

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL SABBATICAL

We want to share some exciting news with you! Pastor Brian and Pastor Kurt both received a grant from the RCA and Lilly Foundation to take a 3-week mini-sabbatical as a way of experiencing a time of rest and renewal. Pastor Brian will take his December 26 through January 15 and Pastor Kurt will take his January 23 through February 13. **See our digital bulletin to read more about this** or pick up a hard copy at the Welcome Center. If you have questions about any of this, please contact Dave Van Den Brink (VP of congregation) or Naboth Netten (Hospers Leadership Team representative).

NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

We are planning a mission trip to Nicaragua with RCA mission partner Nicole Opgenorth. If you are interested and would like more information as details emerge, please **sign up online or at the table by the missions wall by the end of the day today.**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

Support local families by taking a tag for a needed item from the Trinity JOY Tree by our missions wall. Take a tag and return the gift with the tag attached **by December 18** so we can deliver prior to Christmas. (Please do not wrap the gifts.)

CARDS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

There is a basket by our missions wall 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 December 18.**

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR TRINITY KIDS!

Starting in January, Trinity Kids is looking for a kindergarten helper (9:00 service), a kindergarten teacher (9:00 service), a 4th grade teacher (9:00 service), and a 5th grade teacher (10:30 service). Contact emilycgroeneweg@gmail.com if you are ready to **help kids feel seen, known, and loved at Trinity!**

GENESIS HOUSE ANGEL TREE

Bless one of the women/children who live at Genesis House by taking a tag off the Genesis House Angel Tree. (Near the missions wall.) 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 by Dec 22** (with the tag securely attached to it).

CHURCH MAILBOXES

We're looking to revamp our church mailboxes (on the west end of the fellowship hall). If you'd like to continue using a mailbox or would like to have a mailbox, please call the church office or email office.connectwithtrinity@gmail.com and we will assign a mailbox for you. Mailboxes are available for both members and regular attenders.

LOST & FOUND

There is a table outside of our front office with lost and found items. Items remaining by January 1 will be donated.



ORANGE CITY CAMPUS

DECEMBER 11, 2022

WELCOME!

If you're here for the first time, we'd 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.

SERVICE TIMES

8:15 // 9:00 // 10:30 (The 8:15 Early Service is a quieter, more reflective and liturgical service with weekly communion.)

KIDS & YOUTH

Nursery (0-3 yrs old) and **Kids Worship** (ages 4 to 5th grade) are offered during the 9:00 & 10:30 services. **6-8th Sunday School** meets at 10:30.

CONNECT

trinityoc@gmail.com

Call: (712) 737-4542

Text: (712) 201-3090

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"You Hold It All Together"
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

Profession of Faith

Offering/Announcements

"Joy To The World"

Message | Pastor Brian Keepers
"Advent Songs: Zechariah's Song"
Luke 1:57-80

"Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery"



FIND A PLACE TO SERVE

Visit connectwithtrinity.com/serve to fill out a gifts + passions survey and express interest in serving on specific ministry teams (ex: Nursery, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Hospitality, Tech, Worship).

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 (through Dec 18) in Adult Rooms 3&4** as we read and discuss *The Carols of Christmas: Daily Advent Devotionals on Classic Christmas Carols* by Alan Vermilye.

CONNECTION SUNDAY

Today is a Connection Sunday! All are invited to join us as we gather in the fellowship hall from 10:30-11:30am to connect with others in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Coffee and cookies will be served!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The holidays can feel especially lonely and hard for many of us who have suffered loss—the loss of a loved one, a job, health. Join us for an intimate prayer service **today at 3pm** in the chapel (Adult Rooms 1&2) where Pastor Brian & Pastor Kurt will lead a time of lament and lighting candles in honor of those we've loved and lost.

ROMANIA MISSIONS UPDATE

All are invited to an "open house" on **Monday, Dec 12 from 7:30-8:30pm** in the church lobby with our mission partner Dave Nonnemacher (New Horizons).

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All are invited to join us for church-wide Christmas caroling on **Thursday, Dec 15!** Meet at church at 5:15pm. We'll start at Prairie Ridge and visit a few other places. If you plan to join us, sign up on our website at connectwithtrinity.com/signups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPROMPTU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT | DECEMBER 18

Next Sunday, during our 9:00 / 10:30 services, kids 4 years old-5th grade are invited to participate in an "Impromptu Christmas Pageant" with Emily & Pastor Brian. Pick out your favorite character in the Christmas Story (Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wisemen, etc.) and be ready to use your imagination as you play your part! **Kids are invited to wear a costume to church to play their role.**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

On Sunday, December 25, join us for worship at our **Hospers campus at 9:00am**. (There will be no services at our Orange City campus on Christmas Day.)

DOG SLED RACE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | JANUARY 6-8

Every year, our men's ministry assists our ministry partner, Coldwater Foundation, at the annual Gunflint Mail Run Dog Sled Race near Grand Marais, MN. This race is an all-day event for dog sledders all over North America. Cost is \$75. January 6-8. Ten spots are available. **Learn more + register online by Dec 20.**

PRAYER

How can we be praying for you? Let us know at connectwithtrinity.com/prayer.

Pray for those who made profession of faith today: **Carter Brightwell, Breeah Miller, Bridget Plender, Jackson Van Den Bosch, Larkin Wede.**

We express our sympathy to **Renee & Jeff Guthmiller, Chris & Jerry Dykstra, John & Kim Dykstra and family** in the passing their mom and grandma, **Ardie Hegstad**, on December 7.

Dexter Wiese has begun three rounds of chemo, which will last 9 weeks, to treat lymph node cancer. Please pray for Dexter and his family as they take the necessary steps in this process.

Please continue to pray for **Lila Simmelink** as she gets weekly infusions in Sioux Falls for a rare blood disorder. Pray that the infusions are effective, for traveling mercies, and protection from viruses.

Pray for those who are homebound: **June Bouma**. Prairie Ridge: **Margarita Lopez, Randy Cleveringa, Marian Clark, Fran Koets, Bev Heemstra, Bev Grienke, June Vanden Berge, Gordon Brumels, Al Dew, Jeanne Feekes, Joyce Van Gorp.** Landsmeer: **Phyllis Scorza**. Happy Siesta, Remsen: **Eunice Dagel.**

Bulletin Prayer Request:

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Thursday at 8am 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 and support to various needs and life situations. The team exists to care for individuals who are in care facilities, homebound or hospitalized: **Sandi Carlson, Anita Cirulis, Marilyn Feekes, Jake Moss, Julie Andersen** (Coordinator) - 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. Questions? Reach out to Logan Huisman (lhuismann@fcs.cc), Sara Nessa (saranessa11@gmail.com), or Val Stokes (vstokes@nwciowa.edu).

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.

Monthly Food Pantry: Donations of dried black beans (1 lb. bag), dried pinto beans (1 lb. bag), rice (1 lb. bag), maseca (4 lb. bag), canned fruit, sugar (4 lb. bag), peanut butter, cereal, spaghetti noodles, canned pasta sauce, and vegetable oil (32 oz) can be left outside of the front office.