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– 1 Peter 3:8

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ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



Sisters and brothers,

On Sunday, April 22 we commissioned our Welcoming Ministry Team—also known as the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Team. It was a bold and prophetic move for Trinity and speaks to a hopeful and expansive future doing God's work in the Valley.

What is Reconciling in Christ?

Reconciliation is the work of Christ's church. The Apostle Paul writes: "...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and *has given us the ministry of reconciliation*; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us." (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

Reconciliation is the restoration and renewal of relationship. This is not just making things "okay." Reconciliation includes acknowledging the hurt that has passed between us and God, between us and others. Reconciliation takes attention, prayer, patience and love that is of God.

There are those in our communities that have been grievously injured *in the name of Christ*. Those who have been told that their lives are sin, that their bodies are sin, that *they* are a sin, that they are unworthy of inclusion in the body of Christ. They have had their hopes and dreams for family, relationships, and vocation constrained because of who they are. Our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) siblings have been hurt *by the church*—perhaps not specifically by Trinity, but by the Christian church nevertheless. Some of you know this pain personally or on behalf of a loved one.

Certainly not all Christians are hateful toward the LGBTQ community. Even some in the church that do not affirm them may endeavor to speak out of a faithful conviction based in a particular interpretation of Scripture. And yet, that can still cause pain and disrupt relationships. And it often results in the body of Christ driving people away.

Called by God, empowered by Christ for a ministry of reconciliation, Trinity Lutheran Church has commissioned a team to lead us through the process of building an inclusive church. This is a careful process that includes conversation, study, prayer, discernment and ultimately a congregational vote.

What do we vote *on*? We vote on a statement of welcome that becomes part of our lived commitment to welcome, part of presence on the web and in our published materials. This statement of welcome (which will be drafted as part of the work of the Welcoming Ministry Team) will *explicitly* welcome those who have been marginalized because of gender identity, sexuality, race, color, disability and so on.

The adoption of this statement means we become recognized formally as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. We are then listed on the Reconciling Works website for people seeking a safe place to worship, to bring the one with whom they share their life, and to raise their families in a beloved community of faith.

Aren't we already welcoming?

Many of you find Trinity to be place where you, your LGBTQ friends and family are welcome. After all, we include a welcome to same sex couples in our wedding policy. So the most common question we get asked is: Aren't all welcome here? Why do we need to be specific about it?

That brings us back to reconciliation. Those who speak in hate or harsh judgement in the name of Christ have made it difficult for the LGBTQ population to risk entering a church unless it has been *clearly* stated that they are welcome and safe. Reconciliation means admitting sin and pain have occurred—even if you haven't been at the heart of it. Reconciliation means offering a specific word of welcome and creating an accompanying safe and affirming space to worship, serve and grow in faith.

Additionally, other people who may feel marginalized have expressed that when a congregation becomes a Reconciling congregation, they believe that they and

their families are also welcome. This includes divorced and blended families, people of color, immigrants, impoverished people, people with disabilities and others who have not always felt welcome in a church. Furthermore, there are people who prefer Reconciling congregations regardless of their family make up; they just want to be part of a congregation that explicitly welcomes ALL people.

Does this mean we are becoming a "gay" church?

We will not become a church that focuses our ministry on any one group over another. Through thoughtful discernment and prayer, we endeavor to become the church God is calling us to be and to live out our commitment to welcome in word and deed. And we will continue to strive to be a place where all can grow in love, belonging and faith.

If you have questions about this process or if you would like to be involved, please contact Jenny Rediske, Laura Fredericks or me. You can also find more information at www.reconcilingworks.org.

Pastor Chris

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651-323-1328

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WELCOMING MINISTRY TEAM
EDUCATIONAL EVENT:

The LGBTQ Community in Out Midst
Panel Discussion: Time for Questions
Sunday, May 6, 10:30 a.m., Garden Room
Learn firsthand about what it means to be part of the LGBTQ community and how to be accepted and included in our churches. Please join us on our Reconciling in Christ (RIC) journey! Questions? Contact Jenny Rediske at jkrediske@comcast.net or 715-557-0074.

Trinity Financial Update

March Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2018

	This Year	Last Year	'18 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	775,386	687,119	1,300,000	60%
Other Income	365,243	301,246	466,000	78%
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,140,629</u>	<u>\$ 988,365</u>	<u>\$ 1,766,000</u>	
less: Expenses	1,158,595	1,131,387	1,776,145	65%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (17,966)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (143,022)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (10,145)</u></u>	

Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	2,921,532	3,050,204
Increase (Decrease)	(77,197)	(74,427)
Long-Term Debt - End of March	<u><u>\$ 2,844,335</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,975,777</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance - March 31	\$ 793,394	\$ 798,394

Note: Financially, we did not have a strong March. We have now dipped into a deficit position year-to-date, \$18,000 for the fiscal year-to-date 2018, through March. That compares to a deficit of \$143,000 as of March, one year ago! Comparing February versus March of this year: March contained a 3rd bi-weekly payroll (as noted at Council last month), a \$32,000 difference. As well, Contribution Income was down \$11,000 and Rental Income on church space was down \$7,000, accounting for our deficit position. Contribution Income for March 2018 was \$81,000 compared to \$85,000 in March 2017. Year-to-date our Contribution Income is \$88,000 higher and Operating Expense is \$58,000 less than a year ago at this time.

Enhancing the Worship Experience with Lights & Sound

This article reports the progress of the Worship Ministry Team committee, chartered by the Congregational Council to investigate improvements to the lighting and sound systems at Trinity.

Better Lighting for a Better Future!

Photos taken in our sanctuary in the early 1990's reveal how much the quality and quantity of lighting has diminished in the intervening years. Back then, the working blinds for the skylights above the altar could filter sunlight to desired levels. The pendant fixtures over the seating area illuminated both up and down, and we could control groups of lamps to great effect.

Time takes its toll on technology. The 1980s-era control system is failing, causing lights to operate erratically. Skylight blinds ceased to operate reliably and have been set to the closed position to prevent glare on the video screen. Lamps that illuminated the ceiling, always challenging to replace, were left dark once they failed. More efficient LED bulbs replaced the downward facing floods, but cast small, harsh pools of light over the portions of the seating area, leaving dark spaces between.

