### **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.

Pray for **Kathy McKinstrey** as she was hospitalized this week with vertigo issues.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Alma Bogaard** as she passed away in Storm Lake on November 19. There will be a funeral at Trinity on December 7.

Pray for **Pam Heemstra**, Cal and Bev Heemstra's niece and Scott Heemstra's cousin, who is undergoing intensive chemotherapy for lymphoma cancer. She has already received 3 treatments, and will receive 13 more before undergoing surgery and a final treatment in Rochester, MN.

### 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.

# WORSHIP SERVE

To serve, visit connectwithtrinity.com/serve

# **ENFOLDING UPDATES**

Starting January 1, Trinity and First Hospers will become one church in two locations. As we draw closer to this start date, we are continuing to build a Core Team to be a part of the relaunch of the Trinity Hospers campus. We will worship together as one church in Orange City on January 5, 12, and 19. The Hospers campus will be relaunched on January 26.

There will be an opportunity on Sunday, December 15 after the 10:50 service for you to come and hear from Campus Pastor Kurt Bush as well as the Transition Team on how you can be involved. We will meet together in the youth room and provide a soup lunch for everyone in attendance.

### December 1, 2019

# WELCOME



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

The "holiday season" brings with it a mixture of emotions. We feel excitement and joy as we set up Christmas trees and string up lights and listen to our favorite Christmas songs and enjoy other traditions. But it can also be a time of stress and frenetic activity. For some of us, it brings sadness and feelings of loneliness. With all these different emotions and activities, the deepest, truest meaning of Christmas can get lost. What makes this month of December so special? What makes the season of Advent, which is about expectation and waiting, so important? The heart of the Christmas gospel and the true meaning of Christmas is that in this child born in Bethlehem, God has come to be with us. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory." (John 1:14)

Today, as we begin the season of Advent, **Pastor Brian Keepers** will explore with us John 1:1-5 and its significance for our lives here and now.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 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.

### 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.

### **HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES**

We will go to **two Sunday morning worship services** (9:30 / 10:50) on December 15, 22, and 29. We will resume our normal three worship service schedule (8:10 / 9:30 / 10:50) on January 5.

### **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 Welcome Center. Please package them in sets of 3 and drop off in Adult Room 1 by Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7pm.

### KIDS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS UPDATES

We will have Christmas Worship practice on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30pm. Christmas Worship will be on Sunday, Dec. 8 during all three services. If you have not indicated which service your kids will sing at, please let Kristin know (kristinbrouwer15@gmail.com). Advent starts today! There is a family Advent guide available on the counter outside of Kristin's office. The goal is to spend 3-10 minutes together as a family each day doing an activity that will focus on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus.

### LATINO FOOD FESTIVAL

Orange City's Hispanic community invites you to a Latino Food Festival on **Saturday, December 14 from 5-8pm at the MOC-FV High School**. There will be food, games, and activities for the whole family! There is a \$5 suggested donation for each plate of food. All donations will be given to All Kids Can Orange City Area.

### 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.

### UGANDA SUMMER TRIP MEETING

There will be an informational meeting about our summer trip to Uganda on **Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 & 10:50** in Adult Rooms 3&4. These meetings are open to anyone who would like to hear more about the trip. (Attending the meeting is not a commitment to going.)

### WHEELCHAIR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Are you able and willing to give 1-2 hours on Saturday, December 7 to help clear space for a new wheelchair ministry that Trinity is coordinating in partnership with Hope Haven? We will meet at 9am in the old NAPA Auto building (308 8th St. SW) across from Taco Johns. Please email Pastor Bob at bobbyd.db@gmail.com (or call the church office at 712-737-4542) if you are able to help.

### 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.

### **GENESIS HOUSE ANGEL TREE**

Consider blessing someone else this holdiay season by taking a tag off the Genesis House Angel Tree. The tree is in the fellowship hall. Take a tag, write your name on the list, purchase the gift on your tag, wrap the gift, and return the gift to the tree (with the tag securely attached to it) by **Dec. 23 at 3pm.** 

### 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**

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
"Great Are You Lord"

Offering / Announcements

Message

Communion

"What A Beautiful Name"
"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

# **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) No Kids Worship today.

Will resume next Sunday. Kids will be dismissed during each service

# YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8): No Youth Sunday School today.

Will resume next Sunday at 9:30 in the Youth Room.

# **WEDNESDAYS AT TRINITY**

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS (K-5th GRADE)
Wednesday night from **6:30-7:30** in the Children's Area.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Wednesday night from **6:30-7:30** in the Youth Room.

# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday night from 8:00-9:00 in the Youth Room.

# God with Us: In the Beginning was the Word... John 1:1-5