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Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.
– Romans 3:19



LEAD PASTOR **THE REV. DR. CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE**

Welcome the Stranger

Jesus said: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." *Matthew 25:35*

While in France, I visited the home of my father's patrilineal ancestors, the Rivards. I saw the font where my 6X great grandfather, Robert Rivard, was baptized, the home in which he grew up and the plaque on the wall of the church listing those who went from there to New France in Canada. We marveled at the courage of boarding a 90-foot wooden boat to traverse the North Atlantic in search of a better future. And we wondered what hope drove them.

I cannot pretend to be an expert on immigration. The laws governing the influx of human beings from another country into our own are complex and innumerable. There is little dispute that immigration law is necessary. But the catastrophe at the border and the cries of the children cannot be ignored. Especially by the body of Christ, those who live sustained by hope.

The Biblical mandate is clear. Our job as the people of God is to welcome the stranger and treat the "alien" as one of our own.

- You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. *Deuteronomy 10:19*
- The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. *Leviticus 19:34*
- 'Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.' Then all the people shall say, 'Amen!' *Deuteronomy 27:19*

- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. *Luke 10:27*
- Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. *Acts 10:34-35*
- In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all. *Colossians 3:11*
- Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. *Hebrews 13:1-3*

The history of the people of God begins with alienation. First from the garden of origin and the ideal relationship. The whole house of Israel fled to take up lodging in Egypt with Joseph. There they found food and work but were eventually enslaved. Liberated by God, they followed Moses into the wilderness, where for 40 years they were nomadic refugees. The earliest Christians were persecuted, tortured and executed. Many were exiled from their homes and communities for following the "heretical" Jesus. We have shared and family histories of emigration, exile and flight.

Regardless of our political leanings, we are called by God and by the experience of the faithful to tend all who are strangers, wanderers, far from home. Whether they are seeking refuge, freedom or work sufficient to put bread on the table, anyone who resides among us is our neighbor in the eyes of God. Anyone. We are called to treat them with dignity and respect and to see that they are safe, sheltered, fed and cared for.

The commandment to honor mother and father includes respecting the

courage and desperation that drives parents from their homes with children in tow. As people of God and part of the human family, we do everything in our power to keep those families intact. We cannot support punishing desperate parents by traumatizing their children, even if they attempt to enter our land illegally.

Imagine all the comfort we put into traveling to a strange land for a holiday: visas and passports, abundant shoes and clothing, medications, extra cash, cell phones, kindles, c-pap machines. What would drive us from our homes to walk across deserts carrying our babies with nothing but the clothes on our back?

Watching "Stranger Things" last night with Ted, I commented on how foolish a character was to go near a strange, pulsing nest of slime. Ted said, "But I bet you would go right in if one of your children was in there." Parents will go to any end for the wellbeing of their children. Can we not trust that what is "back there" is bad enough to drive folks forward to find what hope and possibility they can?

Yes, we work to reform immigration law so that we find a way to keep everyone safe. And we work for systems of justice and support in the name of the shared humanity of every person who draws breath. But as those slow wheels grind, we tend to the human being in front of us, in obedience to the God who wanders with them.

There is much you can do. Contact Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services via their website: <https://www.lirs.org/> or by phone 410-230-2700. Investigate the ELCA's work with unaccompanied minors: www.elca.org/AMMPARO. Learn about the church sanctuary movement: <https://isaiahmn.org/project/sanctuary-network/> or call Vivian Ihekoronye, area organizer, at 651-376-1066.

Contact your legislator by letter or phone and let them know what you think!

With gratitude for you,
Pastor Chris



PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



Ministry at the Milestones

Our little girls have always been on the move. They moved quickly through the big milestones of scooting, crawling, walking, and running, despite lots of tumbles in the process.

But my heart definitely skipped a beat when I watched our oldest take off on a bike for the first time without training wheels. Her little legs pumping so hard. Her helmet bobbing as she went. When she got it, it was like she was born to it.

It was a big moment in our lives. One worth celebrating. One to pause and thank God for her ability, her courage, her large motor development, and steady growth. Of course, we had ice cream that night and a special prayer of gratitude.

And I remember thinking how the world sort of stood still and it felt like holy blacktop that I was standing on.

Not only was she growing but the great thing about being a parent is watching your child thrive through these different milestones.

Thanking God, and watching and celebrating as God does, for those

special moments of growth.

Milestones are all around us aren't they?

Times where we pause and recognize that we are walking on holy ground. Holy blacktop.

And not just for kids. For all ages.

Calling a place home. Your gifts making a difference in the world. Realizing you have people who you can depend on.

Church is a place to help celebrate and mark key milestones in our faith life.

