ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | TONIGHT

All are invited to join us for our Kids' Christmas Program on **Sunday**, **December 12 at 7pm**. Cookies will be served after the program.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL | DECEMBER 15

Join us **December 15 at 6pm** for our next Wednesday night meal. These meals are offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month before kids programming. All are invited—friends and neighbors too!

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY | DECEMBER 15

K-5th grade students are invited to join us for a Christmas party at Wednesday night programming this week! We'll decorate cookies, go on a hay ride with caroling, and drink hot chocolate afterwards at church.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION | DECEMBER 16

Our next distribution is December 16 at 7pm at Trinity Hospers (use back entrance). We are in need of peanut butter, jelly, dry soup mixes, crackers and canned veggies. **Donations can be left in entryway bins.**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We hope you will join us for a Christmas Eve service on **Friday, Decem**ber 24 at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT

We have the opportunity to bless a local family for Christmas!

Ornaments, with suggested gift items for each family member, can be chosen from the tree. Please wrap your gifts, attach the ornament tags, and place under the tree in the lobby by Dec. 19.

HOPE HAVEN WHEELCHAIR MINISTRY

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.** For more information or to serve with this ministry, visit connectwithtrinity.com/signups.

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 | JANUARY 7-9

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 Dec 15.**

TRINITYCHURCH Connecting with God, others, and the world



December 12, 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.

<u>Hospers Campus</u>

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

"Praise To The Lord The Almighty" "King Of Kings"

Offering/Announcements

"What Child Is This"

Isaiah 40:12-24

Message: "Who Is Like Our God?"

"What A Beautiful Name" "He Shall Reign"

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY

Nursery (0-5 years old) - Available during the service. Sunday School (K-8th Grade) - 10:10-11:00am Christmas Program - 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Night Meal - 6:00pm Kids Christmas Party (K-5th grade) - 6:30-7:30pm Middle School Youth Group - 6:30-7:30pm (at the Orange City campus) High School Youth Group - 8:00-9:00pm (at the Orange City campus)

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).

PRAYER & PRAISE

Please join us in prayers of gratitude as **Harold Van Wettering** continues to recover at home.

Please keep **Jeanne Van Roekel** in your prayers as she continues to rehab after her concussion.

May God grant us eyes to see and hearts to notice those around us for whom these holiday seasons may not bring joy. May we care for them well.

Please join us in praying for our leaders, the Leadership Team and each of our campus consistories, as they continue to lead in a challenging season.

Join us in praying for those in and around Hospers that find themselves on the margins. Pray with us that God would give us eyes to see them and hearts to reach out to them.

Pray for those who are homebound: Carol Bras, Hermina Diekevers, Lucia Vander Ploeg, Alice Van Dyke.

Bulletin Prayer Request:

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please email trinityhospers@gmail.com by Thursday at 9am or give permission to Pastor Kurt to share the request. **Email:** trinityhospers@gmail.com **Call:** (712) 752-8444

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, hospitalized, undergoing surgery, or navigating critical health conditions and diagnoses.

Hospers Campus Pastoral Care Team:

Betty Johnson, Will Vander Ploeg and Orv Van Roekel.

Team Coordinator: Kurt Bush (kurtbush1@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. 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.