Today, working with professional lighting consultants who specialize in

worship venues, we are investigating ways to reclaim an evenly well-lit sanctuary using modern, energy-efficient technologies. Large bowls will replace existing fixtures and mainly illuminate the wood ceiling, which will evenly reflect warm light downward without glare. Collectively, the bowls will provide enough illumination to achieve the levels recommended for a worship space, and will employ all new digital controls, while utilizing the existing wiring in the ceiling.

We are also investigating ways to improve the lighting at the front of the Worship Center to better enhance visibility of our leaders, choirs and musicians in worship and presenters for other events. Energy savings will extend throughout the building as we replace older fixtures with modern energy efficient technologies. The energy savings, coupled with energy rebates from Xcel Energy will enable us to pay off the improvements within three years. To save even more money, our facilities team will perform some installations themselves.

In the coming weeks, with Council approval, expect to see parts of this plan materialize. The most visible change will occur in the Worship Center with the installation of the new bowls. That should occur sometime this summer. We acknowledge that

some improvements, such as working skylight blinds, will have to wait, but the plans we have presented here should address our most pressing concerns.

Sounds like a Good Plan!

Trinity's Worship Center sound and video systems are equally vulnerable to the constant change of technology. While our primary speaker systems are current enough to last for another decade, changes in FCC laws require us to replace all our wireless microphones and assistive-listening devices by 2020. The Council will be advised of this expense, as well as of the cost estimate for updating the video projection and recording system, which would bring our broadcasts up to high-definition standards. This would also allow us to live-stream our services and other events, expanding Trinity's reach to the community and the world.

Worship Texts

Below are the scripture texts (from the Narrative Lectionary) that will be used on the date listed to prepare the message for worship.

May 6 **Phillipians 1: 1-18a**
Partnership in the Gospel

May 13 **Phillipians 2: 1-13**
The Christ Hymn

May 20 **Acts 2: 1-21; Phillipians 4: 4-7**
Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord

May 27 **Exodus 19: 1-6; 20: 1-2**
Ten Commandments



Valley Access Channels

Valley Access Channels has updated and improved the local Inspirational Channel for Valley Access TV which is broadcasted on Comcast Channel 18 throughout the Valley Area. Listed below are the new times Trinity Lutheran Church is broadcast on channel 18:

Sunday 11am (LIVE)
Wednesday 1 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Wednesday 11 p.m.
Thursday 7 a.m.
Thursday 11 a.m.
Friday 4 p.m.
Friday 10 p.m.
Saturday 2 a.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.

The Sunshine Ministry will be selling embroidered and painted kitchen towels, as well as dish cloths, on **Sunday, May 6**—just in time for Mother's Day!

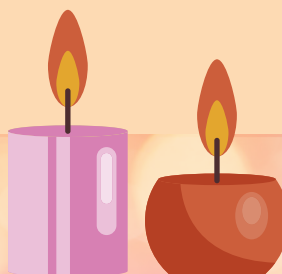
Second Sunday Contemplative Worship

HONORING
WOMEN & GIRLS
ON MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 13
5 p.m. in the Heritage Chapel

WE GATHER on the second Sunday of each month for a meditative service. There will be prayers for peace, healing and strength. Join us whether you have burdens you are carrying, or just want a time of quiet reflection.

This month on Mother's Day we focus on the special needs of women and girls. Please come for a time tailored to honor that you are uniquely created in God's image! Bring your mothers, daughters, friends and all the women special in your life! Men are welcome.



Hospitality

by Ann Wolff, Hospitality Coordinator

Recently our missionaries were welcomed in Mexico with unbridled hospitality. Could we do the same? Our Scandinavian heritage might say no. "Unbridled" would not describe the stereotypical display of emotions of our Swedish ancestors.

Missionaries, can you pay it forward on Sunday mornings and teach us the hospitality that you learned in Mexico? You gave us a sample a few weeks ago. It was great!

What would unbridled hospitality even look like at Trinity? Greeters in the parking lot. Greeters outside opening doors. Greeters lined up down the ramp at both entrances. People in the Narthex and in the Commons seeking out people they don't know instead of seeking out people they do know. Worshippers sitting next to someone they don't know and then, over time, getting to know them. Teams of coffee servers filling our cups and indulging us with donuts and homemade cookies. Everyone looking forward to Sharing the Peace with untamed enthusiasm.

What would unbridled hospitality sound like? Ding. Ding. Ding. Ding. Ding. Ding. My cellphone announcing messages from everyone who wants to arrive at church a half hour early to usher or to greet.

Ding. Ding. Ding. Ding. I hear your messages filling up my inbox. Thanks!

Ann Wolff,

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The Ennen family welcoming worshippers with smiles on Easter morning.

Rethink Charitable Giving by Andrew Thelander, Stewardship Team

When making the decision to share our financial gifts with Trinity Lutheran Church, most of us go the easiest, most familiar route and write checks or sign up for automated giving via a bank account or a credit card. This simple approach of charitable giving has traditionally been a great way to receive an income tax deduction while doing some good at the same time. The new 2018 tax reform law that went into effect this year may, however, encourage some to look beyond cash for the right assets to give. According to the Tax Policy Center, about 11% of households are projected to itemize deductions, down from 26% under the prior law. This means your charitable gifts may not generate the same tax breaks for you as in the past.

For many of us the benefits of giving extend far beyond tax breaks. Yet, it's still very important to understand some lesser known and less frequently used forms of charitable giving that have become even more attractive under the new tax law. If you're beginning to rethink your charitable giving method, consider one of these other ways to fulfill your Trinity Giving Plan.

Take Advantage of Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you're 70 ½ years of age or older and are taking required minimum distributions, otherwise known as RMDs, from your IRA consider taking advantage of a qualified charitable distribution. This strategy enables you to transfer a full or partial amount of your RMD up to a maximum of \$100,000 each year out of your IRAs tax-free to charity. You avoid having to pay taxes on your qualified charitable distribution while having it count towards satisfying your RMD (as long as the funds come out of your IRA by December 31) and in turn Trinity Lutheran Church receives the full value of your qualified charitable distribution.