This year, we are exploring ways to celebrate a wide range of milestones, not only baptism and prayer and Confirmation and Senior Recognition, but how each of us is at a particular moment of celebration with God.

Let's pause and thank God for being on holy ground together at Trinity, and continue to find ways to see each other thrive.

In Ministry with you through the Milestones,

Pastor Peter

Sneak Peak: Grace Space

A volunteer Children, Youth & Families (CYF) team has been working on making our worship space more radically hospitable for multi-age and multi-sensory. See the photos below for some of the space opportunities being considered.

Revamped bags are being developed, not just for wiggly young worshippers, but wiggly adults and those with different learning styles as well.

Lots of churches are integrating these inclusive models with the hope that everyone feels welcome to participate in our worship life. Stay tuned!





from YOUR COUNCIL

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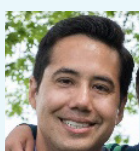
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As some of you may not know me, and are wondering how I ended up on the Church Council, please allow an introduction. My name is Krista Gossai and I am a lifelong Trinity member. I was baptized into Trinity membership as Krista Johnson, confirmed at Trinity, married to Nathan at Trinity, and all four of our daughters have been baptized here at Trinity. My upbringing in the church led to so many formative experiences, refining and reinforcing the foundational values my parents instilled in me. With Trinity as a springboard, I enrolled at Concordia College and spent time further developing a passion for service as a thoughtful member of a global community. Nathan and I have chosen to raise our girls with Trinity as a home base for their faith journey—our hope for them is to learn, form relationships, experience and witness the love of God. So, when the opportunity to serve on the council arose, I considered my personal history and experiences at Trinity, and it is with hope that I serve to help shape Trinity's future while bringing to bear a unique perspective.

I recently had the good fortune to see the new adaptation of "To Kill a Mockingbird" in New York City. This reprisal is not a direct update of the American classic

that so many of us read in school; it takes liberties, changes the story from a chronology to a story narrated by Scout, the daughter of the literary American hero, Atticus Finch. It was spectacular and as the cast joined hands and sang the finale, a hymn alluding to the old verse, "Joy Cometh in the Morning," the liberties taken, the changes made, the updates inserted were unnoticed and the ever-present theme of hope and justice was made evident.

I see the challenge of shaping Trinity's future in a similar light. Our history is rich, we have been successful, we have persevered through challenges, we are familiar to our community, our church (the people, not the steeple!) is thoughtful and kind and has used its time, ability and gifts to enrich the St. Croix Valley for the entirety of my life (and long before). And yet, as we look forward, we may need to change how we are telling the story as well as the story itself. We are adding characters and plot lines to ensure that we amplify the best of our history as we design our future. I, for one, am optimistic that we will be able to do so, but it will take creativity and courage, passion and persistence. And if we are successful our themes of love and inclusion and service and faith will be made evident.

Note from Pastor Chris:

Ending the fiscal year strong.

Summer is a challenging time for church budgets as many of you are away on holiday. If you are current on your pledge or giving plan, thank you! If you have some catching up to do, may we encourage you to do so by the end of the month!? Our fiscal year ends August 31 and having everyone current on pledges and giving plans will help us end strong! Please see P. 7 for an update on our church family finances. Thank you!



OFFERING

Place your gift in the offering plate at any worship service.



ONLINE GIVING

Visit www.trinitylc.org, then GIVING.



GIVE BY TEXT

Text 651-383-1911 with the amount you would like to contribute, include the dollar sign.



GIVE APP/MOBILE

Download the Give Plus Church (Give+) app to your smartphone. Under Find Church, enter: Trinity Lutheran Church.



ONLINE BANKING

Set this up through your local bank.



STOCKS OR SECURITIES

Gifts of securities (stocks, mutual funds or IRAs) may be donated to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Hospitality at Trinity

By Trudi Lohne, Hospitality Coordinator
On Aug. 22, 2005, my dad, the person who exemplified hospitality and taught me how to be hospitable, unexpectedly died. Gone in an instant. However, his spirit lives on in me through the life lessons he taught about feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, visiting the sick, welcoming all to our home and table.

I found both comfort and a renewed sense of purpose in the reflections from two colleagues of his:

"What a testimony, his life, a living sermon, evidence of the humanity which binds us all and a reminder of what good we can accomplish, if we try, if we believe, and if we joyfully take as he did, the least traveled road." – S. Boyd

"He was a wonderful person who had a deep respect for others, a relentless sense of obligation and duty, and an amazing capacity to give." – C. Drake

Haven't thought specifically about my dad's hospitality before because it was just part of his actions, his being, his ministry—threaded throughout his lifetime here on earth. Every night, when I was a child, we would have a family worship time. We'd all sit on the couch or floor (me) while he read a Bible story and a daily Scripture. We all took turns praying before heading off to bed. I mulled over all those Bible stories and scriptures before falling asleep each night. Those stories that Dad read and the prayers we shared have helped form my thoughts and shaped the way I think about people. Stories of grace, love, and hospitality are laced throughout the Bible.

