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# TRINITY TODAY

# Valley Outreach

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## STEWARDSHIP *stories*

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Prayer with fasting is good, but better than both is almsgiving with righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than wealth with wrongdoing. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold. For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life, but those who commit sin and do wrong are their own worst enemies.

– Tobit 12: 8-10



LEAD PASTOR THE REV. DR. CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE



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# IS THE BIBLE APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN?

Siblings in Christ,

Is the Bible appropriate for children?!

What an outrageous question! It's the Word of God, who made and loves our children. It's the stories of Jesus, who we teach is our friend. There are rainbows and lambs, tables full of food and coins being found. It's filled with music, poetry and promises of comfort.

And then, there is the book called Susanna.

Susanna's story is in the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha is made up of books or letters upon which our early leaders could not agree. Should they be included in the "canon" or should they not? Ultimately, they were not. However, they were held to be important enough that some Bibles include them as God's Word.

As we make our transition from the Narrative Lectionary back to the Revised Common Lectionary, we are using an alternative Lectionary that includes several weeks of readings from the Apocrypha. The very first reading was to be Susanna—sometimes called the 13th Chapter of Daniel.

As I read through the story, it became clear that we would have to alert parents and offer an alternate activity for young children; not just during the sermon, but during the reading itself. It's a surprising story of sexual intimidation and false accusations by men of power against a righteous, married woman who denied them their lust. **It is a story of the #MeToo movement.** It is timely, difficult and far too familiar to the experience of many women.

As we thought about how to handle the reading and the sermon, a colleague said to me: "If you cannot read the Bible without asking the children to leave, perhaps that reading doesn't belong in worship."

She was right. **It's a passage worth our attention, prayer and conversation.** But not on a Sunday morning, perhaps.

These are the prayerful, liturgical, collaborative decisions we make as a worship staff. How do we faithfully bring a Word from God that resonates with a variety of members? How do we share the right mix of readings that reflects the Bible's capacity to comfort, teach and exhort in appropriate measure? How do we be honest about what's in there!?

The Bible is full of stories and psalms that connect powerfully with the modern reader. And we will do our best to make those connections for you in worship.

We set Susanna aside for now. We hope to revisit her, maybe as a bible study, as she has much to teach us. A woman who has experienced sexual harassment, intimidation or assault, may find it difficult reading. And you may be reassured to know that the Bible reflects your lived experience. That there was a woman named Susanna who knows what you have been through.

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For the next few weeks, we will see what the Apocrypha can offer us. After that, we are doing a seven-week series on the so-called "Seven Deadly Sins." With apologies to William Willimon, we are calling the series "Sin Like a Christian."

Check it out.

Peace and gratitude,  
Pastor Chris

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



# WHAT ARE YOUR NON-NEGOTIABLES?

In our family and as parents, Ashley and I say that we come down pretty hard on three things for our kids. That they are (and remain):

Healthy. Safe. Clean.

That's it.

If all else fails, these principles serve as a last resort for picking our battles and whether or not we want to get parentally crucified—which can happen multiple times in a single day with a 3 and 5 year old. For the most part, it works. Even though some days, it feels like we only get about one out of three.

This summer, we have been brainstorming and reading and dreaming as a Faith Formation team about what our principles are. What we go to the mat for. What our non-negotiables are.

Life and faith are all about those kinds of principles, what we are willing to stand for, and what isn't worth the battle. And as families grow and change that can be a moving target.

Monty, Julie, and I have found some really great online resources ([vibrantfaith.com](http://vibrantfaith.com)), taken a field trip to another local church experimenting with Children, Youth & Family (CYF) ministry, went to a conference on Cross-gen Worship, and have had lots of conversations with our families.

We really like these principles, from author and Milestones Ministry consultant, Rev. Dr. David Anderson:

## The Five Principles of Faith Formation (David W. Anderson)

1. Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships—often in our own homes.
2. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home.



3. Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too.
4. Faith is caught more than it is taught.
5. If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice faith with them.

These are our non-negotiables, what we think is worth planting our flag in for Lifelong Faith Formation.

As you play and dream this summer, think about what your families' faithful non-negotiables are. Think about what you are willing to fight for and what needs to change in order to make that happen.

Healthy. Safe. Clean.

It's a pretty good start. What else would you add?

Happy Summer,  
Pastor Peter

# CONGRATS!

To Sylvia Grubb who celebrated the 60th anniversary of her consecration as a deaconess in June.

## *The Order for the Consecration*

of

MISS SYLVIA MILLER

as

Deaconess of the Lutheran Church

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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Pipestone, Minnesota

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1960  
2:30 p. m.



## from YOUR COUNCIL

By Arba-Della Beck, Council Member

Music has always been an important part of my life. I started piano lessons as a young child and studied music through collage. If I was not playing piano or singing, I was listening to music on my record player (yes) or radio. Julie Aageson says in her book *Benedictions* that “music is so much more than beautiful words and unforgettable melodies. Music is transcendent, universal, a common language through which we express joy and sorrows and everything in between.”