Establish a Donor-Advised Fund

A donor-advised fund is an investment account held for charitable purposes. Donors take tax deductions when they add money in, then recommend grants to charities over time. One could

"bunch" several years of donations to a donor-advised fund into one year, and take the tax deduction, but then have the fund pay out the gift annually in equal amounts. Trinity Lutheran Church would get the same amount each year, even in years when the donor did not itemize deductions. The most common contributions are appreciated securities including shares of company stock that were distributed using a Net Unrealized Appreciation (NUA) strategy. A donor-advised fund can also be a great mechanism for teaching children (and grandchildren) about responsible charitable giving habits.

Donate Appreciated Assets

If you're not quite ready to establish a donor-advised fund but still have appreciated securities that you have owned for more than a year, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, consider gifting these appreciated assets directly to Trinity Lutheran Church. The church would receive the full value of your donated asset and you would be eligible for a tax deduction. This strategy works especially well if you have a large amount of a single stock and want to diversify from it or have shares of an appreciated asset that you purchased or acquired through other means that is missing cost basis information.

Generate Income from a Charitable Remainder Trust

Donors with significant cash, securities, or other property that want to further help the church but also need or want income can consider other charitable giving strategies such as a charitable remainder trust, or CRT. The donor can fund a CRT with a highly appreciated asset to get an immediate charitable tax deduction and will receive income from the trust for life or for a pre-determined period. When the income beneficiary passes away, whatever is left in the trust is distributed to charity (remainder beneficiary). The remainder beneficiary can be one or more charitable organizations including Trinity Lutheran Church.

If you have any questions on how you can rethink your charitable giving with Trinity Lutheran Church, please speak directly with a member of the Stewardship Team or contact Bob Eiselt at 651-439-7400, ext. 314 or beiselt@trinitylc.org. On behalf of the entire Trinity Lutheran Church staff and Stewardship Team, thank you for your generosity, prayers, and partnership. Through our collective giving, Trinity's ministries grow and evolve, and amazing things happen as God works through us.

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Faithful Living.
Faithful Giving.



Photos from the Ladies Talk & Tea on April 7. We enjoyed wonderful tea and refreshments and were entertained by Pati Kachel from The Parable Fund.



Hope for Recovery Class presented by NAMI

RESCHEDULED:

**Saturday, May 19,
9 a.m.—3 p.m. at Trinity**

Obtain information about mental illnesses, treatments, crisis management, suicide prevention, the mental health system and local resources along with practical strategies for helping a loved one or friend. This includes learning the LEAP strategy for improving communication: Listen, Empathize, Agree-on what you can, and Partner.

This is a six-hour workshop for family and friends of a teen or adult living with a mental illness and people living with a mental illness who are doing well in their recovery.

NOTE: Lunch is not provided as part of the workshop so we suggest participants bring a bagged lunch.

More information and to register:
<https://hope-stillwater4-21.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Contact Jeneal Olson
at momjmo@comcast.net or Faith
Community Nurse Sue Peterson at
speterson@trinitylc.org.





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HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

This ministry offers Trinity's home-bound the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, and it is a means for them to participate in the worship of the congregation. It also reminds those who are able to gather publicly that they are united in Christ with our sisters and brothers who are absent.

The elements (bread and wine) are blessed during our Sunday Communion service, then our Home Communion Volunteers take them out into the community—to the homes, assisted living and care centers where our home-bound members reside. In this way, all may be fed with Christ's love and strengthened for his service.

Trinity's Home Communion Volunteers are a subset within our Volunteer Visitation Program. Not all volunteer visitors feel comfortable offering communion during their visits. Those who do feel called to Home

Communion Ministry are equipped with a short collection of appropriate prayers, bible verses, words for distribution and a blessing. These are straightforward and accessible for both the volunteer and the homebound member. For example:

Scripture: Jesus told His disciples: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
[Matthew 18:19]

Prayer after Communion: We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. Strengthen us so that we may lead lives of gratitude and extend to others your abundant love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are interested in serving as a Home Communion Volunteer, please contact Pastor Deb, 651-323-1309, dost@trinitylc.org; or Sue Peterson, Faith Community Nurse, 651-323-1335, speterson@trinitylc.org.

Pastor Deb

This month we offer the fifth of twelve heartfelt prayers from Trinity's, "Visitation Prayers," booklet. All the prayers were written by members of our faith community.

FEELING ANGRY WITH GOD

Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Psalm 88

¹ O Lord, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence,

² let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.

PRAYER

Most Gracious and Merciful God,

We cry out in desperation, for darkness is drawing in and we cannot cope. Day by day our fears and worries increase, and there is no resolve and no relief. O God, it is hard lately to find peace, and our pain slowly grows into anger and resentment. Have you forgotten us, dear God? Have you forgotten the promises that you have made to us through our ancestors? Answer us God, and be our safety and refuge. Lift us up and give us deep faith even as we shake our fists at you. Let our prayers be heard, God, as we cry out, weak and weary. Lay your healing hand on us; restore us to wholeness and strength. God, we know that your love is deep and unending. Help us to stay committed to you as you are to us. God, take away our anger and help us to live in unending praise and glory to your holy name. Listen to your children praying, as our eyes grow dim with sorrow, and send your spirit in this place.

Amen.

– Matt Garavalia



Psalms for Your Psummer

Psay What? Psalms and the Pspoken Word For Upper Elementary (3rd – 5th Grade)

These psessions will be filled with rap-type music, dance, and a psnack. We will explore the Psalms and lead the kids to write their own Psalms that express their relationships with God. These will be pshared the final night at the Ps'more Worship pService (see below).

Designed and led by Julie Jolivet, Pastor Peter, Dave Sherer (AGAPE) & generous volunteers.

