PRAYER

Pastoral Care Ministry Coordinators:

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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 **Nini and Ezra Kao**, daughter and son of **Han-Yen and Duha Lee**, who were baptized today.

Pray for **Carson Valentine** who made profession of faith today.

Pray for **Doug Carlson** as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Pray for **Darwin Koele** as he recovers from surgery on his leg.

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

Text us: 712.201.3090

Call the church office: 712.737.4542

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 ON E

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 TODAY 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 light lunch for everyone in attendance. Kids are welcome to attend with their parents.

December 15, 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

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)

On this third Sunday in Advent, we'll consider how Jesus, God with us, came into the world but the world did not recognize him. Jesus does not meet all the expectations of who we think God should be and how God should act. But as John the Evangelist tells us, "To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God." The good news of Christmas is that we can finally become who God created us to be in the gift of this Mighty Savior!

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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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES

We hope you will join us for one of our candlelight Christmas Eve services on **Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 & 5:30pm**.

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.

CARDS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

There is a basket in the front office 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. **Please drop off cards by Dec. 24.**

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.

HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

We will have **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.

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

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

"Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery"

Offering / Announcements

Baptism / Profession of Faith

"No Longer Slaves"

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) Children will be dismissed during each service.

This is the last day of Kids Worship until January 12. 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.

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: Power to Become Children of God John 1:10-13