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just the way you made us to be!
— from Psalm 96, Spark Story Book Bible

Photos from Psay What? VBS
— see Page 8





LEAD PASTOR
CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE

RENEWAL: Seeking God’s Vision for Trinity

by Mark Gieseke, Renewal Team

Siblings in Christ,

With staff changes always comes some anxiety: among the staff and among members. Especially when there are multiple changes at one time and a recent history of dramatic staff cuts for budgetary reasons. Your council and pastors encourage you to take heart in the face of the departures of Pastor Deb, Faith Community Nurse Sue Peterson and Senior High Coordinator Kelsey Cruisinberry.

These remarkable, gifted women each chose freely to enter a new chapter of their lives and/or careers. Pastor Deb is called into a first retirement and more time for family. Sue has been called into a second (!) retirement. Kelsey has been working toward a Master’s degree in education which will require a fulltime internship. The staff is sad to see these wonderful partners in ministry go. And we look forward to who God will call to be part of this strong staff team.

Please hold these women, their families, the staff and the congregation in your prayers as we move through this holy time of farewells, discernment, and hellos.

As you know Pastor Steve Hokonson has joined Trinity in the part-time staff position of Visitation Pastor for an interim assessment period. And we have begun the process of hiring a Faith Community Nurse through the Lakeview Hospital Faith Community Nurse Program to continue the excellent work of our care ministries. Pastor Peter is leading the charge to determine what our high school ministry will look like and an integrated staffing model, please see Page 11.

If you have any questions at any time, please contact Council President Doug Johnson, myself or Pastor Peter.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

Dear Friends in Christ,

Together, we are continuing our journey through the year of renewal. In the first step as a congregation, we participated in a survey, to which over 340 individuals responded. On April 16th, the Renewal Team shared those results with the congregation. If you missed the meeting, you can still watch the video of the presentation and/or review the Trinity Vitality Congregational Survey Report, both found on the Trinity website at www.trinitylc.org.

Our second step was to go deeper by listening to as many of you as we could in one-to-one interviews with our team of 40 volunteers. Together we gathered thoughts from about 200 of you to listen deeply for how God is calling us to be church.”

Why all the listening? After all, haven’t there been a lot of surveys and listening sessions over the past two years? The work of listening is the most important part of the renewal process at Trinity. Lutheran theologian, Paul Tillich asserts: “The first duty of love is to listen.” The listening is about much more than process and gathering information. It is rather about transforming ourselves and others, for the sake of God in the world. As Pastor Chris said, “Our task is not to decide for ourselves how to be church. Our task is to listen deeply for how God is calling us to be church.”

With that introduction, I am pleased to share with you a summary of our internal listening session results. Themes were divided into three categories. A theme means that our listeners reported hearing these statements from more than just a few people.

What is going on in our lives?

- Family is important. It’s what gets us up in the morning.

- Our children no longer go to church as adults.
- Many are longing for “community,” but can’t find it.
- Small groups provide connection and care for each other.
- Many are concerned about the world and our country.
- Others are more concerned about Trinity members, the health of our congregation.
- Life is busy.

What do we see going on in our community (in and around Stillwater)?

- Churches are needed to help people and to provide connections.
- People are longing to connect with something important.
- People are concerned for the environment.
- Some people deny that social problems exist in our community.
- Gun control and mental health issues are a concern.
- People love Stillwater’s valley location.
- The community has many unaddressed differences.
- Social justice is not understood in our community.
- Community issues should not intrude into our worship and preaching.



Renewal Team

Andrea Eckman
 Rick Stebbins
 Mary Claire Potter
 Mark Gieseke
 Julie Jolivet
 Pastor Peter Weston-Miller
 Pastor Chris Bellefeuille

What prominent themes did we hear related to Trinity?

Themes about “All are welcome” and making connections:

- Most people love the “all are welcome” inclusivity, but others doubt our sincerity.
- Trinity has a core group that is hard for newcomers to break into.
- Trinity is large and some people appreciate being anonymous.
- Members need assistance with ways to invite others to Trinity.
- New members often have friends or connections that bring them here.
- How can we better connect people with needs to people who can help?

Themes about leadership:

- Leadership and the new staff are going in the right direction.
- Council is too small.
- Volunteerism is done well at Trinity, but we rely on the same few.