June 11-13, 6 – 8 p.m., \$30

Sunday, May 20, 1-3 p.m. Wildflower hike & play for kids and their parents

Meet at the church and walk together to the ravine and trail just north of Trinity, off Mulberry St. This time of year there are usually tons of wild violets blooming in the ravine and there is a little pstream running through it that is pshallow and perfect for exploring and playing. The trail is paved (though you have to go a little further up Mulberry to access the ramp instead of pstairs) and there is plenty of room in the grass between the trail and pstream to pspread out blankets and lounge and read a Psalm.

Designed and led by Angie Hong, Free

Psay What? Psalms and Psongs For Younger Children (PreK – 2nd Grade)

Each of these psessions will be filled with awesome music, fun activities, beautiful crafts, tasty psnacks, and an intergenerational touch—all exploring Psalms and helping children express their relationship with God. The children will pshowcase what they learned at the evening Ps'more Worship pService June 13th (see right).

Designed and led by Julie Jolivet, Pastor Peter, Robin Cain & generous volunteers.

June 11-13; 9 - 11 a.m., \$30

Psay What? June 13th Ps'more Worship for the Whole Family

This worship pservice will be Psalm-themed, family-friendly, and will feature the younger children and upper elementary kids who attended the Psay What sessions earlier this week. Come early for a psimple psupper and pstay afterwards for ps'mores on the green pspace.

June 13

5:30 p.m. – free psimple psupper (Garden Room)

6:15 p.m. – worship

7 p.m. – ps'mores on the green space

Summer Stretch

Wednesdays in June, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Students completing Grades 6/7/8 Cost: \$100 for 4 sessions

Join with kids from churches all over the St. Croix valley for Summer Stretch 2018! Summer Stretch is a series of Wednesdays for middle school kids that combines a morning service project and a fun afternoon activity. Meet new people, have some fun, and make a difference in our community! Invite your friends!

June 6 Service: Feed My Starving Children in Eagan **Event:** Nickelodeon Universe, Mall of America

June 13 Service: Various Service Projects Around Stillwater **Event:** Trollhaugen Adventure Park

June 20 Service: Various Service Projects Around Stillwater **Event:** Lake Elmo Park Reserve and Beach

June 27 ValleyFair All Day Event (ending back at Trinity at 7 p.m.)

Drop-off and pick-up each day at Trinity, 115 N. 4th St., Stillwater, MN 55082

COST: \$100, \$120 after May 17 (June 1 is the registration deadline)

P A S T O R O F L I F E L O N G F A I T H
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P E T E R W E S T O N M I L L E R



Lifelong Faith Formation: It all starts with baptism

At our daughter's baptism, we sang this great little tune where you could insert a name into the chorus: Welcome, Emily, to the love of God—to the love of God.

As a Pastor, there are few things that warm my heart more than welcoming new brothers and sisters into Christ through the waters of baptism. It doesn't matter where folks come or what their background, baptism unifies us as the Body of Christ in the world. We are all one in Jesus' Risen life.

Most people think that baptism is some kind of insurance policy for the soul, or a check-box to silence grandparents, but God's desire for baptism is really about a public faith in Christian community.

Baptism isn't just a noun, it's a verb. It's ongoing. As with all things with God, it never ends. Baptism is God's work in us and for us forever.

What is Baptism and why is it different than a dedication?

Many churches and denominations differ in their understanding of baptism. Some practice full immersion. Some only baptize "believing" adults. Others offer dedications or Christenings—though I am still unclear about what they do to the front of ships.

For Lutheran Christians who baptize infants, we believe that God always acts first in our faith. Baptism publicly celebrates God's initiation for us into a lifelong relationship of unconditional love. We remember that God does not require a mature or intelligent faith before claiming us. God opens wide the door and pours out faith upon us regardless of how qualified or prepared we are. Just as newborn children are

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always loved and included in the family, God welcomes us from the start. No exceptions. We are washed in the promise that in Christ nothing can ever separate us from God.

We can't be reminded of this enough.

Baptism also sets us on a lifelong course of God's faithful forgiveness and our daily renewal. In the Bible, God uses water to create, to heal, to rescue those who are in trouble, to cleanse our sin, and to satisfy those who are thirsty for compassion and community. No matter how broken, disheveled, or disappointing our life may be, baptism assures us that God will never abandon us.

Baptized Life at Trinity

At Trinity, every baptism is a joy! We want children and their families, as well as adults seeking baptism to experience the full breadth and depth of God's love in this community and to find a unified body of folks seeking the same active faith:

To live among God's faithful people;

To hear the word of God and share in Holy Communion;

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;

To serve all people following the example of Jesus; and

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

For all ages, at every level, we keep being reminded of these shared baptismal promises.

So that everyone is welcomed in God's active love.

Scheduling a Baptism

For children and their families (who have not had a child baptized) or adults at Trinity, we would love to meet with you and talk about what this Sacrament is all about. You can call the church office to start the paperwork and schedule a time to meet with a pastor or the Baptism Team.

More Resources

If you would like more information or to get a head start Baptism Orientation, here are a couple of resource that you can pick up at Trinity's Library or online.

Water, Come Down, Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Let the Children Come, Daniel Erlander

Living the Promises of Baptism - 101 Ideas for Parents, Augsburg Fortress

Living Our Baptismal Covenant, <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Living-Our-Baptismal-Covenant>

In the Promise of Baptism,
Pastor Peter

Renewal: Seeking God's Vision for Trinity

THANK YOU for your participation in listening conversations. Lutheran theologian, Paul Tillich asserts: The first duty of love is to listen.

Thank you for deeply listening for God's vision for Trinity and for participating in the Congregational Vitality survey and one-on-one conversations. On April 16th, our trained listeners shared snippets and themes from around 200 one-on-one meetings. There was great energy and insights from the group.

The next big step in this process is to listen in and through the surrounding Stillwater community. More listeners will be reaching out to local businesses, community leaders, and active partners to see what God is up to beyond Trinity's walls. The Renewal Team will continue to update the congregation as we glean more from this process and where God is calling us into the future.

On Facebook?