I marvel at our ability to remember the lyrics and melodies of music we enjoyed in high school. I hear a song from years ago that I have not heard in decades and suddenly I sing along, remembering every melody and the lyrics. Where I work, we have a program for older adults dealing with memory loss. Every Friday people come together for social

connections knowing those connections can get lost or certainly decline as we age. As with my favorite high school songs, these older adults love to sing together and a few may dance. We find it loosens up memories for people with illnesses related to memory loss. The joy on their faces as they sing and dance is an amazing thing. A gift.

I was in Tanzania with three friends a few years ago. We were privileged to make hospice calls with the hospice team at Dr. Mark Jacobson’s hospital. We met a young mother of six with breast cancer. As the four of us sat by her and prepared to say goodbye, she asked us to pray and to sing *Amazing Grace*. I can honestly say sharing that common music is one of the most meaningful moments in my life, one I will always hold close.

Music and worship has long been a priority at Trinity Lutheran. No matter what our circumstances we want a strong worship experience. We have been blessed with talented musicians and people who understand how to create a meaningful experience. “Music has the power to bring us together in a common longing for the common good. It makes us more than we were before.” I would encourage each of us to thank our worship staff and volunteers, to recognize how music helps us to express joy and sorrow. It helps us to see God in ordinary days as well as in the profound.

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## Trinity Financial Update

### May Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2019

	This Year	Last Year	'19 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	969,660	968,066	1,350,000	72%
Other Income	466,880 #	451,678	507,000	92%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,436,540</b>	<b>\$ 1,419,744</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,000</b>	
less: Expenses	1,428,330 #	1,437,485	1,852,000	77%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 8,210</b>	<b>\$ (17,741)</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	

### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,598,306 *	2,921,532
Increase (Decrease)	(165,736) †	698,360 *
<b>Long-Term Debt - End of May</b>	<b>\$ 3,432,570</b>	<b>\$ 3,619,892</b>
Line of Credit Balance - May 31	\$ 15,000	\$ -

\* Consolidation/Refinance of Existing Debt in May, 2018

† Additional Debt Reduction payment against mortgage principal in March 2019 of \$102,671

# Includes Revenue and Expense of debt reduction transaction - not budgeted

# Hospitality at Trinity

By Trudi Lohne, Hospitality Coordinator

"Trudi, I thought you were crazy!" This is what someone-who-shall-not-be-named told me when we were chatting last month about how the first five months of coordinating the Worship Hospitality Team was going. I laughed, and asked why. This person said, "Well, I didn't know you. You weren't a member. And, really, I knew that you had no idea what you were signing up for." Again, I laughed. This time a much heartier laugh came out. It was all true. Yet, there is not a doubt in my mind that I was called, at such a time as this, to do just what I'm doing. Being hospitable is not something I do, it's who I am. *Organized friendliness* is how hospitality has been described, and both those words describe me.

You see, when my son and I visited Trinity last August we had a totally different experience than the previous two times we visited. The presence of the Holy Spirit was at work through the music, the Worship Service, and was especially in the hearts of those who greeted/welcome us. People reached out to connect with us. We wanted to come back. We felt drawn to Trinity. Much akin to how I feel about being drawn to worship hospitality.

In the article, *The 11-Minute Difference: 7 Checkpoints to a Great Guest Experience at Your Church*, the author, Will Mancini writes, "When a first time guest drives onto your campus, they will decide within 11 minutes whether or not they are coming back." Our hospitality ministry, here at Trinity, is crucial.

Trinity's Worship Hospitality Team includes Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Coffee Crew/Treat providers, and New Here? volunteers all coming together to make the first 11 minutes meaningful to all, especially first-time visitors. Please prayerfully consider helping on the Worship Hospitality Team as you are able.

You may sign up online to be a Greeter or an Usher at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044eadab28a1ff2-1030>

If you'd like to help prepare and set out the coffee/treats you may sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044eadab28a1ff2-worship>

For links visit [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > WORSHIP & MUSIC > HOSPITALITY > VOLUNTEER

You may also email or text me with any Worship Hospitality questions or to get on schedule to fill a role on the Worship Hospitality Team. Thank you and blessings.

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## Worship Texts

Below are the scripture texts that will be used on the date listed to prepare the message for worship.

July 7 **Tobit 1:3; 2:1-14; 3:1-6, 11-17**  
Apocryphal Tales

July 14 **Tobit 5:10-6:6; 7:1-2, 9b-13**  
Apocryphal Tales

July 21 **Tobit 10:1-6; 11:1-17; 12:1-22**  
Apocryphal Tales

July 28 **Seven Deadly Sins**

Join us to explore some unfamiliar books of the Bible.



**SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP** 9 a.m. & 10 a.m. **INDOORS!**  
at the Drive-in Church

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

## Celebrating Seniors

On June 5, our team of Caring Friends treated our seniors to a Celebrating Seniors event, which includes worship, a luncheon and entertainment. Our excellent entertainer, Dale Martell (who used to play guitar for the Beach Boys!), got our friends on their feet to dance the Tennessee Waltz.

Celebrating Seniors is a program that happens three times a year: the first Wednesday of June, September and December. All who are 75 and older are welcome to these events for faith, food, fellowship and fun! The Caring Friends team, 31 individuals at Trinity, keep connected to all our Trinity members age 75 and up with phone calls and cards, providing a network of love and support.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Caring Friend, please contact me—I would be so happy to tell you more about this beautiful ministry at Trinity.

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# Summer Safety Tips

From Kim Dahlgren, Faith Community Nurse

## PROTECT ALL THE SKIN YOU'RE IN



U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

### Use a Layered Approach for Sun Protection.



Sunscreen works best when used with shade or clothes, and it must be re-applied every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.



Use broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 to protect exposed skin.



Wear a hat, sunglasses, and protective clothing to shield skin.



Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

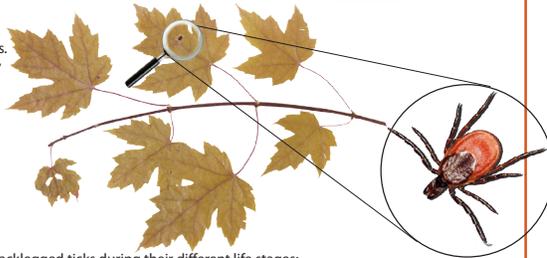
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### Don't Let a Tick Make You Sick!



#### What is a tick?

Ticks are related to spiders. They have 8 legs. But they don't spin webs and they don't eat insects. All ticks are small, but blacklegged ticks (sometimes called deer ticks) are very small. This is a blacklegged tick close-up:



This is the actual size of blacklegged ticks during their different life stages:

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They are so tiny, it's easy to mistake them for freckles or dirt. Sometimes they're hard to see at all! Would it be hard to find these on a pet?



#### Where do ticks live?

Ticks live in places where there is a lot of tall grass, shrubs, and leaves.

Ticks wait for an animal (like a deer, a mouse, or a dog) or a person to walk by. Then they grab on to the animal or human.

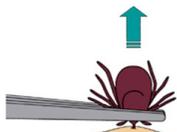
#### How do ticks bite us?

After climbing on a person or animal, ticks find a good place to attach themselves. They might hide in your hair, or behind the knee, even in your underwear!

Then, the ticks bite into a person or animal's skin and start drinking their blood. Tick bites don't usually hurt, so you may not even notice it. The tick can stay attached for a few days. When it is full, it will fall off.

#### What if I find a tick on me?

If you find a tick on your body, tell your parents or a teacher. They can use tweezers to pull it off. Then they should wash the bite with soap and water or disinfectant.



An adult should use narrow tweezers to pull the tick straight up and out.

#### How can I keep ticks away?

You can wear insect repellent and stay out of tall weeds. If you are in a place where ticks live, take a bath or shower after you come inside. Let your parents check you for ticks afterwards.

Also, tell your parents that there are things they can do to keep ticks out of your yard.

#### How can I stay healthy?

If a tick bites you and soon after you get a fever, a skin rash, or feel really, really tired, tell your parents. The tick may have given you some germs. See your doctor to find out if you need medicine.

### Test Your Knowledge!

#### ACROSS

1. If a tick makes you sick, you may get one of these on your skin.

3. Ticks eat \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Never pull off a tick with your \_\_\_\_\_.

9. If a tick makes you sick, you may feel hot because of a \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Ticks can be so small, you might think they look like \_\_\_\_\_.

12. A place where ticks wait for people or animals.

13. After removing a tick, wash the bite with \_\_\_\_\_ and water.

#### DOWN

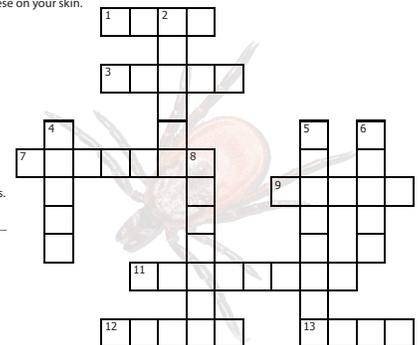
2. Take a bath or \_\_\_\_\_ to help remove ticks.

4. The number of legs a tick has.

5. Tool for removing ticks.

6. When you come indoors, always \_\_\_\_\_ for ticks.

8. Ticks are related to these web spinners.



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For more information please contact Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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# Celebrating a Year of Solo 60 (now 55!) Plus

By Debe Erickson, Advisory Leader

It has been a year of evolution for 60 Plus Solo while building friendships, experiencing fun, learning, exploring, sharing and caring from April 29, 2018 to June 2019.