Themes about our values:

- We value our tradition.

- We value our Lutheran theology.
- We value our worship and music ministries.
- We value social justice.
- We value multigenerational activities.
- We value becoming a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) church.
- We value our children’s ministries.

Themes about faith formation and Christian education:

- We should have faith milestones that connect generations.
- We should better balance children in church with Sunday School.
- Sunday and Wednesday night age groupings can split families with children in both ages.
- How do we better assist parents to grow the faith of their children?
- Create adult learning on Sunday that is not during worship times.

Themes about worship:

- We love the pastors and the sermons.

- “Contemporary” worship needs to be refreshed.
- Most appreciated preaching about contemporary issues, but others prefer to leave those issues outside of worship.
- The quieter tone and community of the Saturday night service is missed.
- Many people appreciate the healing service.

Other themes:

- Many are still concerned about our debt and our finances.
- People are split on keeping or selling the drive-in.
- Make people aware of resource needs within the church.

The next step in the Year of Renewal is to turn our listening ear to those outside of Trinity, in our neighborhood and in our larger community. What is God already doing in our community and how can we get involved?

If you have any questions about the work of the Renewal Team, please contact Pastor Chris, Pastor Peter, or any member of the team and we would be happy to hear from you.

WORSHIP

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP

at
Church



9 a.m. & 10 a.m.
at the Drive-in

Sunday Morning Hospitality

by Ann Wolff, Hospitality Coordinator

Everything in nature is full of gratitude toward you and sings to you. We are your creation, and we are beautiful—just the way you made us to be!

– from Psalm 96 in the Spark Story Bible.

Wow! That makes me feel really welcome on this earth! I have a vision of making everyone who comes to Trinity feel such a warm welcome, such gratitude for their presence. If you share this vision, please join Pastor Chris and me at my home for an evening of dessert, coffee, idea-sharing about Sunday Morning Hospitality. All are welcome!

Hospitality Soirée

Wednesday, June 27

6:30 – 8 p.m.

501 Main St. N. in Stillwater

RSVP: wolff701@msn.com or
(651) 439-1972

Space is limited! There will be an alternative time, if necessary. Directions will be given with reservation acknowledgement.

Financial Highlights

Financially, we are still in a deficit YTD. The deficit increased slightly in May due to semi-annual property tax payments, partly offset by improved Rent Income vs. April. For the fiscal YTD 2018, thru May, we show a deficit of \$17,741. That compares to a deficit of \$146K as of May, one year ago! Contribution Income for May 2018 was \$8K more than May 2017. YTD our Contribution Income is \$101K higher and Operating Expense is \$65K less than a year ago at this time. Increase in long-term debt reflects new Thrivent mortgage, more than offset by zeroing out line-of-credit balance. There is additional financial data below.

As we enter the final quarter of fiscal year 2018, we now ask for your help to finish strong financially. If you have been making financial contributions as an expression of your discipleship, thank you! Thank you as well to those who generously pledged for 2018 to help us realize an increase in pledged income for this year. If you are able to do more before the end of August, we would be most grateful. For those who have pledged, meeting that pledge or bringing your pledge contribution current by August would move us into a balanced budget position for the fiscal year.

You can give online at www.trinitylc.org, in the offering plate, at the church office or electronically through automated giving. Parish Administrator Bob Eiselt or Financial Secretary Eric Trosdahl would be happy to help you set up the plan that works best for you.

Thank you for your support and commitment to Trinity's ministry and mission.

Trinity Financial Update

May Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2018

	This Year	Last Year	'18 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	968,066	878,980	1,300,000	74%
Other Income	481,678	373,458	466,000	103%
Total Income	\$ 1,449,744	\$ 1,252,438	\$ 1,766,000	
less: Expenses	1,467,485	1,398,885	1,776,145	83%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (17,741)	\$ (146,447)	\$ (10,145)	

Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	2,921,532	3,050,204
Increase (Decrease)	698,360	(84,885)
Long-Term Debt - End of May	\$ 3,619,892	\$ 2,965,319
Line of Credit Balance - May 31	\$ -	\$ 838,394

Please note: The church office and building will be closed Wednesday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

by Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team Lead

Psalm 23, The Divine Shepherd, was the Scripture on Sunday, June 10, and the basis for Pastor Deb's last sermon as Trinity's pastor. As she observed, it is a well-known and beloved psalm among the 150 in the Bible. My women's circle, for example, closes each of our gatherings praying this psalm. According to the Lutheran Study Bible, Psalm 23 is one of 11 "trust" psalms—so called, as it expresses faith and confidence in God amid difficulties, threats, and dangers.

