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 the students who have recently received Christ as their Savior and Lord: Andrew Boersma, James Bonnema, Ryan Boone, Isaiah Crane, Ross Evink, Cesar Martinez, Talon Moss, Bridget Plender, Brooke Swier, Palmer Van Marel, Beau Weber, Larkin Wede.

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 8, 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, on this second Sunday in Advent, we'll meet that strange and unforgettable character named John the Baptist, who was sent to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. As our children lead us in worship, **Pastor Brian Keepers** will explore with us what it means for each of us, and all of us together, to take on the role of John the Baptist. We'll see that we, too, are sent to be "reflectors of the light" by pointing the world to Jesus, the true light who enlightens everyone!

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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.

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.

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.

KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a few more Kids Worship (ages 4 - 5th grade) teachers to start in January. We need two teachers at 9:30 and three teachers at the 10:50 service. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristin Brouwer at kristinbrouwer15@gmail.com.

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. This opportunity is organized by the Mentoring Families group that came out of Trinity's Conexiones Team.

UGANDA SUMMER TRIP MEETING

There will be an informational meeting about our summer trip to Uganda **TODAY** (**Dec 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.)

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.**

MEN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership Team - Would you like to be a part of one of the teams that lead and oversee different aspects of the Men's Ministry at Trinity? Please talk to Shay Davis or Pastor Bob (bobbyd.db@gmail.com) to hear more about being a part of a spiritual growth, events, outreach or the service team.

Dog Sled Race Service Opportunity - Trinity has another opportunity this year to partner with one of our ministry partners, Coldwater Foundation, at the Gunflint Mail Run Dog Sled Race in Grand Marais, MN Jan. 10-12. Cost to attend is \$75. **Please register online by Dec. 29.**

Men's Summit Retreat - Join us for a weekend retreat at Lake Benton, MN February 21-23. Tom Henderson will lead us in what it means to live a life of obedience as we follow Christ. We hope you will join us for this time of rest and renewal with other men from Trinity. Register online by February 12.

ResGen Men's Summit - This is a one-day conference in Sioux Falls on January 25 with the mission of challenging men (18+) to grow and fulfill their calling as leaders, husbands, and fathers. For more information, visit resgen.org.

'Dad Tired' Men's Conference - Save the date for a men's conference at Maurice Reformed Church on February 29. Hear from Jerrad Lopes, pastor and founder of Dad Tired. For more information, visit dadtired.com/conference. Registration details coming soon. If you have any questions, email Caleb Haverdink at cjhaverdink@gmail.com.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

"King of Kings"
"Go Tell It On The Mountain"
"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
"Here I Am To Worship"

Offering / Announcements

"Mighty To Save"

Message

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. (The kids are leading us in worship at each service.)

Kids Worship will resume next Sunday. Children will be dismissed during each service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8): Today 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: Reflectors of the Light

John 1:6-9; 19-28