

Welcome!

We are glad you are here! It is our sincere prayer that you will sense God's presence as you worship with us today. Our worship service is broadcast live each week on WHTC radio (1450AM) & is streamed live at www.whtc.com

Nursery is provided for infants through 3 year olds. Ask a greeter to direct you.

- Sunday School for ages 3 - adult is offered every Sunday from 11 am - noon, September through mid May.
- High School Youth Group meets every Sunday from 6 - 8 pm, September through April.
- Middle School Youth Group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 pm, September through April.

Please take a moment to sign the fellowship register during the offertory. If you are our guest, we would be delighted to send you information about Trinity Church. If there is any way we can serve you, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (396-6526).

Meet the Ministry Staff

Rev. Chris DeGraaf, Pastor
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Jon Wolters, Director of Youth Ministries
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Becky Bierma, Worship Coordinator
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Nancy Smith, Calling Pastor
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Ministry Highlights

Holiday Office Hours - The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25, as well as Monday, Dec. 31 & Tuesday, Jan. 1. In addition, office hours Dec. 26 & 27 will be from 8am-noon. Regular hours will resume Jan. 2.

New Consistory Members – At the December 6 Congregational Meeting, the following persons were elected to a 3 year term on consistory: Elders Jim Allen, Dianne Moker & Doug Schurman and Deacons Tom Lampen & Scott Baumgartner.

The Christmas Offering is designated for Audio Scripture Ministries to support the distribution of audio bibles. Trinity missionary Chad VandenBosch serves with ASM.

Connection Café Immediate Need

Store-bought, packaged cookies are needed every week for the Connection Café. A box to place your donations is available in the kitchen. Thank you!

January Connections is in your church mailbox. Please be sure to check your mailbox weekly for communication items.

Care Closet

Care Closet is closed until Wednesday, Jan. 9. Donations of *liquid fabric softener, mouthwash & laundry detergent* are needed to re-stock the closet. Three volunteers are also needed each Wednesday from 4:30-6pm. A sign up sheet is available at the information table. Thank you!

Adult Ministry

The First Dave Ramsey Class Was A Big Success! As a group, we cut up 10 credit cards, reduced our non-mortgage debt by \$8,200 and increased our saving accounts by \$2,400. If you are interested in this class, contact Ed or Beth Borgman to discuss times that would work for you. If you have any questions, please talk with the recent graduates of Financial Peace University: John & Penny Houting, Martin & Pat Trevino and Steve & Amanda Schurman.

Ladies Night Out - Sign up at the information table for the first Ladies Night Out of the New Year on Thursday, Jan. 17. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., followed by hands-on activities starting at about 6:15, and concluding with dessert at 7:45. This is a time of fellowship and service to our community.

Knitters Needed for a new prayer shawl ministry in partnership with a local Christian surgeon. For yarn & simple directions, see Gretchen Fisher, Barb Long or Betty Vredeveld.

MEN - The Wednesday morning Bible study group is taking a rare break from joining for prayer, study and breakfast this week. We will return to our study of Acts on January 2, looking at chapters 10 and 11 of these writings about the early church and how the Holy Spirit empowered witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Consider starting the new year with this opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth with a group of men who don't have all the answers, but are trying to be faithful followers of the Lord. 6:30am at church then 7:45 for breakfast at Russ's Easttown.

Luke 1:46-56
Mary and Elizabeth Rejoice
Sermon Notes December 23, 2012

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AT TRINITY CHURCH!***

December 23, 2012
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture Passage
Luke 1:46-56

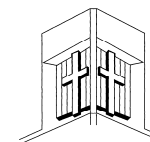
Message
Mary and Elizabeth Rejoice

Sanctuary Choir Anthems
Of the Father's Love Begotten
A Star Will Soon Shine

Hymn
Angels From the Realms of Glory (174) vs. 1,2,4
While By the Sheep We Watched (166) vs. 1-3

Worship Songs
You Are Holy
Angels We Have Heard of High

Participating in Worship
Pastor Chris DeGraaf, Preaching
Becky Bierma, Scripture Reading
Jean Boes, Organist
Sanctuary Choir
Trinity Praise Team



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Treasurer's Notes

2013 Contribution Envelopes – If you did not receive a contribution booklet in your church mailbox and would like to start using envelopes, please call the church office. The booklets consist of weekly envelopes which are pre-addressed and can be simply stamped and dropped in the mail if you are unable to attend or are a shut-in.

Year End Giving – As a reminder, according to IRS guidelines, any contributions that you wish to have included on your 2012 contribution statement must be at the church or postmarked by Dec. 31. Contributions received at the church and/or postmarked on or after Jan. 1 will be considered a 2013 contribution regardless of the date on the check.

Community Ministry

Breakfast with Baby – The next breakfast is Jan. 12 at New Community 4th Church. Current needs include diapers (3,4), wipes, winter coats up to size 2T, new & used winter clothes (especially sizes 12months - 2T boys & girls), cribs (no drop down sides), high chairs, walkers or exersaucers and infant car seats & toddler car seats (must be manufactured in the last 10 years & never in an accident). Donations may be brought to the church office.