Psalm 23 also offers rich lessons on stewardship, beginning with the opening verse: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.* Or depending on the translation, *I lack nothing. I shall not be in need. I have everything I need.* The Psalm goes on to describe a world that God has provided for us—lush, restorative, peaceful; God guides us; we walk comforted and unafraid; we sit down to a table of abundance; our lives are filled with goodness and mercy; we live in right relationship with God. No wonder we love this psalm. What does it mean to you to *not want; to lack nothing*? Does that describe your day? Your week? Your life?

I asked myself these same questions in reflecting on my past week and I must report that God had blessed me abundantly. Consider:

- One afternoon I spent with my mom, taking her on errands, after which we shared tea, stories, and a lot of laughs. I felt buoyed and grateful for a mother who has cherished, guided, and supported me all of my 63 years.
- Wednesday night I spent with Trinity's Stewardship Team, working together to update a brochure on Trinity's Endowment Fund and to begin planning next fall's financial stewardship campaign. I left filled with gratitude for the creativity and dedication of this team of people.
- Midweek I participated in the kick-off of "summer camp" at Solid Ground, playing with a group of wonderfully rowdy youngsters

enjoying the swings and slides and games. I left feeling young and vital and crazy happy.

- A couple of mornings I rode my bike along the Gateway bike trail exhilarating in the beautiful countryside, spotting all sorts of birds including yellow warblers, eastern bluebirds, and a harrier hawk.
- Friday, I indulged in a walk, followed by dinner in downtown Stillwater with a dear friend of over 30 years. She shared recent challenges involving her husband's and father's health. I felt honored by her trust.

And that's just a sampling of God's blessings to me in the past week. I do not want. I lack nothing. Or at least nothing important and nothing the Lord thinks is good for me.

But I haven't felt that way throughout my life. My sense of want has changed from childhood to middle age to now, my 60s. Plus, I know that there are too many in our community, including most likely persons in our church that do experience want—of many kinds. Material want; emotional want; spiritual want. The first I see first-hand at Solid Ground, where I volunteer. It's an award-winning, nonprofit organization in White Bear Lake that uses a holistic approach of stable housing and empowerment services to help homeless families in Washington and Ramsey counties to build strong foundations they need to emerge from homelessness and poverty into a brighter future. For these families, who come to Solid Ground typically with only the clothes on their back, material want is very real.

Washington County is among the most affluent in the state of Minnesota; nonetheless, about 5.1% of the population lives at or below the federal poverty line (defined as annual income of \$20,780 for a family of three—try living on that!)

Back to Psalm 23. I can only imagine how a family living in poverty thinks about

the phrase, I shall not want? Very differently from me with all of the many privileges I enjoy. As Christians we work for a more just and more equitable world—God's kingdom come *on earth* as in heaven. Still as long as gross inequity is a feature of our world, I wonder what "community" reading of the psalm suggests. What would it mean to be a community in our wants or lack of them? The New Testament presents the early Christian community as sharing their possessions so that each member had enough. That's not likely realistic for everyone today. But there's plenty of room to share the abundance the Lord has provided to me to address the real wants of others. If my table is well prepared and my cup is overflowing, perhaps the psalm can be read as a vision of generous living? To welcome the entire community of God's beloved children to the lush and bountiful world in the psalm.

Then there's John 21 with its image of the shepherd and sheep in need. Jesus asks Peter three times, "...do you love me?" The third time, Peter gets irritated and says, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." So, what does Jesus say, "Feed my sheep." Not "thank you for loving me" or "love me more" but "feed my sheep." Jesus doesn't want our love; Jesus wants us to love others; to show God's love to God's world in tangible ways. I may feel blessed to overflowing and without want, so the Lord provides me with bountiful opportunities to extend God's largesse to me, to others.

