PRAYER

As a staff, how can we be praying for you? Let us know at connectwithtrinity.com/prayer.

We express our sympathy to the Muyskens family in the passing of **Pat Muyskens** on November 25. There will be a memorial service on Wednesday, December 15 at 3pm.

We express our sympathy to **Marilyn Van Engelenhoven and family** in the passing of **Dave Van Engelenhoven** on November 28. There will be a memorial service on Monday, December 6 at 2pm.

We express our sympathy to the Leslie family in the passing of **Jo Leslie** on November 29.

Pray for Bev Grienke as she recovers from surgery.

Pray for Ann Sanson as she experiences health challenges.

Please pray for the refugee situation and the chaos and unrest currently happening in Afghanistan and other areas of the Middle Fast.

Pray for those who are homebound: June Bouma.
Prairie Ridge: Dorothy Weiss, Margarita Lopez, Helena Ludens, Randy Cleveringa, Marian Clark, Ardie Hegstad, Fran Koets, Bev Heemstra, Bev Grienke, June Vanden Berge. Landsmeer: Ron and Ann Sanson, Phyllis Scorza. Pioneer Memorial Home: Joyce Van Gorp. Fieldcrest, Sheldon: Eunice Dagel.

Moms in Prayer: All women (moms, grandmas, aunts, mentors, etc.) are invited to join a "Moms in Prayer" group at Trinity on Thursday mornings from 8:15-9:30 in Adult Room 3 to pray for students and schools. Contact Kay Joiner (joinerkay@yahoo. com) or Sam Winn (samantha_winn@hotmail.com) with questions. No sign-up necessary.

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

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Pastoral Care Team provides care, support, and ministry to various needs and life situations. At present, the team exists to care for individuals who are in care facilities, homebound or hospitalized.

Orange City Campus Pastoral Care Team:

Sandi Carlson, Anita Cirulis, Karen Clark, Marilyn Feekes, Dave and Sandy Harmelink and Dave and Lonna Kluis

Team Coordinator: Julie Andersen (juliekandersen87@gmail.com)

LOCAL NEEDS TEAM

Trinity's Local Needs Team assists people at Trinity and in the community with immediate, emergency and/or unexpected needs.

Part of what it means to be the body of Christ is that we recognize we all have needs. Admitting that you need help is not a sign of weakness. It points to our interdependence as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Financial Support

If you are facing financial challenges, please fill out a local needs request form at **connectwithtrinity.com/needs** so that our Local Needs Team can come alongside you.

Grocery Delivery

If you are in need of someone to pick up groceries for you, please contact Ashley Stanislav at ashley.stanislav@gmail.com or (712) 395-8739.

Mobile Food Pantry

Trinity's mobile food pantry meets people where they're at to offer support on a monthly basis. We are looking for donations of black beans (1 lb. bag), pinto beans (1 lb. bag), rice, maseca, canned fruit (with pull tabs), sugar (small bag), peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta noodles, pasta sauce and vegetable oil. Donations can be left on the table outside of the front office.

For more information about this ministry, reach out to Ashley Stanislav (ashley.stanislav@gmail.com) or Josh Van Es (jgvanes@yahoo.com).

CONNECT

Contact Us / Receive Updates:

Online: connectwithtrinity.com

Follow us on **Facebook and Instagram**Call the church office: **(712) 737-4542**

Text us: (712) 201-3090

Email updates: connectwithtrinity.com/signups

First Time Guests/Visitors:

If you're here for the first time, we would love to connect with you! Please text 'Welcome' to (712) 201-3090 and stop by the Welcome Center after the service. We'd love the opportunity to meet you, and we have a gift to say thanks for being our guest. We're grateful you chose to worship with us today and we hope you are blessed by our time together.

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/adults.

ONE CHURCH, TWO LOCATIONS

The Church is not a building but a community of people. Whether online or in-person, the people of Trinity gather at multiple times and in different locations throughout the week. While there are some slight differences between our campuses, what unites us is our shared mission to connect people with God, others and the world. We invite you to try whatever campus or worship service experience works best for you and your family.

Orange City Campus

Join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 8:10, 9:00 and 10:30.

Kids Worship Sunday School is offered during the 9:00 and 10:30 services for kids ages 4 through 5th grade.

Wednesday night programming is offered from 6:30-7:30pm for kids ages 4 through 5th grade.

Hospers Campus

Join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00.

Sunday School is offered from 10:10-11:00 for kids K-5th grade.

Wednesday night programming is offered from 6:30-7:30pm for kids K-5th grade.





December 5, 2021

WELCOME!

Welcome to Trinity Church! We're so glad you are joining us today, whether this is your first time worshipping with us or you have been with us for years. We pray that all who enter our doors would experience the life-changing, eternity-alterning love of God through Jesus. Whether you're joining us online or on campus, thank you for being here!

"Behold: Who Is Like Our God?"

As the saying goes, "Whatever we focus our attention on, expands!" It's easy to fix our gaze on other things, especially during the busy holiday season, instead of keeping our focus on Christ. Other relationships, priorities, and treasures steal first place in our hearts, and we lose sight of the bigness of God. Or we feel overwhelmed by hardship and adversity, and we forget that our God is greater than anything we face. Today, **Pastor Brian Keepers** will explore with us Isaiah 40:12-24, where the prophet calls us to behold God in all of his greatness and to trust that He alone sits on heaven's throne, no matter what happens in this life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE | TODAY

The holidays can be a difficult time for so many of us who have suffered loss—the loss of a loved one, a job, health. Whatever the loss, this time of year can feel especially lonely and hard. Join us for an intimate prayer service today, **Sunday, Dec 5 at 3pm** in the chapel (Adult Rooms 1&2) where Pastor Brian will lead a time of lament and lighting candles in honor of those we've loved and lost. Advent is a season that invites us to be honest about our grief, instead of denying it, and to bring it before our Savior who gives birth to new hope amid our pain. This service is open to the community.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us **Wednesday, December 8 from 6:30-8pm** for Christmas caroling! We'll meet at church and then pile into cars to visit a few shut-ins from our congregation. We'll provide songbooks and share a couple songs at each stop. After caroling, we'll head back to Trinity around 7:30 and enjoy some cider and treats. Advance sign-up is requested so we can arrange transportation.