The group has grown from a few dedicated members to a constant growing group. Along the way we have shared stories, learned essential facts about health and medical care coverages, investment avenues with Thrivent consultants and moved into writing, art and cooking lessons. We have created avenues to support explorations throughout our region on walks visiting local and historical areas, attended theater productions in the Twin Cities and our own local Zephyr Theater, ushered at church, were church Grands for the younger generation's children while they attended Sunday school organization meetings, supported our troops and veterans at the Memorial Day celebrations, on a cruise to support the Veterans and honored our own Veterans with small tokens of our immense thankfulness for their service.

We have played, worked and shared together at potlucks, home parties, Friday nights out, various entertainment locally and so much more.

We have evolved and opened our hearts and doors to grow even larger inviting those 55 plus singles to join in our friendships going forward as the Trinity Solo 55 Plus Group.

We are excited to have elected a new board with Libby Shusterich as the 2019/2020 term leader, Michael Krejce the Associate Leader and Barb Martin as the Secretary Treasurer. Debe Erickson will be the advisory leader and fill in for positions as needed. Teri Walen and Margaret Irwin will be communications and event coordinators.

We invite all single 55 plus to join us!

This has been an outstanding first year and we are proud to be able to move forward into our second year with God's Grace and the Holy Spirit's guidance serving the Twin Cities area through Trinity's love.

Thank you all for your well wishes and kindness.

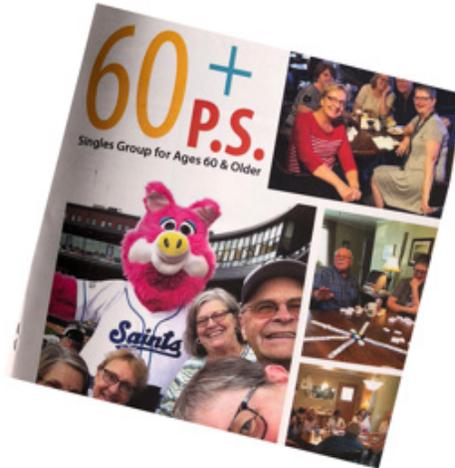
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# 2019 EVOLVING

# SOLO 55+ PLUS

Singles Group for Ages 55 & Up

Building  
Friendships  
Experiencing  
Learning  
Fun  
Exploring  
Sharing  
Caring...



## Building Friendships Fun Exploring



# STEWARDSHIP stories

Christian stewardship is a way of life that takes many, varied forms. To highlight the diversity, this issue of *Trinity Today* features four different expressions of stewardship and generosity by Trinity's members:

- A story of financial stewardship by Andrew Thelander
- A story of service stewardship of "The Tuesday Guys" to Trinity's facility by Ron Hagen
- A story of environmental stewardship by Sheila Maybanks from the Green Team
- A story of service stewardship to the community through Trinity volunteers at Valley Outreach by Sharon Longnecker

As is evident from these stories, Trinity is filled with creative, generous stewards. As you read these stories reflect on your own varied expressions of stewardship in your life. Thank you for being God's faithful steward and a part of Trinity's faith community.

– Claudia Swendseid,  
Stewardship Team Lead

My name is Andrew Thelander. I am a husband, father, financial advisor, volunteer, educator and aspiring philanthropist. My wonderful wife and our two sweet boys have proudly called Trinity home since 2017 and we have been residents of Stillwater since 2015. In my line of work, I am able to help others achieve clarity in their financial lives by thoughtfully understanding each client's individual goals, values and aspirations. For most clients, their main focus is understandably around their retirement but my passion both personally and professionally is around philanthropy. My passion in philanthropy is about making a commitment to one's most important beliefs and values.

I have recognized in my life many elements of luck, blessings and the grace of God which has led me to reflect: what kind of person do I want to be and in what kind of world? My reflections have become even more significant to me in how closely our boys watch us. They are constantly observing our behaviors

and absorbing our family's values. We like to remind our boys to be mindful of always being kind and to serve others. One way we have tried to model this is by setting a good example for our boys through charitable acts. We want them to see these acts as a fun way to meet new friends, network, learn new skills and ultimately, help to build inclusive and resilient communities in which we can all flourish.

Like many young families, we have financial obligations but our family has made the commitment to share our financial blessings with Trinity by making an annual pledge and increasing that pledge each year. Trinity reflects our values, provides us with spiritual growth, and inspires us to continue to give. In the end, our philanthropy is a journey, not a one-time event and one of the ways our family gives thanks to God for all of God's glory.

My name is Andrew Thelander. I am a faithful financial steward.



Above: Andrew & Kary Thelander with Cubby & Eddie

Next page, top left: Tuesday Guys Ron Hagen, John Hodler, Vic Thalacker, Don Loe, Chris Catlin, Tom Olsen & Chuck Newman

Next page, bottom right: Sheila Maybanks on the North Shore



## GIFTS MANAGEMENT



My name is Ron Hagen. My wife, Kathy, and I have been members of Trinity for 28 years. We normally sing in the choir. And I started the “Tuesday Guys.”