Looking for a new way to connect with others in CYF programming? Join our new Children, Youth and Families group. Search:

Trinity Stillwater CYF
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/776989392499282/>





This year, 45 high school students and 15 adult leaders traveled to Chuburna Puerto on the Yucatán Peninsula for a week of service and growing in faith together. For four days, the team shoveled cement, carried buckets of gravel, and prayed over the families and neighborhoods we served. In all, six roofs were completed for six families in Chuburna and one roof was completed on a church in Merida. For many of the families we worked with, the roof we finished was the first secure roof they have ever had on their home. It will protect them from the weather and help maintain a clean, healthy space to live and grow in. As one man put it, "this roof is for my children."

In addition to this good work, our youth ran a morning of VBS programming for the area children, worshipped alongside one another each night, and built new relationships through meals, small group time, and fighting scorpions! To everyone who sponsored and prayed for this experience, the missionary team thanks you. We are humbled to have served God and the people of Chuburna together. God is good!

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God Loving Outdoor Women

GLOW KICKOFF EVENT

Sunday, May 20, after worship in the Narthex

Stop by for a treat and see what activities GLOW has planned for 2018-19. We are working to have something for everyone—those that want higher intensity activities and those that prefer a leisurely stroll outdoors.

The GLOW leadership team will be there to chat with you and answer any questions you might have. Please stop by and say hello on May 20th. We look forward to seeing you!



Cirque Goes to the Movies with the Minnesota Orchestra Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m.



"Cirque du Soleil" joins the Minnesota Orchestra in a wonderful interpretation of Great Movies and their music. Cost is \$45.



Questions? Contacts: Donna Harder at dharder5043@msn.com or 651-329-7047 or Joan Fogelberg at joan@123m.com or 651- 275-5292

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Mexico Mission Reunion Celebration Event Sunday, May 20

5:30 p.m. in the Garden Room

Come and celebrate over 30 years of transforming ministry and community at Trinity's Mexico Mission Celebration Event. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with a Gracias Banquet with a program to follow at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the event is a \$10 suggested donation per person. Our friends at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in Stillwater will be partnering with us to provide the dinner.



Monday, May 7, 8:45-11:45 a.m., \$5
Boutwell's Brownstone A Party Room
5450 Nolan Parkway in Oak Park Heights

by Steve Hokanson

Where "Faith" is....

The Mexico missionaries embodied their theme verse: 1 Peter 3:8 (NRSV): Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

But, they also embodied the truth of where "faith" resided in their bodies:

During their Spring vacation "faith" was on roofs, in Mexican heat, in singing with God's Mexican Family and many other "faithful" places. To hear them tell it, it really changed lives!

Now, playing bridge at our new permanent change of venue (Boutwell's Brownstone A building at 5450 Nolan Parkway) may not look like Mexico or Trinity Lutheran Church, but you'll find that that theme verse can be embodied wherever "your ass is at."

So join us on Monday, May 7th, at 8:45 a.m. at Boutwells. It just takes a little "faith."

"Faith is rarely where your head is at.
Nor is it where your heart is at.
Faith is where your ass is at!"
- Father Daniel Berrigan -

Missions and the Trinity Library

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.
– 1 Peter 3:8

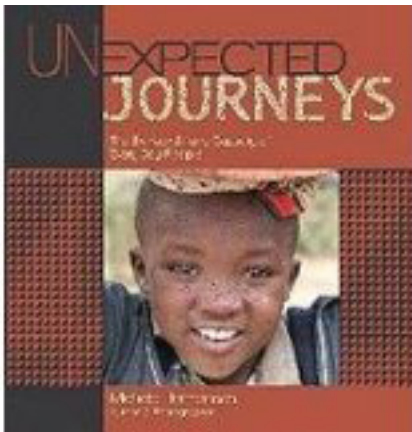


By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

Trinity Lutheran Church lives its mission statement, 'Love Everyone, Transform Lives through Jesus, and Serve the World,' through local, national and global mission work. Trinity staff and volunteers continue to be involved in a variety of areas such as community service, hunger relief, economic development, housing, and natural disaster assistance. The Trinity Library provides numerous materials that increase awareness of Trinity's mission work, and the church's history and role in society.

Global Missions – Tanzania

– *Unexpected Journeys: The Extraordinary Capacity of Everyday People* 266 HERM (Michele Hermanson, Trinity Mission Team and author)

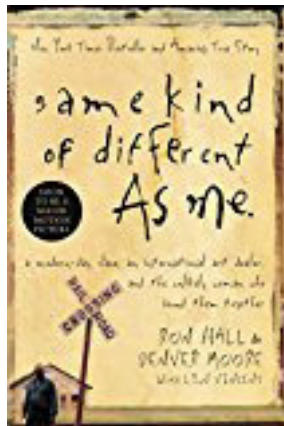


– *Shoulder to Shoulder (Bega kwa Bega): A Lutheran Partnership between Minnesota and Tanzania* 284.1 LUBA
– *White Man Walking: An American Businessman's Spiritual Adventure in Africa* 276.7 BREH
– *We All Went on A Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania* E K
– *Rehema's Journey* E M (Includes Arusha)

– *The Water Princess* E V (Trinity's work includes water systems.)
– *Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book* E F (Swahili is the official language of Tanzania)

Local Missions – Valley Outreach, Global Health, Last Sunday Supper, Second Harvest, Two Rivers Community Land Trust

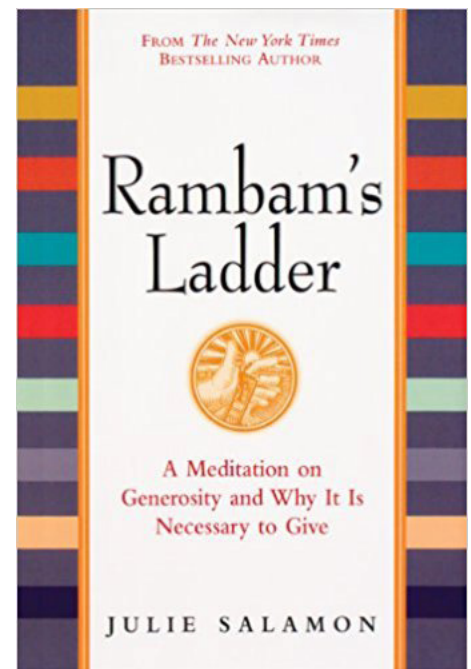
– *Same Kind of Different as Me* 200 Hall (poverty and homelessness)
– *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* 284.1 BOLZ (Christian life)
– *Enough: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty* 363.8 THUR
– *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* 277.3 MILE (church work with poor)
– *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* 305.5 Boo (urban poor)
– *Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 Cents at a Time* 261.8 KNUT (church work with the poor)