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. Psalm 23 presents a vision of a whole creation that does not want, which we can help bring forward in this time and in this place. *God's goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life.* Imagine yourself walking through the day, followed by bright and glorious sunshine, quiet waters, feeling comforted, with all you can eat and drink and as you walk that sunshine and water and comfort and bountiful table falls on everyone you encounter. Stewardship doesn't get better than that.

Faithful Living.
Faithful Giving.



Open Arts Ministry

OPEN ARTS SUMMER
Thursdays at 7 p.m.
July 19 & August 9
Living Room, Cost \$5

Join us once a month this summer for a fun art project. We will begin with a spiritual practice. No art skills needed—just an open heart, and a desire to connect with others and your creativity with God!



This month we offer the sixth of twelve heartfelt prayers from Trinity's, "Visitation Prayers," booklet. All the prayers were written by members of our faith community. They address universal human concerns and challenges to our relationship with God: Seeking Hope, Feeling Lonely, Feeling Overwhelmed, Seeking Inner Peace, Feeling Angry with God, Seeking Patience, Experiencing Deep Pain, Seeking Assurance, Facing Serious Illness, Seeking Comfort, Approaching Death and Anticipating Heaven. July's prayer addresses those times when we are seeking and searching for patience. For more information about, "Visitation Prayers: A Companion for Trinity's Volunteer Visitation Team," refer to the January 2018 issue of Trinity Today, available on our website at www.trinitylc.org.

SEEKING PATIENCE

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Your word teaches me wisdom and fills me with comfort.

Teach me to be patient when all day long my heart is troubled; troubled by crosses both small and significant. I will endure through these trials, Lord, because you are with me.

I bring my needs to you today and ask that you help me to lay down all my tangled thoughts and restless emotions. Lord, I need your peace and patience so that I can wait patiently for you to bring answers to my prayers. Help me to remember that every trial I have experienced has already been known to you. Lord, teach me to be patient with life, with people and with myself. I sometimes try to hurry along too fast and push for answers before the time is right. Teach me to trust your sense of timing rather than my own and to give in to your greater and wiser plan.

Thank you for being patient with me as I learn to be patient through my own difficulties. I know you are with me, and I am grateful for all you have provided me. I need to always remember that you are in control.

Amen.

– Gene Ecker

May 20, 2018

Yesterday afternoon we had a funeral here for my granddaughter, Lily Ford-Melcher who was baptized by Pastor Chuck Claus 18 years ago. At the funeral, her brother Brandon, sister Donna and her dad Brad spoke about what a wonderful young lady she was. I agree. She was. Phil and Zanny did their wonderful work with the music. Pastor Christ had a homily about Lily and how she is in God's hands, not mine or Sharon's, much to our grief and dismay. And then she did the most important part of her homily, she spoke about suicide. Lily's coworkers from Caribou and fellow Tartan High School students were in the audience. Pastor Chris encouraged them to ask for help from teachers, counselors and professionals so another family would never have to bear our pain.

Have your kids and grandkids put down their machines, talk to them, and hug them hard. It will be worth the effort.

– Bob O'Neil



Support for Children & Adults with Mental Illness

By Jeneal Olsen, Trinity Member and NAMI Volunteer

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Lily's family and friends. We pray for their eventual comfort and peace as they experience the unfathomable pain of losing a loved one to suicide.

Mental health issues can affect all of us either directly or indirectly. Suicide attempts can be a response to unbearable emotional pain. A person feels that this pain is not likely to go away. It isn't surprising to know that this brings on feelings of inadequacy and shame which increase the likelihood that a person keeps these feeling to his or her self. Some feel that asking for help will make them a burden to others when in truth most of us would be willing to do anything in our power to help. Taking the initiative by asking them directly may help them speak of something they would not usually approach you with. Asking someone if they are considering suicide does not increase the likelihood that they will attempt it. In fact, it may help prevent an attempt.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. NAMI offers education, support and advocacy. NAMI vigorously promotes the development of community mental health programs and services, improved access to services, increased opportunities for recovery, reduced stigma and discrimination, and increased public understanding of mental illness.

NAMI, MN offers more than 500 free classes and over 70 support groups each year.