Tuesday Guys is a group of Guys who work on Trinity’s projects, and eat treats every (you guessed it) Tuesday.

Trinity’s building is aging, so I solicited help from the group of handymen at Trinity formerly called the “LeRoys” or “Helping Hands.” Once the group realized that having cookies and coffee was as important as getting anything done, its popularity took off. I never dreamed that I would be in charge of a church social group, but there you have it.

A weekly inventory of building needs and budgetary constraints decide what projects to do. The list is quite substantial. We always need more help.

This past summer, a satellite group took on the major task of updating all the lighting in the building to LED technology—a favorite topic of mine. With special funding from our energy utility, we embarked on a project that changed every light bulb (some 688 of them) in the church to LED. Lowering costs and energy consumption will make Trinity a better steward of God’s creation.

The Guys joyfully come every Tuesday wanting to be part of the stewardship going on. My co-leaders, Dan Wilson and Tim Edman, graciously help while I’m gone (like all winter!). We save Trinity thousands of dollars and the building is better for it.

We share the talents given to us (Luke 12:48b). And it turns out to be kind of fun besides.

My name is Ron Hagen, and I gratefully do my part.

My name is Sheila Maybanks. I am a mother, a wife, a social worker, a grandmother, sister, friend, aunt, Master Naturalist, member of Trinity.

I love being outside; ever since I was a little girl I’ve loved what was called “nature.” I remember the very first Earth Day and how something important shifted on that day! Now I see that we are not separate from nature—we are nature and in nature, and it is all God’s creation. This Unity has been hidden so long and yet now it is so obvious!

Being a steward means, for me, “to take care of.” As I have gotten older I learn that I can only take care of the tiniest bit of my world—my house, my family, my little dog, my garden, my part of community.

I’ve learned that our place—where we end up, is important—the part of the world where we live and worship, our watershed, our biome—where we are lucky enough to live.

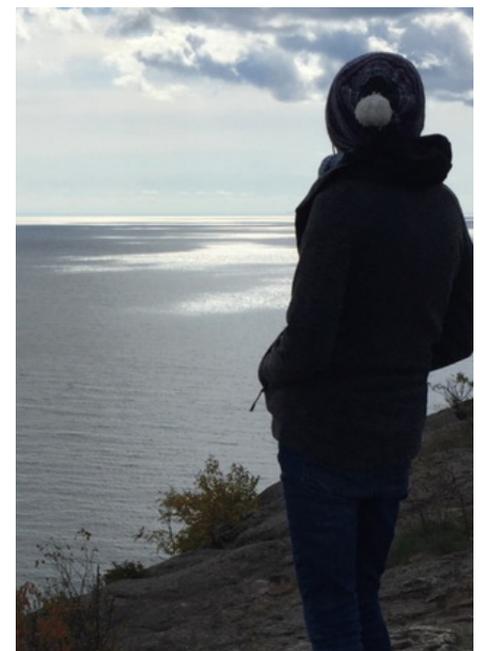
I am grateful for experiences that increased my amazement, appreciation and care for creation: camp as a kid, living in Kentucky and Montana, visiting national parks and foreign countries, riding on the Brown’s Creek Trail, the North Shore and more.

Attending Luther Seminary’s Convocation on sustainability, I was moved to learn about the persistent Biblical calls to care for creation. As a reader, my life has been changed by *Braiding Sweetgrass*, *Barkskins*, and *The Invention of Nature*, among other books.

As a steward I try to care for my place on Earth as a volunteer at a Scientific and Natural Area, as a member of Trinity’s Green Team and a member of Sustainable Stillwater. As a steward I give financially to environmental advocacy groups.

And as a steward I think about the best thing I can do is to be evermore aware and appreciative of our world ; it is a gift to be alive in the world!

– Stories continued on next page.



My name is Sharon Longnecker. I am blessed to have become a member of Trinity after I moved here a year ago to be near family. I am a mom, grandma and great-grandma, a retired teacher, and I have also been a part-time church worker twice in my life.

In my previous church in Arkansas, we developed a fine food pantry. So when I got here, my daughter-in-law Jill took me to Valley Outreach where I was warmly welcomed. I started as a pantry host, helping clients shop and make food choices for their families. I migrated into warehouse work, sorting produce, stocking coolers and shelves, as well as stocking and dispensing meat.

In this mission, there is the obvious satisfaction of helping to provide food that people need, but it goes beyond that, as you develop friendships with staff, volunteers and clients and provide encouragement, assurance and emotional support for the folks who visit us. This follows the words of Jesus when he tells us to love one another. Love in action is stewardship of our time and energy.

A number of Trinity members have been faithful volunteers at Valley Outreach for a long time, doing many kinds of tasks. Sue, Roger, Kay and Jerry, Iona, Patty, Chuck and Joan, MaraDee, Wendy, Laura (on the board), Eric, Sara and Rob, Judd, Craig, Marie, and Dave are all members who serve others through Valley Outreach. Volunteers also help with clothing ministry, backpacks for school children, deliveries to folks who can't get to the pantry, food rescue, and many support activities. We invite you to join us!