– *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light* 271.9 (church and the poor)
– *Last Stop on Market Street* E P (street life and poverty)
– *God in the Raging Waters: Stories of Love and Service Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita* 261.8 BLOM

Stewardship, Generosity and Missions

– *To Give and Give Again: A Christian Imperative for Generosity* 248.6 HINZ
– *Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give* 248.6 SALA
– *Giving, the Sacred Art: Creating a Lifestyle of Generosity* 248.6 WRIG
– *Those Shoes* E B (generosity and poverty)
– *Ballad of the Ragman* E G (generosity and poverty)
– *Mama Panya's pancakes: A Village Tale from Kenya* E C (generosity and Kenya)



The ELCA and Social Statements

– *Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All* 284.1 ECON
– *Freed in Christ: Race Ethnicity, and Culture* 284.1 HUMA
– *The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective* 284.1 LUTH
– *The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries* 284.1 JUST



The Bible remains our best resource, as found with the Mexico Mission Scripture: "Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind."
– 1 Peter 3:8 (NRSV)

Last Sunday Supper



What?

Last Sunday Supper is a delicious, home cooked community dinner for people of all ages who live in the St. Croix Valley area. Everyone is invited!

Ascension Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall
215 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN 55082
Our neighbors right next door to Trinity!

Where?

When?

5 p.m. the last Sunday of every month
Please join us on **Sunday, May 27!**

Last Sunday Supper is provided as a partnership between three local faith communities:

Ascension Episcopal Church
First Presbyterian Church
Trinity Lutheran Church

Who?

Please come. All are welcome!

Contact
Vic Thalacker at
651-439-9782 with
tournament questions.
Contact Wendy Klemz at
651-351-5393 or Marlene
Harty at 651-439-6444
to donate to the
silent auction.

SIGN UP
TODAY!

MONDAY
June 4, 2018

Stillwater Country Club
Best Ball Scramble Event

10:30 a.m.
Registration & Lunch

Noon
Shotgun Start

5:30 p.m.
Dinner & Silent Auction

Dinner Speaker
Pastor Peter Weston Miller

Register online at
www.trinitylc.org >
then click REGISTER

10TH ANNUAL
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Caroline White and Cece Magill from Wednesday night Faith Formation (4th grade) who helped with the **Pack the Pews March Food Drive**. Caroline and Cece, along with other 3rd and 4th graders, stapled lists on grocery bags, handed out grocery bags, loaded donated groceries into the car and delivered it to the food shelf.

Thank you for your generous donations! Trinity donated 1,008 pounds of food and \$1,452.21 to Valley Outreach!

Spring into Service on Saturday, May 19!

Volunteer to help local nonprofits with one-time projects like packing kits, sorting food, planting trees and more! Get a volunteer team together, and sign up today! For more information or to apply, visit www.CommunityThreadMN.org or contact Community Thread at Jennifer@CommunityThreadMN.org or 651-439-7434. Volunteer applications are due Friday, May 11.



Easter Garden Memorials & Honors

EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

IN MEMORY OF:

Peggy & Jack Houston	Their Family
William (Bill) Nelsen	Barbara Stene
Brittany & Jessica Hewes	The Hewes Family
Ida, Susan, Auntie Bea, Janet, Jan	Mary Claire & John Potter
Loved Ones	Lois Berglund
Vincent & Kevin Turnblad	Gretchen Turnblad
Bob Osborne	Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl
Florence Dufty & Barb Pauly	Doug & Karen Dufty
Elaine – Mom	Lynae & John Olson
Ron Anderson – My Brother	Jane Baggott
David Linner I & David Linner II	Evie Linner
Helen Krauss; Irene Hedberg	Florence Olson
Butch Schroeder Family; Arnold Steinmetz Family	Don & Sandi Steinmetz
Norman & Melva Anderson	Kathleen MacDonald & Family
Renee Rorvick	Ron Rorvick
Nancy Monroe	Ava Monroe
Juanita Lande; Howard Walsh; Clarence Becker; Cindy Johansson	Eric, Christine, Nicholas, Kirsten & Jonathan
Hearld & Arlene Tastad	Kim, Steve & Kids
Albert & Emma Potter	John (son) & Mary Claire Potter
Jennifer Lyn Nelson & Matthew John Nelson	Robin Nelson-Groves & Family
Barbara Holthouse	Gary Holthouse
Sharon Omambac	Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl
Arthur Johnson	Mary Ann Johnson
Shannon O'Neil – Bob's Daughter	Bob & Sharon O'Neil
Loved Ones; Baby Estelle	Jim & Jayne Bradshaw
Kenneth & Helene Swift Curtis	Kim, Steve & Kids
Jin – Brother & Doris – Sister	Toby & Florence
Glen, Barbara & David	Mary Claire (daughter & sister) & John Potter
Dawn Andersen	Ali Benson
Frankie, Evelyn & Nan Peterson; Walter & Frances Schell	Roger Peterson Family
Chuck Berg; Harry & Violet Lofgren; Reuben & Mae Berg	Irene Berg
Mary Peters	The Engstrum Family
Mike Higgins	Jill Tammen & Dave Long
Sharon Jean Bruckner	Ernie Bruckner
Don & Dorothy Valsvik	Lee, Holly, Max & Kiki
Uncle Jimmy	Albertson Family
Thomas Junker, Leo & Ardell Motylewski & Eileen Macksam	Charyl Junker
Ed & Lois Studtman	Sally; Nancy & Family
Mary Ellen Lunderberg	Carol & Bill Stauffer
Helmuth & Marcella Reinke; Bob & Irene Huber; Marlene Carlson; Sally French	John & Pat Reinke
Nicholas George Haase	Daddy, Mommy, Jackson & Audrey
Our Parents	Chuck & Joan Newman
LeRoy Swanson	Norma & Family
Nick White	Solvay Peterson
Loved Ones	Glenn & Marianne Anderson
David Linner	Kris, Greta & Tina
Art & Lois Edstrom	Julie & Dick Edstrom
Our Parents	Deborah & Tim Gillis
Curt Anderson & Dave Linner	Jim & Michele Hermansen