Please visit NAMI Minnesota's extensive website: www.namihelps.org

There are 3 support groups available in our area that would welcome a visit from anyone living with a mental illness or their loved ones:

For persons living with a mental illness:

**CONNECTIONS group – 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
6:30-8 p.m. at Episcopal Church of Ascension office (across the street from the church) 214 3rd St. N.**

For their loved ones:

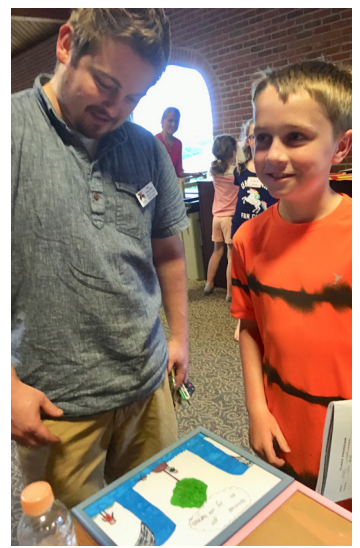
**FAMILY SUPPORT – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
6:30-8 p.m. at Canvas Health in Oakdale – 7066 Stillwater Blvd. N. , Oakdale, MN**

**FAMILY SUPPORT - 2nd and 4th Wednesday
6:30-8 p.m. at Stillwater Library, 223 4th St. N., Stillwater, MN**

Please stop in to the NAMI, Washington County Affiliate Picnic to learn more about NAMI and how you can help or receive support. It will be held on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 at PIONEER PARK from 2 – 4 p.m.**



LILFELONG FAITH FORMATION



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Psay Praise God for Psalms and VBS!

Twenty-seven kids have deeper personal connections with God now than before they attended VBS at Trinity. This was influenced by Psalms to song, hip hop, crafts, centering prayer, a caterpillar named Squiggles, and snacks. The older kids also communicated with God by writing their own Psalms. The younger kids communicated their gratefulness to God by making quilts of love for the Trinity Mission Team to take to Tanzania this fall. Fifteen adults, four youth role models, and the Holy Spirit all added to the impact of this faith-forming experience.

Thank you to all who held VBS in prayer, who contributed supplies for snacks, and who contributed their talents in little and big ways. We are grateful for the generous collaboration from the whole Trinity Body of Christ!

– Julie Jolivette

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



... Everything in nature is full of gratitude toward you and sings to you. ...
– Psalm 96 from Spark Story Book Bible

Perspective in the Psalms

I've always loved those illusions that show two things at once. Is it an older woman with a shawl lightly smiling or a younger woman with a strong chin line looking away? Is the dress white and gold or blue or black? Or even more recently, is it yanny or laurel?

Perspective is everything.

The Psalms put that mirror up to our lives too. Have you thought about it this way? Have you walked in these sandals? Have you looked up or out or from a different angle lately? What am I missing here? Was that God!?!?

The Psalms remind us that the world in which we live, the world God made is a complex web or interrelatedness inviting us always to see things anew.

The poet and modern Psalmist Mary Oliver once shared that after living with her partner for close to 30 years she heard her whistle for the first time. She had never heard her whistle before, even though she always had. Even someone who is



known for noticing the deepest details, can be surprised again with a new perspective.

The Psalms help us to pay attention to those whistles, grateful and a little surprised by God's fresh verse.

In God's Surprising Perspective,
Pastor Peter



LILFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Blessing of High School Seniors

On Sunday, May 20 Trinity honored our class of 2018 high school seniors (see list at right) with a blessing during both worship services and refreshments between services. It was also announced that the recipients of the Trinity Lutheran Scholarship Fund for 2018-19 academic year are: Linnea Coltvet and Matt Payne. The fund was established through the generosity of Jeanette Johnson, a dear, departed, long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church. It was her desire to provide the means by which Trinity could offer assistance to its young people whose achievement and character have indicated that they possess the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education. Congratulations to our seniors!

