

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPONSOR A STUDENT IN UGANDA

In 2019 we launched the Hope Christian Sponsorship Program for students in Namusaala, Uganda. The \$30 monthly sponsorship covers a student's school uniform, registration fees, food, and educational material. **We have 3 students who still need a sponsor this year!** If you're interested in sponsoring a student, see Julie at the Welcome Center or email juliekandersen87@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

We are looking for multiple volunteers to **donate 3 dozen cookies for morning worship on December 24**. If you can provide cookies, please sign up online or talk with Julie at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

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 17**.

SNOW SCOOPERS NEEDED!

We are planning to use more **volunteers for snow removal** at our Orange City campus this winter. If you are interested in helping with hand scooping or have experience operating a skid loader, please call or text Scott Simmelink (712-441-0153). We are also looking for volunteers that own larger equipment with loaders or blowers that would be willing to assist us with the larger snowfalls.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Being the body of Christ involves lending a hand when needed to those around us. Sometimes assistance is needed with rides, moving/packing/cleaning, household projects or repair, a meal, etc. Sign up on our website to receive updates as needs arise, then **respond to requests that match your schedule and abilities**.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Please remember to return your gifts for the Genesis House and Atlas by placing them under the Christmas tree in the lobby.

THANKSGIVING EVE DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who brought donations for our food pantry on Thanksgiving Eve. Your generosity has helped us restock the pantry for our December guests.

TRAVELING NATIVITY FUNDRAISER

The youth group of Maurice Reformed Church invites you to their live traveling nativity on **Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10 from 5:30-8:30pm**. A team of horses will lead wagons down a lit path while narrators share the Christmas story and students present the events leading to the birth of Christ. Enjoy a warm supper and refreshments in the church before or after you ride. This event is a free-will donation, with all proceeds going to support the youth group's summer mission trip to the Appalachia region next summer.

TRINITYCHURCH

Connecting with God, others, and the world

ORANGE CITY CAMPUS

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Offering/Announcements

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

Message | Pastor Brian Keepers

"A Thrill of Hope: Waiting in the Lions' Den"

Daniel 6:1-28

Communion

"Light Of The World"

SERVICE TIMES

8:30 // 9:00 // 10:30 (The 8:30

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

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Sign up for **Email Updates** at connectwithtrinity.com/signups

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).



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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL | DECEMBER 6

Join us on **Wednesday, December 6 from 5:30-6:30pm** for an assortment of pasta (including a gluten free option), salad, and ice cream. The suggested donation is \$3/person.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PLAY | DECEMBER 10

During worship on Sunday, December 10, several of our students will perform a Christmas Play for us! (**There will be no kids Sunday School on December 10.**) Thank you to NWC theatre major Marissa Leraas for directing this play, and to our students for their practice over the last few weeks. Join us at 9:00 or 10:30.

YOUNG ADULT GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Young adults, join us for a Gingerbread House Competition at our Orange City campus on Monday, December 11 at 7pm! We will provide the graham crackers and icing but ask that you **bring your own candy**. Please sign up online so we know how many supplies to purchase. Thanks!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CAROLING | DECEMBER 13

Women of Trinity, join us for our next connection event! Meet in the lobby of our Orange City campus on **Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30pm** to join us for Christmas caroling. We hope you'll join us as we spread Christmas joy!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE | DECEMBER 17

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 a **shared prayer service at First Reformed Church** (Orange City) on Sunday, Dec 17 at 5:30pm.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS COFFEE | DECMEBER 20

Calling all Trinity Senior Saints (Ages 65 and above)! You're invited to join us for a Christmas Coffee on **Wednesday, December 20 at 2:30pm** in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you, and hope for a great turnout from both campuses!

SUNDAY MORNING HOLIDAY WORSHIP

On Sunday, **December 24** we will have one morning service at 9am. On Sunday, **December 31** we will have one morning service at 10:30am.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We hope you will join us for one of our candlelight Christmas Eve services on **Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 & 5:30pm**. (The nursery will not be staffed by volunteers, though kids 0-3 are welcome to be in the nursery if supervised by a parent.)

DOG SLED RACE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | JANUARY 5-7

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 5-7. Ten spots are available. **Learn more + register online by Dec 26.**

PRAYER

Update on **Lila Simmelink**: Chemotherapy/immunotherapy treatments were completed mid-June for the Cold Agglutinin Disease (rare blood disorder) I have been battling for the past 16 months. After visiting with the Mayo/Sioux Falls doctors recently, we received the news that the chemotherapy was not effective in treating this disease, therefore there is still active red blood cell destruction. A new drug will be given by infusion every two weeks (probably after Christmas). This will not cure the disease, but will bring my hemoglobin up which will make me feel better. We will meet with an Infectious Disease doctor in Sioux Falls on Monday, December 4 to discuss several immunizations which will need to be given before the infusions can begin. Pray that the immunizations go well with no serious side effects. Our minds are bogged and we are reeling from disappointment, but we know that God is the Great Healer. We covet your prayers! Lila & Scott

Congratulations to **Steve & Kelsey Dorhout** on the birth of their daughter, **Aubrey Jean**, who was born on November 9.

We express our sympathy to **Jason & Marsha Bomgaars** and **Wayne & Kelly Bomgaars** in the passing of their dad and brother, Earl Bomgaars, on November 16.

Ron Katje has started treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He will have infusions for 6 months, and then will take medication for another year. Please join us in praying for Ron and Judy as they begin this journey.

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 comes alongside people at Trinity and in the community who have immediate, emergency and/or unexpected needs. Seeking to be the body of Christ, Trinity lends a helping hand through volunteers and through partnering with local ministries. Questions? Reach out to Logan Huisman (lhuisman@fcs.cc), Val Stokes (vstokes@nwciowa.edu), or the church office.

Financial & Practical Support: If you have an immediate, emergency, or unexpected need with finances, rides, moving/packing/cleaning, household projects or repair, food insecurity, etc., please fill out a request form at **connectwithtrinity.com/needs** so that our Local Needs Team can come alongside you.

Food Pantry Donations: Maseca (4 lb. bag), sugar (4 lb. bag), peanut butter, spaghetti noodles, or vegetable oil (32 oz) can be left outside of the front office.