GIVEN BY:

IN HONOR OF:

Our Parents	Ann & Steve Wolff
Barb Stene	Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl
All the Singers	Carol Carver
Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Teams	Ann Wolff
Grandpas & Grandmas	Zachary, Lilly & Suzy
Darlene Peterson; Our Children & Grandchildren	Roger Peterson Family
John & Jeni Berg; Jess, Phil & Reef Sampson; Jordan, Joe, Johanna & Jewell Benson	Irene Berg
Mary Peters' Children	The Engstrum Family
Leslie Long	Jill Tammen & Dave Long
Gail A. Bruckner	Ernie Bruckner
Evie Linner	Kris, Greta & Tina
Norm & Ruth Hilleren	Julie & Dick Edstrom
Trinity's Pastors & Staff	Ann & Steve Wolff
Our Family	Deborah & Tim Gillis
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Easter Garden Memorials & Honors

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS

IN MEMORY OF:

Dave Linner _____	Don & Gayle Lobitz _____
Oscar Peterson _____	David Peterson _____
Skip Welke _____	Welke & Rogness Families _____
Audrey _____	Johnson's _____
Loved Ones _____	Fogelberg Family _____
Carolyn, Susan & Sharon _____	Doris, Judy, Marie, Sue & Karen _____
Our Parents _____	Len & Jane Oleson _____
Dan Walsh _____	Susan Walsh _____
Henry Brochman _____	June Brochman & Family _____
Robert Parent _____	Darlene Parent _____
Nancy Orn & Mary Wolff _____	Marion Circle _____
Dale Martin _____	Barbara Martin _____
Sabine Bugs & Ken Erickson _____	Ute Erickson _____
Benjamin Thury _____	Dan, Jessica, Henry, June & Robin Thury _____
Bernice Lindemann _____	Bill & Rita Lawson _____
Fred & Lillian Hertenstein; Alma Langness _____	Norma Langness Johnson _____
Denis & Eric Brown _____	Joanne Brown _____
Roger Olson _____	Florence Olson _____
Dick Jeans _____	Audrey Jeans & Randy Jeans _____
Loved Ones _____	Marlys A. LeClaire _____
Walter Berglund _____	Family _____
LeRoy Swanson _____	Norma Swanson & Family _____
Carole Zempel _____	Jeannie _____
Julie Hawkinson & Ruth Hawkinson _____	Eugene Hawkinson _____
Harold & Margaret Straka & Bob & Dorothy Hakenholz-Parents _____	Bill & Carol Straka _____
Carol, George & Bob _____	Joanne Brown _____
LeRoy & Leona Swanson _____	Sharon Germain _____
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Sister Mary Kathleen Langen _____	Gary & Lynn Schurrer _____
Family _____	Bob & Deb Eiselt _____
Our Grandgirls _____	Leif & Linda Erickson _____
Our Family _____	Jerry & Kay Nelson _____
Kari, Tori, Erik & Their Families _____	Gary & Karen _____
Phil Kadidlo & Robin Cain _____	Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl _____
Family & Friends (past & present) _____	Gerrie Granquist _____
Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren _____	Fred & Dee Hertenstein _____
Steve, Jenny & the Kids _____	Dave Goulette _____
Lynn, Jeff, Nancy & Families _____	Dale & Marilyn _____
Evie Linner _____	Kris, Greta & Tina _____
Norm & Ruth Hilleren _____	Julie & Dick Edstrom _____
Our Family _____	Deborah & Tim Gillis _____
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Can you attend the Synod Assembly?

Friday & Saturday, May 18-19

at St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi

Can you imagine anything more fun than hanging out with your pastors and several hundred other Lutherans at St. Paul Area Synod Assembly? Worship is awesome, you learn a ton about being church together and this year the drive is short. (St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi) We have room for a few more. All confirmed members are eligible. The church will pay your way. Contact Pastor Chris at cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org.

BAPTISM

- **Mari Elise Crusinberry**, daughter of Kelsey & Michael Crusinberry

WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE

Palm Sunday March 25 10 a.m.620	Easter April 1 7 a.m.62 9 a.m.470
Maundy Thursday March 29 Noon38 7 p.m.247	April 8 10 a.m.434
Good Friday March 30 7 p.m.211	April 15 Worship Cancelled
Easter Vigil March 31 7 p.m.128	April 22 9 a.m.301 10:30 a.m.130

In the News...

Trinity member and UMN Professor Matt Simcik has been highlighted in the Pioneer Press for his invention of a sponge that might be able to clean up one of the state's worst water-pollution problems, the PFCs in Washington County groundwater.

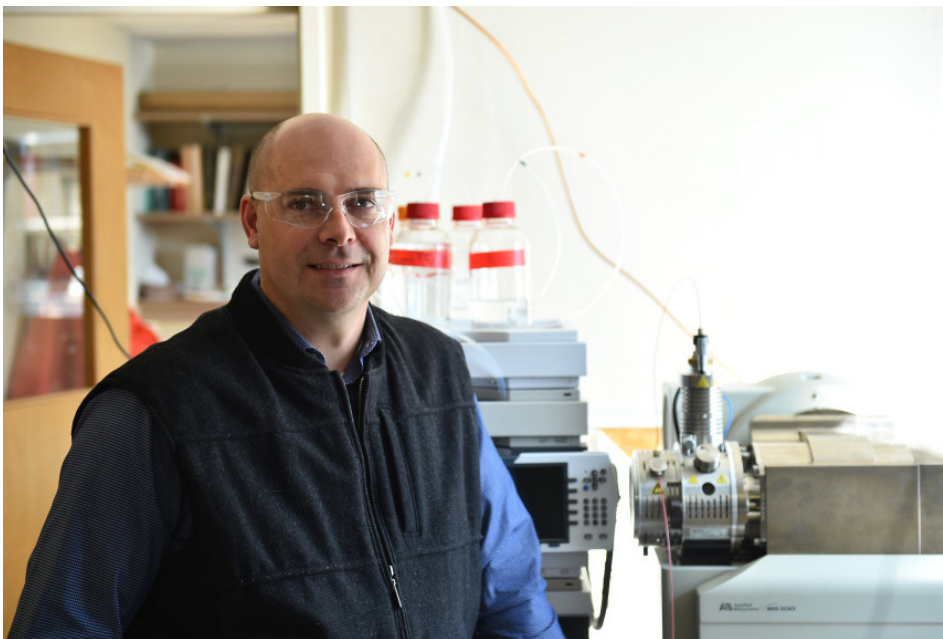
Could UMN professor's invention clean PFCs from east metro water? He thinks so