As I begin my eighth month of volunteering as the Worship Hospitality Coordinator here at Trinity, and also experience the fourteenth August without my dad, the realization that hospitality has been woven into the patchwork fabric of my life is quite evident.

Trinity's Worship Hospitality Team includes Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Coffee Crew/treat providers, and New Here? volunteers all working together each Sunday to welcome and be hospitable to all who enter our doors. It is a privilege and honor for me to have an opportunity that allows me to reach out to, communicate with, connect with, and coordinate the Worship Hospitality Team.

If you are interested in helping on the Worship Hospitality Team, please contact me. Thank you. Have a blessed day!

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Worship Texts

Join us to explore the so-called seven deadly sins in the series "Sin Like a Christian."

August 4 **Seven Deadly Sins**

August 11 **Seven Deadly Sins**

August 18 **Seven Deadly Sins**

August 25 **Seven Deadly Sins**

WORSHIP
& MUSIC

*you are invited
to join a*



TRINITY CHOIR

– open to adults of all ages

TRINITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

– K-grade 5

SINE NOMINE SINGERS

– young women in grades 6-12

Each choir sings traditional choral music, gospel music, African American Spirituals, hymns, songs and psalms. Each choir studies and learns the art of worship in its own way.

TRINITY CHOIR rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7–8:30 p.m. in the choir room, and choir sings most Sundays at 9 a.m. worship, as well as at festival worship and in special concerts.

TRINITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K-grade 5) rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5–5:45 p.m. in the chapel, and choir sings approximately once a month at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship, as well as in festival worship, in special concerts and often in a musical.

SINE NOMINE SINGERS rehearse and sing on an occasional basis.

And just as there are commitments to singing in a choir, such as rehearsals and Sunday mornings, there are great benefits. Here are some, to name a few:

- Choirs contribute greatly to the experience of worship—they ARE worship leaders
- Choirs focus on doing rather than observing
- Choral singing requires body, mind, spirit and voice
- Choirs express joy as well as sorrow (on a bad day, there is no better place to be than in choir—whether rehearsal or worship)
- Choirs provide an opportunity for involvement in a collective endeavor
- Singing in a choir is as healthful, or more so, than a yoga class
- Singing in a choir is a gift to yourself and your community that lasts a lifetime
- Choirs have the best seat in the house
- Harvard and Yale studies say that singing in a choir increases your life expectancy!

We hope we have given you reason to join a choir this season. If you have any questions, feel free to be in touch with music and worship director, Carol Carver at ccarver@trinitylc.org; or for the children's choir, Sonia Esch at wisokiwi@msn.com.



No Gift or Action Too Small

By Melissa Haase, Stewardship Team

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." — First Peter 4:10

No gift or action is too small to be an example of stewardship at Trinity. There are many ways to be stewards that go beyond automated giving, responding to pledge drives, or filling offering plates.

Our family practices stewardship as a team in ways that involve each generation. My 8 1/2-year-old son, Jackson, gave his last \$0.51 in a sandwich baggie to his 5 1/2-year-old sister, Audrey, for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Audrey was so excited that she hurried up the stairs to her room alone and emptied her ceramic princess bank to add to Jackson's contribution. She proudly carried her baggie full of change into VBS. These two pint-sized stewards enthusiastically teamed up to give all they had as their offering.

Every year, we see the children of Trinity Lutheran Church demonstrating the stewardship we hear about in the bible. Even these smallest hands are working together to serve the Lord faithfully and with joy, as we see them bring their loose change to VBS, which together really adds up. Even these most impressionable stewards are making a difference in our church community. The faithful flock of Trinity children are instinctively offering all they have to their church without hesitation. This is a sweet example of young disciples following Jesus, their loving and generous leader.

Cross-generational stewardship through acts of generosity, time, and

talent have a strong impact on the overall health of your family and the church. "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for human masters, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ." — Colossians 3:23-24

Another important part of our family's stewardship practice is making a financial pledge to Trinity annually. We know our gifts support God's work in the world through Trinity's ministries. Plus, as a practical matter, pledges help our church create and manage its operating budget. In addition to pledging, our family tries to leverage funds from outside resources that can be directed

profits. If you are members of both Thrivent and Trinity, consider how you may be able to leverage Choice® Dollars to support one of Trinity's ministries that is important to you.

