with optional cookie decorating, led by Kari Broadway. There is no cost to attend the brunch. Cookie decorating costs \$6 for a half dozen or \$12 for a dozen plain sugar cookies. (Frosting and sprinkles included with both options.) **Sign up online or at the Welcome Center by Dec. 9.** If you have questions, please email Carrie Anderson at parisummer@hotmail.com.

#### DECORATE TRINITY FOR CHRISTMAS

We are looking for people willing to help decorate the church for Christmas! We're planning to decorate on **Tuesday, Nov. 26** from 6:30-9pm and on **Saturday, Nov. 30** from 10am-12. If you would like to help, please sign up online or at the Welcome Center so we can assign tasks beforehand.

#### CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT WORSHIP

We hope you will join us for contemplative worship with communion throughout the season of Advent. **Every Sunday at 4pm** we'll gather in the sanctuary to engage in a more intimate, reflective time of worship. We'll engage the mystery of the incarnation, God with us, through liturgy, prayer, singing, scripture, and the Lord's supper. We invite you to join us whenever you are available. Our first service is on Dec. 1.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Join us on **December 4 from 5:30 to 6:30pm** for our next Wednesday Night Meal. We're serving ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, and a dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per person. **We are looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up after the meal.** If you'd be willing to help serve or clean up, please sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

#### 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. 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 at beautiful Mink Lake Wilderness Camp. Our weekend trip will run from Jan. 10-12, leaving at 6am on Friday and arriving home by 9pm on Sunday. Cost to attend is \$75. **Please register online by Dec. 29.** If you have any questions, contact Shay Davis at 712-541-5279 or Pastor Bob at bobbyd.db@gmail.com.

#### AMERICAN R. CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

American Reformed Church in Orange City (407 Albany Ave SE) is rededicating their newly renovated building during worship today (Nov. 24). The public is invited to see the renovated spaces during an open house today from 1-3pm. All are welcome!

#### COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING

You are invited to a monthly community prayer gathering with a global focus on **Wednesday, Dec. 4** from 7:30-8:30pm at Living Water in Orange City (1005 8th St SE). The global focus will be Alaska and the local focus will be Atlas.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

"The Lion And The Lamb" "Goodness of God" "O Praise The Name"

Offering / Announcements

Message

"Here's My Heart" "Worthy Of It All"

## SUNDAYS AT TRINITY

#### 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.* 

### KIDS WORSHIP (AGES 4-5th GRADE)

**Children will be dismissed during each service.** Parents will need to pick up their children after the service in the Children's Area.

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

#### ABUNDANCE SERIES DISCUSSION Today at 9:30 in Adult Rooms 3&4.

Further engage the sermon series through discussion with others. Today is the last day this discussion will be held.

## WEDNESDAYS AT TRINITY

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS (K-5th GRADE) Lighthouse Kids will not meet this Wednesday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Youth Group will not meet this Wednesday.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Youth Group will not meet this Wednesday.

#### Abundance: Moving Toward Risky Faithfulness Matthew 25:14-30

## Step Up: Week 5

Moving toward risky faithfulness: We are called to steward all of the "talents" God has given us for his glory and the good of others.

#### Challenge Ideas

(no matter where you are at, go one step further)

1) Consider how you might make a sacrificial gift of your finances as an act of faithfulness.

2) Consider how you might give sacrificially of your time as an act of faithfulness.

3) Consider how you might give sacrificially of your talents as an act of faithfulness. Think especially of how you might steward your pain.