GENESIS HOUSE ANGEL TREE

Bless one of the women and/or children who live at Genesis House this holiday season by taking a tag off the Genesis House Angel Tree. (Next to the Welcome Center.) Take a tag, write your name and number on the gift registry 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. 22**.

HOPE HAVEN WHEELCHAIR MINISTRY

Volunteer: For the last two years, Trinity has partnered with Hope Haven International to help build the padded parts of wheelchairs that are sent to children in need all over the world. We are looking for volunteers to help with simple tasks like sewing, cutting, and stapling. (We are especially in need of volunteers to sew). For more information or to serve with this ministry, visit connectwithtrinity.com/signups.

Sponsor a Wheelchair: If you would like to sponsor a wheelchair, stop by the table outside the sanctuary today. \$100 will sponsor a refurbished wheelchair. \$275 will sponsor a pediatric kid chair.

GIVING TUESDAY | THANK YOU

Thank you, Trinity family, for your generosity! **We ended our Giving Tuesday campaign with \$10,500**. These donations will be used to support the ministry of Phil & Olivia lekel and Nicole Opgenorth, our mission partners in Nicaragua, and to assist in the relief efforts of Afghan refugees.

SPECIAL THANKS

At Trinity, we love to see people using their gifts and passions to bless and serve others. A special thanks to Jerry Dykstra who built our new pulpit table for worship.

CONNECTION GROUP 10 | TODAY

Connection group 10 is meeting in the fellowship hall today at 10:30am. The elder/deacon contacts for this group are Anita Cirulis and Dave Van Den Brink. If you forgot your connection group number, or you'd like more information about connection groups, stop by the Welcome Center to talk with Julie Andersen (juliekandersen87@gmail.com)

IMPROMPTU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On December 19, our children will play a key role in leading us in worship and helping us prepare for Christmas. During both the 9:00 and 10:30 services, kids 4 years old-5th grade will be invited to participate in an "Impromptu Christmas Pageant" with Pastor Brian. Pick out your favorite character in the Christmas Story (Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, livestock, wisemen, etc.) and be ready to use your imagination as you play your part! No rehearsals necessary! It will be lots of fun, and a gift to the congregation!

ADVENT SOCIAL MEDIA FAST

Now through Christmas, we invite you to fast from social media. If we are stilling to behold our God, how might removing ourselves from the chatter and clatter of social media add to the still, the settledness, and peace? Our hope in the disconnection is space for deeper connection with what matters most: our relationship with God and others.

ADVENT RESOURCES/READING PLAN

Find resources to further engage our Advent sermon series at **connectwithtrinity.com/advent2021.** The landing page offers daily scripture readings and family Advent resources.

DOG SLED RACE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

It's back! Our men's ministry has the opportunity to assist one of our ministry partners, Coldwater Foundation, at the annual Gunflint Mail Run Dog Sled Race near Grand Marais, MN, January 7-9. Cost is \$75. 10 spots are available. Register at connectwithtrinity.com/signups by December 15.

HOPE CHRISTIAN SPONSORSHIP

Reminder to those who are sponsoring students through our Hope Christian Sponsorship: **please turn in your donations by December 19**. There is a box for checks at the Welcome Center or you can give online. Talk with Julie Andersen if you have any questions.

PRAYER TEAM + MINISTRY

If you have a passion for prayer and a desire to impact Trinity's prayer life, consider joining our new Prayer Team or Prayer Ministry Team. To learn more about the vision behind these teams or to sign up, visit **connectwithtrinity.com/signups** or email Sam Winn at samantha_winn@hotmail.com or Kristin Brouwer at kristinbrouwer15@gmail.com

9:00/10:30 WORSHIP

"Praise To The Lord The Almighty"

"King Of Kings"

Offering/Announcements

"What Child Is This"

Message

Communion

"What A Beautiful Name"
"He Shall Reign"

NURSERY & KIDS WORSHIP

NURSERY

Nursery is available for kids **0-3 years old** during the 9:00 & 10:30 services.

There is a Mother's Room located on the 0-2 side with a live broadcast of the service.

KIDS WORSHIP (AGES 4-5th GRADE)

Join us in the Kids Area at 9:00 and 10:30 this morning! Parents, please droff-off and pick-up your children.

ONLINE GIVING

You can continue to give to God's work at Trinity with a one-time or ongoing gift at **connectwithtrinity.com/give**, by texting an amount to **84321**, or through the **Church Center App**.

Please email **Laurie Kurtz** at kurtz.laurie@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like help with the online giving process.

SERVE

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Find a current list of available service opportunities online at **connectwithtrinity.com/signups.**

GIFTS/PASSIONS (FIND A PLACE TO SERVE)

Take 3 minutes to fill out a gifts and passions survey at **connectwithtrinity.com/serve** so we can help you get connected in a ministry area that you are passionate about. On this survey you will also have the opportunity to express interest in serving on specific ministry teams (ex: Nursery, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Hospitality Team, Tech Team, Worship Team).

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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Isaiah 40:12-24