Our family will complete our eighth **Thrivent Action Team** in August. Action teams are an easy way to provide seed money to perform a community service project. For the sixth year, our family will gather with over a thousand people including our teammates, family, friends, and a few dogs to walk along the Hudson, Wisc. riverfront in memory of our son, Nicholas. Team Nicholas is a victorious team with a strong leader, a little boy who has never taken a breath. Our Action Team seed money has provided a foundation to



to Trinity, such as from Thrivent Financial. Following is information about two Thrivent programs — Thrivent Choice® Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams.

Thrivent Choice® Dollars is a program that encourages Thrivent members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes an amount of its charitable grant funds—including to churches like Trinity. Anyone who is a member of both Trinity and Thrivent may be able to participate. Depending on the extent of your engagement with Thrivent, you may recommend directing \$25 to \$5,000 in Choice® Dollars to Trinity for an eligible purpose. So far in 2019, the 382 Thrivent members who are also Trinity members have directed \$9,324 in Choice® Dollars to Trinity. For example, Choice® Dollars have helped support tree planting on Trinity's green space. In 2018 overall, Thrivent members directed over \$203,000 in Choice® Dollars to churches, schools, social ministries, and other non-

help raise nearly \$20,000 for a local organization to increase awareness about pregnancy and infant loss, child loss, and grief. Team Nicholas has also earned the organization's "top fundraising award" for three of those six years.

As Isaiah 40:31 declares, "But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." This scripture was written on the back of our royal blue and yellow shirts during our first ever Action Team. Although many walkers and runners are silent during much of the path, we walk with spirited feet. The weight of grief is lifted from our shoulders while our Lord carries us along the path. Team Nicholas has been therapeutic as we discover healing and joy amidst our grief.

If you are a member of Trinity and Thrivent, you are eligible to complete two action teams a year with \$250 in FREE seed money from Thrivent

for each project. After a simple application process, you and a group of friends can serve our generous God with your gift of time and talent like the Trinity Knitting Ministry, which makes the beautiful baptismal shawls gifted to each person baptized at Trinity—Thrivent Action Team funds help pay for their yarn! In 2018, nine Action Teams were completed to benefit the church. This year, Trinity members have led six Action Teams. So there is still plenty of time and opportunity to commit to an Action Team service project to benefit our Trinity community.

Finally, Thrivent can help Trinity members by presenting workshops on financial management from a faith-based perspective. In 2019, two workshops were provided, including a session called “Be Wise With Money” for the Solo 55 Plus group.

If you have questions about Thrivent Action Teams or Choice® Dollars visit Trinity’s website at www.trinitylc.org, click on Giving. Go to the bottom of the page for links to these Thrivent programs. If you need ideas for how you can support Trinity through an Action Team or Choice® Dollars, contact a Trinity staff member.



FINANCIAL NOTE: Financially, total results for YTD thru June 2019 are still encouraging. We are in a surplus position of \$9K, v. a deficit position of \$19K last year at this time. Our Contribution Income of \$90K for the month of June 2019 is \$13K less than June 2018. YTD our Contribution Income is slightly less than a year ago by \$12K. Total YTD Income is off \$145K v. last year at this time but, \$109K of that decrease is Missions revenue last year for Mexico. Timing of the use of Applied funds from Endowment & Restricted sources is off by \$18K and Fees and Payments income is \$5K less than a year ago. On the positive side our Operating Expenses are \$130K less than a year ago at this time (\$110K of that decrease is Mexico Mission expense). Personnel Expense is \$66K less YTD than last year due in part to a couple of staff vacancies. Line of Credit: the typical summer downturn in contributions has caused us to have to continue to draw slightly on the line of credit. The Line of Credit Balance is now at \$21K as of 6/30/19. We managed to stay out of the line until early May this year or, approximately 160 days! The first time in a very long time that we have stayed cashflow positive for that length of time. – Bob Eiselt, Parish Administrator

Trinity Financial Update

	June Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2019			
	This Year	Last Year	'19 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	1,059,560	1,071,126	1,350,000	78%
Other Income	491,531 #	499,484	507,000	97%
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,551,091</u>	<u>\$ 1,570,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,857,000</u>	
less: Expenses	1,542,453 #	1,589,884	1,852,000	83%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ 8,638</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (19,275)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,000</u></u>	

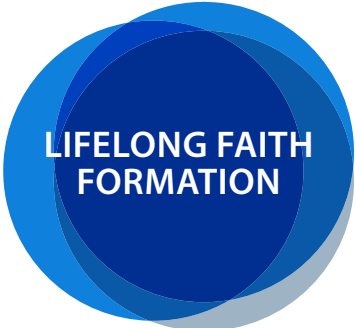
Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,598,306 *	2,921,532
Increase (Decrease)	(173,183) †	690,424
Long-Term Debt - End of June	<u><u>\$ 3,425,124</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,611,956</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance - June 30	\$ 21,000	\$ 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



Trinity's WAPO one-day campers, for kids who have completed kindergarten through 2nd grade.