I am grateful to be a part of a congregation that encourages the stewardship of service outside of the church walls.



Top: Sharon Longnecker, Kathy Hagen, Sue Walsh & Roger Peterson  
 Middle, left: Wendy Worner  
 Middle, right: Mara Dee Weinberg & Iona Holsten  
 Bottom, left: Rob Horning & Sara Megchelsen

# STEWARDSHIP

# stories

# Outreach Mission Moment

By Michele Hermansen, Outreach Missions Co-Leader

Education, hunger, poverty, homelessness, sustainable agriculture, available water, wars and natural disasters, health care, seemingly impossible life situations or choices.... these are issues in which we are presently involved through Outreach Missions or studying options and approaches. They are also topics that Melinda Gates touches on in her intriguing new book, *The Moment of Lift – How Empowering Women Changes the World*.

I found it to be an interesting read, and highly recommend it. Many of the stories in the book could easily have been about the women we have been privileged to meet in Mwatasi and the Iringa region. The story of the young girl with incontinence caused by a fistula from being a child bride followed by a difficult unassisted childbirth could have been told by a Maasai girl in Selian hospital near Arusha.

The book is filled with example after example of how Melinda came to understand what is behind some of the problems that hold people down, and the inclusive problem-solving that is needed to gain the lift to overcome the problems. There are no easy answers. The examples she uses

are not unique to her or the Gates Foundation, although she is candid about her personal privilege and what she perceives as her shortcomings.

Not all the stories are set in sub-Saharan Africa or third world countries. Yes, it is about gender bias and empowering women, equality and dignity. She also references strong men like Gandhi, King and Mandela, and wise men of God like Henri Nouwen. Get to the last chapter and the epilogue.

*“The goal is not for everyone to be equal. The goal is for everyone to be connected. The goal is for everyone to belong. The goal is for everyone to be loved.”*

*“We can love without limits. We see ourselves in others. We see ourselves as others.”*

Wow! That struck me as Melinda Gates' version of a Reconciling in Christ statement!

After you read this book, if you haven't read the 2018 Tanzania Travel Team's Report and Pastor Chris' Blog from the trip, you will want to do so. Those are posted on Trinity's web site at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > OUTREACH > WAYS TO SERVE > GLOBAL.



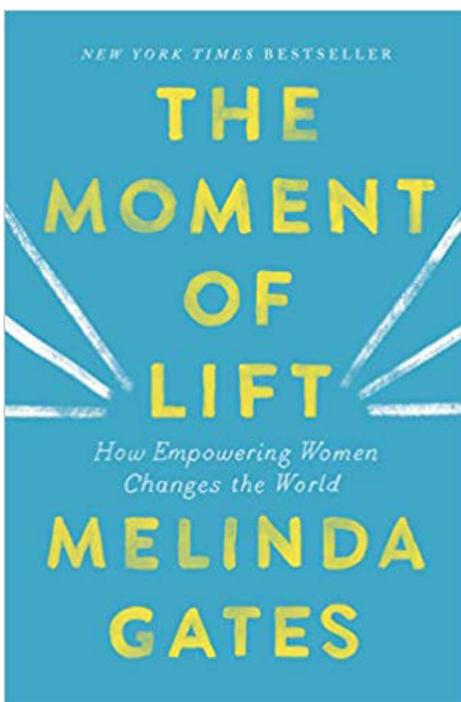
FOOD | CLOTHING | EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

## Valley Outreach Volunteers Needed

Do you miss working at the Valley Outreach Food Shelf with your friends? We will have a Trinity week for volunteering the first days of August when the Food Shelf demand is high!

Please consider coming to help distribute food on Friday, Aug. 2, Monday, Aug. 5 or Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or Thursday, Aug. 1 or Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 4:30–7:30 p.m.