Adam Johnson
 Alex DiMartini
 Alexis Monson
 Allison McElvain
 Andrew Doekson
 Andrew Moon
 Andy Nelson
 Anna Leintz
 Annika Ide
 Ashlyn Aarness
 Austin Mueller
 Autumn Lien
 Beau Brand
 Blake Quickel
 Bryce Welsch
 Catherine Clements
 Catherine Hurley
 Crystina Alvarez

Cynthia Silva
 Derek Werner
 Emma Salmi
 Evangeline Haley
 Isabelle Johnson
 Isabelle Lombardi
 John Stack
 Julia Nyberg
 Kate Schmiechen
 Kayla Donahue
 Kevin Thole
 Kinsey Weyer
 Lauren Thole
 Lily Honsvall
 Linnea Coltvet
 Luke Simcik
 Luke VandenBergh
 Madeleine Stankiewicz

Manny Jingco
 Mariah Marsnik
 Matt Payne
 Max Riemenschneider
 Max Valsvik
 Morgan McDonald
 Noah Ness
 Peter Kast
 Ray Girling
 Ryan Balfanz
 Ryan Murphy
 Sage Parker
 Sam Johnson
 Shane Buerkley
 Sophie Weaver
 Taylor Sharon
 Teagan Andrews
 Victoria Brekke
 Zach Husten



Linnea Coltvet



Matt Payne



Summer Stretch

On Wednesdays in June, middle school kids from churches all over the St. Croix valley gather at Trinity for a morning service project and a fun afternoon activity.



Dear Trinity Friends,

A long time ago, a mentor of mine wrote me a note that said, 'Fall. Recover. Suspend. Life goes in cycles. Try to be aware of where you are at.' Over the years, I've found this advice to be a great reminder that life is fluid, inevitably full of surprises and changes. At this moment in my life, I find myself in a place of suspension, looking to pursue new opportunities and embrace the excitement and challenges of motherhood. And so, as of July 31, my time at Trinity will come to an end.

In 2015, I started a graduate program at Hamline University to get my Master of Arts in Teaching with initial licensure in K-12 ESL (English as a Second Language). During the 2018-19 school year I will be finishing this degree, with the hope of teaching in the fall of 2019.

I am greatly appreciative for the ways Trinity has allowed me to grow both professionally and spiritually over the past five years. Although there have been many challenges, I will be forever grateful to have walked alongside so many young people on their journey of faith and life. It will be hard to leave this community, so filled with grace, love, and acceptance for all of God's people.



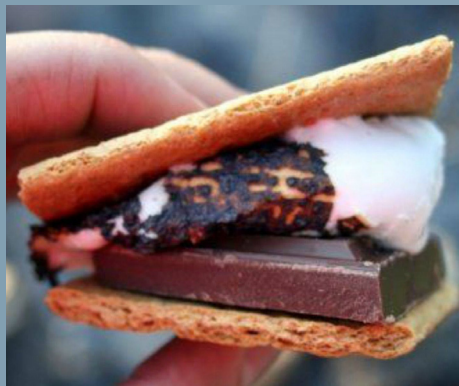
I am excited for what's in store for Trinity in the days ahead and will always be proud to have been a part of the Trinity team. I hold you all in prayer as you hold my family in prayer as well.

Peace and blessings,

Kelsey Crusinberry
Coordinator, Senior High Ministries

Celebrate Kelsey's Time at Trinity Sunday, July 22, 7-9 p.m. at the Drive-in

On Sunday, July 22, there will be a sending blessing for Kelsey in worship at both services, as well as a farewell gathering from 7-9 p.m. at the Drive-In, which will include a bonfire, treats, games and campfire songs. We hope that you can come and have a chance to say farewell to her and wish her well as she takes the next step in pursuing her teaching degree.



High School Ministry Specialist Position

I am incredibly grateful for the chance to work with Kelsey and her perspective, gifts, and investment in this community. While it is hard to see her go, we trust that God will continue to work through her in a new setting, as well as continue to lead us through a process of thoughtful discernment. I am working alongside Pastor Chris, our CYF staff, the Council and our shared Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry Team to discern God's perspective for High School ministry at Trinity. I will continue to keep you updated as we move forward together and anew.

In God's Surprising Perspective,

Pastor Peter

Next Event on the Green Space! Wednesday, July 11

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Worship at 6:15 p.m.

Campfire at 7 p.m.

Please join us!