NEW THIS YEAR! Senior High Summer Stretch is a series of Thursdays in July for high school kids that combines a service project and a fun evening activity. Making a difference and having some fun!

TRINITY Space Camp



Kids completing pre-K through 2nd grade had a great time blasting into space and God's love in June. Thank you to the families who participated and the many wonderful volunteers who made it happen!





UPCOMING EVENTS:

MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART TOUR LED BY SHEILA-MARIE UNTIEDT

Thursday, August 22

Meet at 4:45 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot to carpool. Hour long tour starts at 6 p.m. Space is limited! RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com.

CRUISING ON THE ST. CROIX RACHAEL HARVEY'S BOAT

Wednesday, August 28

Boarding 5:30 p.m. at Slip B26, Bayport Marina. Cruising at 6 p.m., returning by 8 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Space is limited! RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com.

TOUR THE HMONG MARKET

Thursday, September 12

Meet at 10 a.m. in the Trinity parking lot to carpool. Tour will be led by Diane Johnson's grand-nephew, Jacob Siekmeier and his wife, Kawaree Chaiprasitkul, who is originally from Bangkok, Thailand. You will see veggies that you've never seen before! We will tour the market on Como Avenue then have lunch at one of the many food courts. There are many stalls with items for sale such as lotion, soaps, scarves, children's clothes, shoes, etc. Returning to Trinity between 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$10.

SOLO 55+ PLUS

Singles Group
for Ages 55 & Up

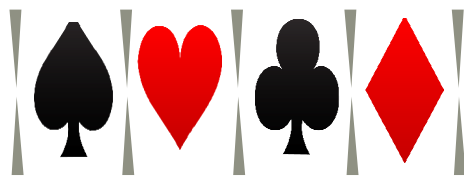
Solo 55 Plus: Over 55, Single and Active?

2nd & 4th Sundays, 5-7 p.m.

Living Room at Trinity

Please use the 3rd St. (East) doors

Come meet other singles and join us for this thriving faith-based social group. Now, by popular demand, for ages 55 and up! Regular meetings on the second and fourth Sundays each month, with member activities planned each week! For a list of events or more information, please send an e-mail to: SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com.



BRIDGE FOR TRINITY

Monday, August 5 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 Hokanson, Carol Huber, Phyllis Paulson, or Ann Wolff.



TWINS BASEBALL OUTING

Tuesday, Sept. 17

6:40 pm Game at Target Field

VS Chicago White Sox, \$30 per ticket

Meet at Trinity at 4:40 p.m. to carpool (or meet us at Target Field). We have secured 25 tickets for the game. Right Field (Section 138, Rows 2-5). Trinity retired men have first call on tickets.

Cost is \$30 which includes admission plus \$10 loaded value. The loaded value is \$10 that can be used for food, beverage or merchandise. Simply scan the bar code at the concession stands, use like a gift card (no physical voucher). The monetary value is electronically attached to the ticket.

RSVP by Aug. 7 to Jon Fogelberg at jon@123m.com advising how many tickets, and if you can drive (and if so, how many passengers can you take?).

Send check to Jon made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. See Jon at Drive-In worship or mail to:

Jon Fogelberg
5272 Nolan Parkway
Stillwater, MN 55082





You're invited!

By Sheila Maybanks, Green Team

Green Team Meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 pm Washington Square Park

There will be a Green Team meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at Washington Square Park. Ice cream will be served! Please join us talk about next projects as well as new education and training on recycling.

Update

The recycling project is going well. Parish Administrator Bob Eiselt reports savings of \$70 to \$90 a month—less trash, lower fees!

Sustainability Tips

From Sustainable Stillwater's website www.sustainablestillwatermn.org

Reduce energy:

- Limit your technology upgrades
- Turn down (or off) the air conditioning; which is about 30% of your energy bill. After all, it is summer!
- Remember what Mother said, "Turn off the lights when you leave the room!"

Reduce water:

- Install low-flow showerhead and faucet heads
- Use rainwater or gray water (from humidifiers) to water your plants
- Water your lawn less—really who is watering their lawn THIS year?
- Consider shrinking your lawn: use part of it for a vegetable garden, or plant part of it in lo-mow grass or bee-friendly lawn

Reduce food waste:

- 21% of waste in landfills is food. About 40% of food purchased is wasted!
- Use smaller dinner plates: less wasted servings
- Carry your own shopping bags
- Don't buy bottled water

Group Spiritual Direction

Connect with me to find out more or to be included in this fall's group spiritual direction sessions. We meet every other week for six weeks, beginning in September. Exact times and dates are mutually agreed upon by the group. Below find a few words from participants. – Zanny, zjohnson@trinitylc.org

"If you are seeking spiritual insights or feeling nudged to go deeper spiritually into the circumstances of your life, you need to try group Spiritual Direction. Once you commit and as the weeks pass, you will discover evidence of the workings of the Holy Spirit in the stories from your own life and those of the others in your group. It's very real. Grounded in our day to day lives and brought to the group through guidance and prayer. It's a powerful and rich experience.