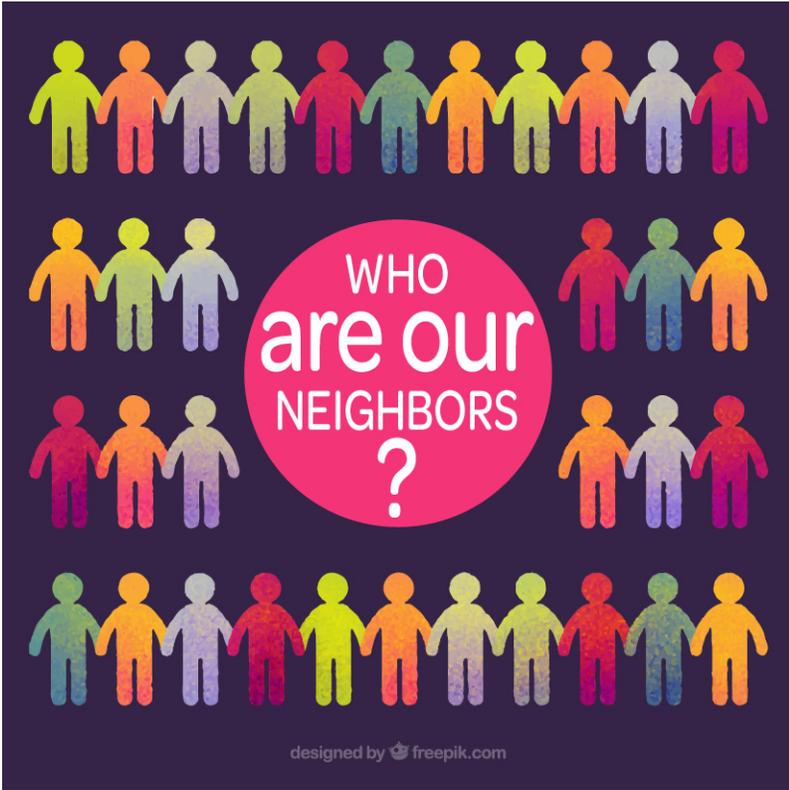
To sign up, visit the website [www.valleyoutreachmn.org](http://www.valleyoutreachmn.org) and click on Volunteer and hit the green Apply Now button to enter your name and information and choose a time to come (Food Shelf Client Host is the job). You can get oriented right before working. If that doesn't work, please leave a message with Kathy Hagen at 651-426-7176 or email [sprucehaagen@comcast.net](mailto:sprucehaagen@comcast.net) with the date you are able to help!





# THANK YOU!

Thank you for an amazing "school year" of adult faith formation and learning. We are fortunate to have so many curious minds and talented presenters at Trinity. Our theme for the new season will be "Who are our neighbors?" We will be exploring and learning about many different "neighbors" in and around our community. Have an idea or question? Contact Penny Catlin at [pcatlin@juno.com](mailto:pcatlin@juno.com).



## Summer Stretch



Summer Stretch is a series of Wednesdays in June for middle school kids from all over the valley that combines a morning service project and a fun afternoon activity. Making a difference and having some fun!



# CLASS OF 2019

## Senior Recognition Sunday May 19

On Sunday, May 19 Trinity honored our class of 2019 high school seniors (see list below) with a blessing during both worship services and refreshments between services. Congratulations to our seniors!



Trinity Scholarship recipients Mya Lysne and Josie Jelinek.

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| DJ Andrews II     | Kaitlin Johnson  |
| Nicole Berglund   | Nettie Johnson   |
| Cody Branch       | Katie Kaufman    |
| Maria Brand       | Maya Linn        |
| Christine Brennan | Mya Lysne        |
| Ben Brynestad     | Henry Mapstone   |
| Tom Buckrey       | Mitchell Miesen  |
| Alyssa Bump       | Josh O'Hara      |
| Ben Carle         | Katlyn Oswald    |
| Stephanie         | Madeline Pasche  |
| Christopher       | Glenn Rorer      |
| Ethan Darby       | Katrina Rydeen   |
| Mason Day         | Charlie Sanders  |
| Daniel Donahue    | Quinn Schafer    |
| Eliza Eger        | Josie Scherek    |
| Lauren Elliott    | Jeremy Slusher   |
| Chloe Engstrum    | Emelia Smith     |
| Blake Evensen     | Luke Sutter      |
| Andrew Glassman   | Jack Swanson     |
| Will Gleason      | Simon Tangen     |
| Max Gonnion       | Kiki Valsvik     |
| Emilie Greene     | Joseph Weckwerth |
| Emma Griffith     | Jade Weyer       |
| Molly Griffith    | Evelyn Young     |
| Michael Griffith  |                  |
| J.C. Haws         |                  |
| Josie Jelinek     |                  |
| Annika Johns      |                  |

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of Phyllis Wolf

## BAPTISMS

- Colton Micheal William Johnson  
Parents: Allan & Chelsea Johnson

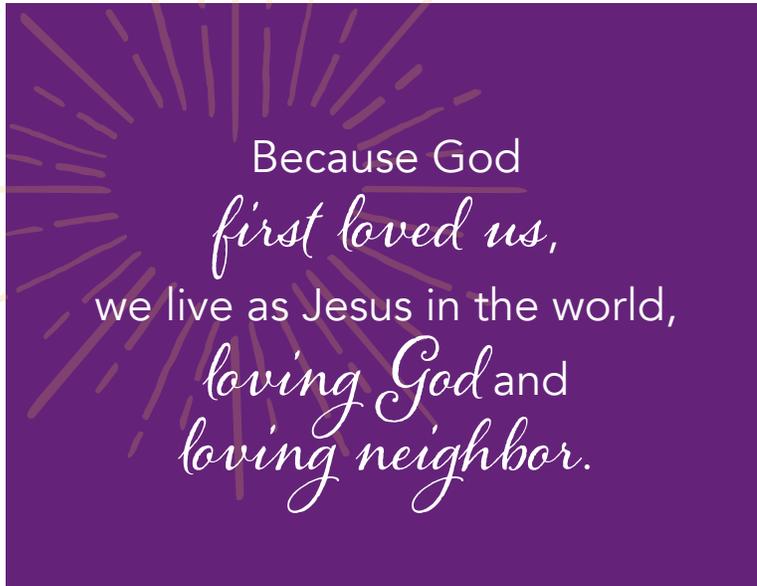
## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>May 26</b>	<b>June 16</b>
9 a.m. ....186	9 a.m. ....181
10 a.m. ....101	10 a.m. ....153