By BOB SHAW | bshaw@pioneerpress.com | Pioneer Press

April 16, 2018 at 6:45 am

Check it out at:

<https://www.twincities.com/2018/04/16/could-umn-professors-invention-clean-pfcs-from-east-metro-water-he-thinks-so/>



Matt Simcik, in a lab at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, where he helped create a chemical sponge that can clean underground water pollution. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

WORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

Regular Sunday Worship

9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday Contemplative Worship

May 13 at 5 p.m.

Watch Worship on Valley Access Channel 18

Sunday 11 a.m. (LIVE)

Wednesday 1, 7, 11 p.m.

Thursday 7, 11 a.m.

Friday 4, 10 p.m.

Saturday 2, 10 a.m.

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CALENDAR MAY 1 - 31, 2018

Tuesday, May 1

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library

Wednesday, May 2

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Moms Fellowship: Lower Level
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room/Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room/Worship Center
- 7:45 p.m. Pick-up Basketball for ages 18 & up: Gym

Thursday, May 3

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Garden Room
- 7 p.m. ArtReach Big Read Event: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, May 4

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

Saturday, May 5

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 10 a.m. Children's Choirs Musical Practice: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Earth Day Raingarden Maintenance Event: Offsite
- TBD Food for Thought Group: Members' Homes

Sunday, May 6

- 9 a.m. Children's Choirs Musical
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Choirs Musical
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Learning: The LGBTQ Community in Our Midst: Garden Room
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting: Worship Center
- 3 p.m. Student & Adult Leader Meeting for Colorado Mission Trip: Youth Center

Monday, May 7

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tuesday, May 8

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- TBD Retired Men's Group: MN Air Ntl. Guard Museum Tour
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Club: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Leah Circle: Narthex
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. Anna Circle: Members' Homes

Wednesday, May 9

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing
- 1 p.m. Marion Circle Meeting: Members' Homes
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room/Worship Center
- 7:45 p.m. Pick-up Basketball for ages 18 & up: Gym

Thursday, May 10

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Garden Room
- 1 p.m. Martha Circle: Living Room
- 1:30 p.m. Dorcas Circle: Members' Homes
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, May 11

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

Saturday, May 12

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

Sunday, May 13—Mother's Day, New Member Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 5 p.m. Contemplative Worship: Heritage Chapel

Monday, May 14

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 1 p.m. Rebekah Circle: Library
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tuesday, May 15

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library

Wednesday, May 16

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 1 p.m. Caring Friends Planning Meeting: Narthex
- 6 p.m. Green Space Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room/Worship Center
- 7:45 p.m. Pick-up Basketball for ages 18 & up: Gym

Thursday, May 17

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, May 18

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

Saturday, May 19

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 9 a.m. NAMI Hope for Recovery Workshop: Garden Room
- 10 a.m. Earth Day Cleanup Trinity to Pioneer Park: Meet at Trinity 3rd St. Entrance
- 2 p.m. AWE Event: Cirque with MN Orchestra

Sunday, May 20—Senior Recognition Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 9:45 a.m. GLOW Kickoff Event: Narthex
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 1 p.m. Psalms for PSummer Family Event: Wildflower Hike & Play: Meet at Trinity
- 5:30 p.m. Mexico Mission Reunion Celebration Event: Garden Room

Monday, May 21

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Ruth Circle: Living Room
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tuesday, May 22

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. Missions & Outreach Board Meeting: Office Conference Room

Wednesday, May 23

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Supporting Women As Professionals (SWAP): Offsite
- 7:45 p.m. Pick-up Basketball for ages 18 & up: Gym

Thursday, May 24

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Commons
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, May 25

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

Saturday, May 26

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

Sunday, May 27 — First Day of Summer Worship

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Hilltop Drive-In Worship: Houlton, WI

Monday, May 28 — Memorial Day, Building/Office Closed

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tuesday, May 29—No Women's Bible Study

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library

Wednesday, May 30

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7:45 p.m. Pick-up Basketball for ages 18 & up: Gym

Thursday, May 31

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Congregational Meeting Notice

NOTICE is given that a special congregational meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church of Stillwater, Minnesota has been called by the Lead Pastor and the President of the Congregation, to be held on **Sunday, May 6, 2018, immediately following the second worship service.** The special meeting will be held in the sanctuary.

The object and purpose of this special meeting is to seek congregational authorization to borrow from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans the sum of up to \$3,620,000, and to secure the loan by a mortgage on all real property owned by the Congregation, for the purposes of re-financing the existing loan with Thrivent and paying in full the existing loans with First State Bank & Trust.

No other business may be transacted at this special meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Trinity is not borrowing MORE money. We are refinancing existing debt in order to ease the burden on our budget. Because the refinancing will extend the length of the mortgage it is considered a further encumbrance of congregational assets, therefore requiring a congregational vote. Please note, in addition to reducing our monthly mortgage payment, the council is actively exploring a debt reduction plan to start in the next 12 months.

If you have further questions, please contact Pastor Chris, Council President Doug Johnson or Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer Tom Olsen.

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a.m.
at the Drive-in



Begins Memorial Day weekend and goes through Labor Day weekend
More information including directions to the drive-in at www.trinitylc.org