

PRAYER

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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 **Berkeley De Hoyos**, daughter of **Nathayn and Clare**, who was baptized today.

Pray for **Audrey Jensen**, daughter of **Kaleb and Katie**, who was baptized today.

Pray for the **Cosgrove family** as they travel to Ohio for two weeks in January to get a service dog for their daughter Dee (age 11) and to receive training.

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**

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
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To serve, visit connectwithtrinity.com/serve

ENFOLDING UPDATES

Starting January 1, Trinity and First Hospers will become one church in two locations. 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.

We ask that you continue to pray for the enfolding process. Please lift up the members of First Hospers, Pastor Kurt and his family, and those in the Hospers community and region who do not yet know the name of Jesus.

December 22, 2019

WELCOME

TRINITYCHURCH
Connecting with God, others, and the world

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 fourth and final Sunday of Advent we reach the hinge pin of John's prologue—"the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." This is the story of Christmas—that God so loved the world, all those He created and breathed His very breath into, that He sent His one and only Son. That God wrapped Himself in flesh to become one of us, fully human, is an astounding act of love and grace! In great compassion and a desire to be restored to His own He, God—the Word—became man so that He could be our God and we could be His people! This is not our doing, but it is God's, and it is marvelous in our sight! Behold the wondrous mystery of the Word made flesh!

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DECEMBER 24 | 4:00 & 5:30 PM

contemplative

ADVENT WORSHIP

SUNDAYS AT 4PM | DEC 1-22