<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 23</b>
9 a.m. ....214	9 a.m. ....133
10 a.m. ....122	10 a.m. ....152

<b>June 9</b>
9 a.m. ....201
10 a.m. ....186

*why trinity?*



## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUMMER SUNDAYS

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

### 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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*welcome*



Trinity Lutheran Church is a faithful community in the heart of Stillwater.

We seek to be a church grounded in the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In doing so, we intentionally educate ourselves in becoming more effective advocates for all of God's people.

We embrace those of strong, uncertain, or undiscovered faith.

We embrace all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

We embrace every age, family structure, race, ethnicity, physical and mental capacity, and economic circumstance.

We believe all people have been created in the image of God, and therefore have valuable stories and infinite worth.

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# CALENDAR JULY 1-31, 2019

## Monday, July 1

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8:45 am Bridge for Trinity: Boutwell's Brownstone A
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, July 2

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Wednesday, July 3

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

## Thursday, July 4—Staff Holiday, Building/Office Closed

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, July 5—Building/Office Closed

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

## Saturday, July 6

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sunday, July 7

- 9 am Outdoor Worship, Communion: Houlton Drive-in
- 10 am Indoor Worship, Communion: Worship Center

## Monday, July 8

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, July 9

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm Sustainable Stillwater Energy Working Group: Garden Room

## Wednesday, July 10

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing

## Thursday, July 11

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 am Retired Men's Golf: Applewood Golf Course
- 10 am Group Spiritual Direction: Room 110
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, July 12—WAPO Seeds Camp

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Saturday, July 13—WAPO Seeds Camp

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sunday, July 14—WAPO Seeds, Senior High & Youth Camp

- 9 am Outdoor Worship, Communion: Houlton Drive-in
- 10 am Indoor Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 5 pm Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room

## Monday, July 15—WAPO Senior High & Youth Camp

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, July 16—WAPO Senior High & Youth Camp

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Wednesday, July 17—WAPO Senior High & Youth Camp

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am WAPO One-day Camp: Camp Wapogasset, Amery, WI

## Thursday, July 18—WAPO Senior High & Youth Camp

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 am Retired Men's Golf: Applewood Golf Course
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, July 19—WAPO Senior High & Youth Camp

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Saturday, July 20

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sunday, July 21

- 9 am Outdoor Worship, Communion: Houlton Drive-in
- 10 am Indoor Worship, Communion: Worship Center

## Monday, July 22

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library
- 7 pm River City Chorale Concert: Worship Center

## Tuesday, July 23

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm Outreach Mission Ministry Meeting: Office Conference Room

## Wednesday, July 24

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

## Thursday, July 25

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 am Retired Men's Golf: Applewood Golf Course
- 10 am Knitting Ministry: Narthex
- 10 am Group Spiritual Direction: Room 110
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, July 26

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Saturday, July 27

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sunday, July 28

- 9 am Outdoor Worship, Communion: Houlton Drive-in
- 10 am Indoor Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 5 pm Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room

## Monday, July 29

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, July 30

- 7:30 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm Pastor Chris' Book Group: Office Conference Room

## Wednesday, July 31

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library



**BRIDGE FOR TRINITY**

*Monday, July 1 at 8:45 am  
Boutwell's Brownstone A Bldg.*

Bridge for Trinity. Bridge players of all levels are welcome the first Monday of every month at Boutwell's Brownstone A Building, 5450 Nolan Parkway. We start playing at 8:45 a.m. and we're done at 11:45 a.m. Leave early, come late, bring friends, come alone. Coffee is provided. We also like to laugh, learn, and have fun. \$5/time contributes to Trinity's mission and ministry. For more information, call the church office to get in touch with Nancy Hokonson, Carol Huber, Phyllis Paulson, or Ann Wolff.

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## UPCOMING EVENT:

### **CANOEING ON THE ST. CROIX Saturday, July 20**

Meet at Trinity at 9:30 a.m.,  
returning between 2-3 p.m. We  
will canoe from Taylors Falls  
to Osceola. Bring bag lunch,  
beverage, sunscreen and towel.  
Cost is \$20.00 per person  
RSVP to Jill Longnecker at  
[jnjlony@msn.com](mailto:jnjlony@msn.com).