Featuring Dr. Cameron Howard who is a Stillwater resident and Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. In addition to presenting numerous papers

at regional and national meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature, Howard has published commentaries in the 20th-anniversary edition of the "Women's Bible Commentary" (Westminster John Knox, 2012) and the "New Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary" (Abingdon, 2010). She is also a contributor to the 2014 and 2015 editions of "The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual." Her essays have appeared in the journal *Word & World* and the book "Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2008). She is a contributor to *WorkingPreacher.org* and *EntertheBible.org*, where she co-hosts the podcast series "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Bible (But Were Afraid to Ask).

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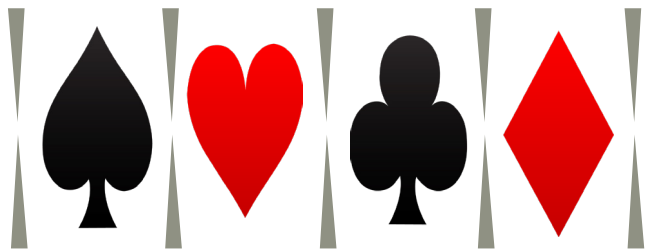
Singles Group for Ages 60 & Older

**60 Plus Solo
Over 60, Single and Active?**

**Sundays, 5-7 p.m.
Living Room at Trinity**
Come meet other singles and
join us for this thriving new social
group. Many additional events!

Please use the **3rd St. (East) doors.**
Questions?

60plussolo@gmail.com



BRIDGE FOR TRINITY

Monday, July 2, 8:45-11:45 a.m., \$5
Boutwell's Brownstone A Party Room
5450 Nolan Parkway in Oak Park Heights

Come for a morning of casual, fun bridge with men and women of all levels. Advance notice is not necessary. Join us at Boutwell's Brownstone A, located right behind the newly-constructed replica of the First Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Ann Wolff at (651) 439-1972 or wolff701@msn.com.



God Loving Outdoor Women

CANOEING ON THE ST. CROIX

July 15, 2018

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Taylor's Falls, Interstate Park : \$25

Carpool to Taylor's Falls, Interstate Park after Drive-In church. Enjoy a 3-4 hour leisure canoe to Osceola with shuttle back to Taylor's Falls. Bring picnic lunch.

Contact Jill Longnecker at ijnlongy@msn.com

LAKE HARRIET ROSE GARDEN AND RUSSIAN ART MUSEUM

Saturday, July 21

Meet at Trinity at 9 a.m. to carpool

Admission is \$8 (65+) and \$10

Walk through the rows of roses and enjoy many varieties of annuals. When we are done enjoying the color, we will proceed to the Russian Art Museum. The museum houses a collection of art from the 20th century, especially Soviet art, that receives raving reviews.

Please RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com.

4TH TUESDAY BIKE RIDE

Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Bike Brown's Creek Trail with fellow GLOW women the 4th Tuesday of the month (through August 28). Meet at the trailhead in downtown Stillwater at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. All are welcome.

Contact Sandy Weber at stillweber@hotmail.com.



OUTREACH MISSIONS



An enthusiastic **Thank You** to all who participated in the Service Fore Others Golf Tournament on June 4. It was our 10th annual golf event and has become our largest source of annual funding for mission programs at Trinity. Here are some statistics about the day as we wait for the financial numbers to be finalized:

- 77 Golfers
- 44 Dinner Guests
- 9 Sponsors
- 137 Donors to silent auction and raffle

Thanks and kudos for a great day to our event committee: Marlene Harty, Vic Thalacker, John Hodler, Sandy Wendt and Wendy Klemz.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of **Marge Larson**
- To family and friends of **Robert Peterson**
- To family and friends of **Helen Orff**
- To family and friends of **Ted Remington**

BAPTISMS

- Warren Russell Hoff
- **Madison May Armstrong**, daughter of Matthew & Alyssa Armstrong
- **Adaline Joy Olson**, daughter of Michael & Stacy Olson

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 27	June 10
9 a.m.113	9 a.m.145
10 a.m.180	10 a.m.256
June 3	June 17
9 a.m.173	9 a.m.137
10 a.m.218	10 a.m.194