I can't say enough about the beautiful experience I personally had in Trinity's spiritual direction group of this past late winter. I'm grateful the Holy Spirit peaked my interest in working in a group setting when he did. My former experiences with direction have been in one-on-one settings, which has also been meaningful, but sharing in a group setting seems to accelerate the process.

I could not have known in advance what would unfold in my life circumstances in the following weeks but the group meetings became a supportive and loving touchstone in which to share my story. I guess God knows what we need." – J.F.

"Each day God is calling & guiding each of us in loving, healing, life giving ways. The question is are we ready to slow down & listen. Spiritual Direction gives us structure, practice and guidance as we learn to listen to the love, wisdom & guidance God offers each of us.

In group Spiritual Direction, we are encouraged to journal & nurture our spiritual practices in our daily lives without judgement or competition. We join together regularly in community to practice listening,



"Better Together" Picnic

Thursday, Aug. 22 from 2-4 pm

Prospect Park

511 Wisconsin St., Hudson, WI 54016

The NAMI Washington County and St. Croix County affiliates invite you to join in on our "Better Together" picnic! The NAMI Washington County Affiliate invites you to learn more about the resources NAMI has to offer in the St. Croix River Valley at our annual picnic which will take place on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Prospect Park in Hudson.

In addition to learning more about NAMI resources, the picnic is a great way to develop connections, meet chapter board members, learn how you can get involved and enjoy a fun afternoon outside! Lawn games, yoga, and a mindful walk in the park, coloring for kids of any age, and music will entertain you as you enjoy a free catered lunch from a local restaurant. Free NAMI giveaways will be offered to participants, too!

NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers support, education and advocacy for those living with a mental illness and their families.

wondering, pausing & reflecting to hear the nudges & wisdom of the spirit within each of us. We learn & practice to be comfortable with silence, stillness & to listen closely with openness, love & kindness.

No matter where we are along our spiritual journey, this group gives us the opportunity to learn, practice & listen to where the spirit is guiding us right now in our every day lives. If you feel a little nudge, a bit of curiosity, have a bit of time to share with others, consider this group. In a world that feels so broken, how is the spirit calling you?

We are reminded regularly that we are never truly alone & are so very loved; even in our imperfection, loneliness, sadness & suffering & even in our joy, blessings & abundance."

– Kaia Hillegass



FOOD | CLOTHING | EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Valley Outreach Volunteers Still Needed

It's Trinity week for volunteering the first days of August when the Food Shelf demand is high! Please come help distribute food on Friday, Aug. 2, Monday, Aug. 5, Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Friday, Aug. 9 from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or Thursday, Aug. 1, Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Thursday, Aug. 8 from 4:30–7:30 p.m.

To sign up, visit

www.valleyoutreachmn.org and click on VOLUNTEER then APPLY NOW to enter your information and choose a time to come (Food Shelf Client Host is the job). You can get oriented right before working. If you prefer, please leave a message with Kathy Hagen at 651-426-7176 or email sprucehaagen@comcast.net with the date you are able to help!

Last Sunday Supper

Last Sunday Supper

Sunday, Aug. 25 at 5 pm

Served next door at Ascension Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, Last Sunday Supper is a free, delicious, home cooked community dinner for people of all ages who live in the St. Croix Valley area. Everyone is invited! Please help this tradition to continue, join in fellowship. Last Sunday Supper is provided as a partnership between three local faith communities: Ascension Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. To volunteer, please contact Josh Longnecker at 651-263-6803.

You're Invited!
Please come!

Watch for HAM-available/
consumable in October!

4TH FRIDAY Community Supper

Fourth Friday Community Supper & Games for All!

Friday, Aug. 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Hosted at Trinity in Partnership with
St. Croix Family Resource Center

Healthy communities are connected. The Fourth Friday Suppers are hosted in different locations each month and it's Trinity's turn in August. Josh Longnecker will be cooking great summer food for us, and we'll have some fun games for all ages. Please join us as we show a warm Trinity welcome to other families from the community who come to participate in this Fourth Friday Supper.