Parents Needed! A local non-profit needs parents of 12-18 year olds to participate in a focus group that will help the agency better serve its clients, parents and the community. Go to www.dj-focusgroups.com and complete the form. You will be compensated for your participation.

Today's Servers

Greeters: Doug & Robin Dams
Ushers: Doug & Dawn Schurman
Ed Borgman & Steve Schurman
Nursery: Jeanne & Alani Dannenberg
(Infant)
Heather Oom & Olivia DeGraaf
(Toddler)

Servers for December 30

Greeters: Betty Vredevelde & Barb Jacob
Ushers: Lara & Noah Helmus
Teresa Harrington
Kevin Brower
Nursery: Marsha & Michelle Myaard
(Infant)
Mike & Brenda MacOwen
(Toddler)

Next Week at Trinity

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-58

Message

The Kingdom of Heaven

This Week at Trinity

TODAY, DEC. 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worship, **9:30am**

MONDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve Worship, **7:30pm**

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

Merry Christmas!!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

Wavecrest Basketball, **3:30pm**

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

Wavecrest Basketball, **3:30pm**

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith,
11am

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

Worship, **9:30am**

MONDAY, DEC. 31

New Year's Eve - Office Closed

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

Happy New Year!

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

Men's Bible Study, **6:30am**
Wavecrest Basketball, **3:30pm**
Sanctuary Choir Practice, **6:45pm**
Praise Team Practice, **8pm**

Thank You

From Evelyn Oosterbaan

Thank you for the nice Christmas cookies. It was nice to be remembered by the Trinity family.

From Ray and Julaine Knap

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers at the time of Ray's hospitalization. Thank you also for the delicious Christmas cookies!

From Hazel Dirkse

Thank you for the prayers, cards and care shown when I was recently hospitalized. I appreciate all the concern shown to me. A special big thank you to my special talented friends who are keeping the Care Closet running in my absence.

From Jerry and Mary VanMalsen

Thank you to our Trinity family for the Christmas cookies & cards. We appreciate all of you!

From Barb Dalman

Thank you for the wonderful plate of Christmas cookies. They were delicious! I appreciate your kindness.

From the Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study

Thank you to all who so generously participated in the Angel Tree program this year. Thanks to your open and willing hearts, over 90 children were provided with gifts & winter gloves & hats.

From John and Ruth Klungle

Thanks to all the wonderful Trinity bakers for the assortment of cookies delivered by the People Care Team. Thanks also goes out to the group of carolers who sang for us Wednesday evening. It was a real blessing to see familiar faces and hear the Good News in song.

Prayer Corner

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

- Happy Birthday today 12/23 to Mike MacOwen, 12/24 to Bev DeKorte, 12/31 to Joan Hof & Marv VandenBosch, 1/1 to Rick Dykstra and 1/2 to Kathy Helmus, Kennedee Leisure & Kyan Leisure.

CHURCH, COMMUNITY, COUNTRY, WORLD

- Ella Essenburg is Trinity's senior of the week. Please send cards & notes to Heritage Nursing Home, 320 E. Central Ave., Zeeland MI 49464.
- Sgt. Leah Luce, granddaughter of Lynn & Phyllis Post is Trinity's serviceperson this week. Leah serves with the Army National Guard & is a member of the 126th Army Band. She is a student at Grand Valley State University.
- Kayla (Borgman) Fik is Trinity's post-high student of the week. Kayla is a student at Western Theological Seminary. Her address is 87 E. 14th St., #2, Holland MI 49423. Her email address is kayla.fik@gmail.com.

Prayer Corner

HEALTH & HEALING

- Shirley Vereeke continues to heal from a compression fracture in her back.
- Jerry Lubbers continues with therapy at The Inn at Freedom Village. He is gaining strength.
- Tod Gugino, son-in-law of JoAnn Dykstra continues with chemotherapy treatments in an effort to put his heart disease into remission.
- Nancy Chapman, friend of Nancy & Cliff Ponstein continues with hospice care at her home.
- Sue Eenigenburg continues with chemotherapy treatments. She appreciates all the cards & prayers from Trinity Church.
- Please continue to pray for Hazel Dirkse, Kim Pelon, Barb Dalman, Shirley Perez, Joan Hof, Ruth Hoedema, Betty Diekema, John Klungle, Marv & Arlene VandenBosch, Chuck Arends, Loren Verburg, Mary VanMalsen, Marv Kroll, Doug & Lavonne VandeWege, Mimi Kedash, Roger Langeland, Clare Slager, Kyle Bruursema, Howard Langeland, Kim (Adam Smith's step-brother) and Jen (neighbor of Adam & Nancy Smith).

After Hours Emergency Telephone Number

396-6526 (press 2 & leave a message)