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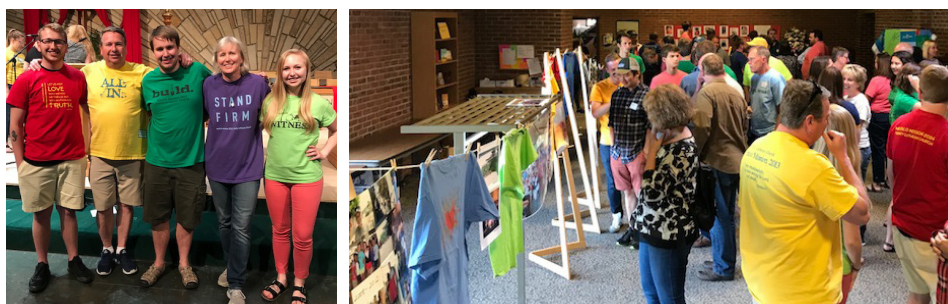
Summer Sunday Worship
9 a.m. at Church and 10 a.m. at the Drive-in

Wednesday, July 11 Dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Worship with Dr. Cameron Howard on the Green Space at 6:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Campfire

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.



Multigenerations gathered on Sunday, May 20 to celebrate more than 30 years of Mexico Mission. Stories, songs, photos, t-shirts, food and fellowship were shared! Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the planning and preparation for this event.



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CALENDAR JULY 1-31, 2018

Sunday, July 1—Colorado Mission Trip Returns

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Hilltop Drive-In Worship: Houlton, WI
- 5 p.m. 60+ Singles Group: Living Room

Monday, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 3

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Club: Library
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library

Wednesday, July 4—Independence Day Holiday/Building/Office Closed

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library

Thursday, July 5

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. Worship Ministry Team Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, July 6

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

Saturday, July 7

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

Sunday, July 8

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Hilltop Drive-In Worship: Houlton, WI
- 5 p.m. 60+ Singles Group: Living Room

Monday, July 9—Wilderness Canoe Base Youth Trip

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

Tuesday, July 10—Wilderness Canoe Base Youth Trip

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

Wednesday, July 11—Wilderness Canoe Base Youth Trip

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Worship on the Green Space with Dr. Cameron Howard & S'mores

Thursday, July 12—Wilderness Canoe Base Youth Trip

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

Friday, July 13—Wilderness Canoe Base Youth Trip, WAPO Seeds Camp

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 6 p.m. Youth Sports & Faith Clinic: Gym

Saturday, July 14—Wilderness Canoe Base Youth Trip, WAPO Seeds Camp

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

Sunday, July 15—Wilderness Canoe Base Youth Trip, WAPO Seeds Camp, WAPO Youth Camp

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Hilltop Drive-In Worship: Houlton, WI
- 5 p.m. 60+ Singles Group: Living Room

Monday, July 16—WAPO Youth Camp

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 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, July 17—WAPO Youth Camp

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

Wednesday, July 18—WAPO Youth Camp

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. WAPO One-day Camp

Thursday, July 19—WAPO Youth Camp

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Yoga/Devotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 7 p.m. Open Arts Ministry: Living Room
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, July 20—WAPO Youth Camp

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

Saturday, July 21

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

Sunday, July 22

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Hilltop Drive-In Worship: Houlton, WI
- 5 p.m. 60+ Singles Group: Living Room

Monday, July 23

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

Tuesday, July 24

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach Missions Board Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. GLOW 4th Tuesday Bike Ride: Meet at Brown's Creek Trailhead

Wednesday, July 25

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library

Thursday, July 26

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 11 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Commons
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, July 27

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 6:30 p.m. Family Bonfire at the Drive-in

Saturday, July 28

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

Sunday, July 29

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Hilltop Drive-In Worship: Houlton, WI
- 5 p.m. 60+ Singles Group: Living Room

Monday, July 30

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

Tuesday, July 31

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



Free Sports & Faith Clinic

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 6-8 P.M.

Join us for a night of fun as we partner with CHEM ATHLETICS to bring sports lessons to our church community! This is a free clinic, open to anybody! Bring your friends! To register, call Pastor Peter at 651-439-7400, ext. 332.

CALLING ALL VISUAL ARTISTS

A Trinity members' art show will launch as a part of TrinityFest in September. This is a show that will focus on many areas of the visual arts through the talents of our members and friends. Included would be painting, sculpture, pottery, weaving, and more. At this time, if you are interested in having your art as part of this show, or if you just have questions, please be in contact with Sara Wagner at saraewagner@comcast.net or Carol Carver at ccarver@trinitylc.org.