St. Croix Family Resource Center (FRC) supports families and youth; identify and work toward long term goals for their finances, education, housing, transportation, employment, family and parenting skills. Youth ages 13-24 experiencing housing instability receive assistance in the Youth Connections Program and Drop-In Center to meet their basic needs of food, clothing, showers, laundry, and resources. Youth work with staff individually to focus on Family Reunification and/or housing options to bring safety and stability to their lives. We have a donation box for the Youth Drop-In Center at Trinity. FRC's website is stcroixfrc.org.

Join us for

"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of
service in our community.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, Sept. 7
Gather at Trinity 9 am – Noon



It's time to think about our big community outreach project coming up on Saturday, Sept. 7. "God's Work. Our Hands." is an ELCA-wide event where our Trinity family has an opportunity to serve in a variety of capacities including a river clean-up, buckthorn removal, a Valley Outreach project, Community Thread projects, outreach mission projects and many more. There will be opportunities for every age and skill set.

If you have ideas for other service projects that would be fun for our Trinity family to tackle, please contact Glenda Bjorum at bjorumsing@aol.com as soon as possible.

Put the date on your calendar and let's spend a Saturday morning serving our community and taking care of God's people and creation!

What's New in the Trinity Library? By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

There are many Trinity members involved in local book clubs, including the Tuesday Morning book club which meets at Trinity. The Trinity Library is fortunate to have some book club members donate their recently read books as it results in current resources for our Trinity community. Enjoy the following new titles!



Book Club Donations

Lab Girl (FIC JAHN): Memoir of geobiologist Hope Jahren Kirkus and Booklist starred review.

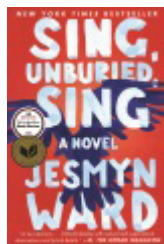
Beyond the Point (FIC GIBS): Three women bond as they navigate the challenges of

the high-pressure environment of West Point.

Chronicles of a Radical Hag (FIC LAND): A bittersweet, seriously funny novel of a life, a small town, and a key to our troubled times traced through a newspaper columnist's half-century of taking in, and taking on, the world.

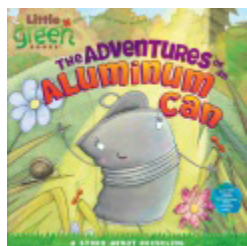
Where the Crawdads Sing (OWEN) Owens tells a "lyrical tale of a young woman growing up in isolation in the 1950s and 60s, in a marsh on the North Carolina coast." Booklist

Sing Unburied, Sing: a Novel (FIC WARD): "Ward, a National Book Award winner, has intimate knowledge of the Gulf Coast and its cultural complexities and recounts this jolting odyssey through first-person voices..." Kirkus starred review



Green Team Grant Books

The Adventures of An Aluminum Can: A Story About Recycling (E 363.71)



Think Green! Think Green! (E H)

Trashy Town (BB Z)

Trash and Recycling (E 363.7R)

What A Waste (E 363.7 F)

Beastly Biomes (E 577.8 A)

The Lost Forest (E 917.7 R)

Touch the Earth (E L)

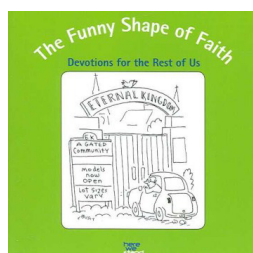


Where Do Garbage Trucks Go? And Other Questions About...Trash and Recycling (E 363.7 R)

Christian Life

The Funny Shape of Faith: Devotions for the Rest of Us (242.2 BUSH)

When I'm Praising God: Thoughts on Worship for Women (242.2 DONI)

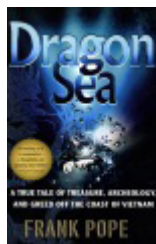


Christ in Our Home: Devotions for Every Day of the Year (242.2 AUGS)

Touchstones: A Book of Daily Meditations for Men (RR 242 HAZE)

General Interest

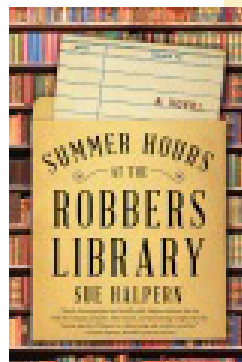
Dragon Sea: A True Tale of Treasure, Archeology and Greed Off the Coast of Vietnam (910.9 POPE)



The Complete Walker IV (796.5 FLET): "...Analysis of hiking gear from hats to boots, from longjohns to tent flaps, they remind us that ultimately hiking is about the experience of being outdoors and seeing the green world anew." Knopf

Another Man's Moccasins (FIC JOHN): Walt Longmire Marine Detective Mystery

The Last Word on Lefse: Heartwarming Stories And Recipe's Too! (641.5 LEGW)



BOOK REVIEW: *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library* by Sue Halpern

Looking for a book for vacation, the beach or just a lazy day? *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library* is an enjoyable and light, but not frivolous, read. Stories about the goings-on in a library (especially in a small town) are ripe for the telling due to the egalitarian, public nature of the setting. This cast of characters is naturally rich and quirky. It covers a wide-ranging group, from a shell-shocked librarian and a teenager with parent troubles to a newly unemployed treasure hunter and a quartet of wisecracking senior citizens. The library, as is often the case, provides a place to be and a connection with others. The part they end up playing in each other's lives drives a sympathetic story line.

The book sometimes verges on the edge of predictability, which somehow isn't particularly objectionable in this story, but is rescued by nice plot twists thrown in here and there. Humor abounds, but much of the subject matter is surprisingly serious and relevant. The author (who incidentally is married to environmentalist Bill McKibben) has created an intelligent and page-turning tale with believable and engaging characters. Perfect for a summertime escape into someone else's world.

– Jerilyn Jackson (Tuesday Book Club)

Coming this fall!

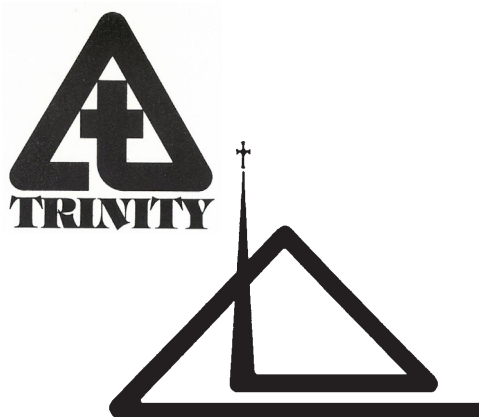
By Marilee Poe Tangen, Publications Manager

While summer is always a little quieter around the church building, staff is working to gear up for a busy September. It's exciting planning for when the air turns crisp and people are ready to get back to the routines that come with fall.

I am so pleased to announce that this September we will be unveiling a new logo for Trinity Lutheran Church that aligns with our mission and core values (please see below). For an in-depth look at the mission and core values visit www.trinitylc.org > then WELCOME > then RENEWAL.

A fabulous congregational team is working efficiently, smartly and creatively to develop something uniquely suited to Trinity. These folks are: Jennie Geiger, Marianne Geiger, Jill Davis Kneeskern, Scott Kneeskern and Brian Larson in partnership with Pastor Chris and me.

Please stay tuned and in the mean time enjoy the throwback below to the three logos I could find that have represented Trinity over the years.



why trinity?

Because God
first loved us,
we live as Jesus in the world,
loving God and
loving neighbor.

core values

Exceptional Worship

Radical Hospitality

Authentic Community

Lifelong Faith Formation

Compassionate Action



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.

BAPTISMS

James Henderson Parker, son of Robert & Kirsten Parker

Oliver James Lee, son of Zachary & Kathryn Lee

Morgan May Adamson, daughter of Justin & Mackenzie Adamson

Violet Marie Olson, daughter of Daniel Olson

Hayden Margery & Parker Mae Madche, twin daughters of Christopher & Alex Madche

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 30	July 14
9 a.m.118	9 a.m.180
10 a.m.155	10 a.m.154
July 7	July 21
9 a.m.210	9 a.m.197
10 a.m.140	10 a.m.124

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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CALENDAR AUGUST 1-31, 2019

Thursday, August 1

- 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, August 2

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

Saturday, August 3

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

Sunday, August 4

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

Monday, August 5

- 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, August 6

- 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, August 7

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

Thursday, August 8

- 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, August 9

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

Saturday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11

- 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, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

- 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, August 14

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing
- 1 pm Caring Friends Meeting: Narthex
- 1 pm Celebrating Seniors Planning Meeting: Narthex

Thursday, August 15

- 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, August 16

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

Saturday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

- 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, August 21

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 11 am Bloodmobile sponsored by SAHS: Gym

Thursday, August 22

- 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
- 4:45 pm GLOW/AWE Event: Minneapolis Institute of Art Tour: Meet at Trinity
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library

Friday, August 23

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 5:30 pm Fourth Friday Community Supper: Kitchen, Garden Room

Saturday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 25

- 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, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

- 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 Outreach Mission Ministry Meeting: Office Conference Room

Wednesday, August 28

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 5:30 pm GLOW/AWE Event: Cruising the St. Croix: Bayport Marina

Thursday, August 29

- 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

Friday, August 30

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

Saturday, August 31

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

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



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FEST 2019

Saturday, September 14

Concert at 7 p.m., Worship Center

Bruce Henry

Legendary Jazz/R&B Vocalist!

Sunday, September 15

Outdoor Worship at 10 a.m. *Under the big tent!*

Special Musical Guest Bruce Henry

Food Trucks • Kid's Activities