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# trinity TODAY

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



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*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. - Hebrews 13:16*



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

## God is so much more

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ,

This time of year, every month has something to look forward to: back to school, TrinityFEST, Reformation, Halloween, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year. This is Ted's and my third autumn in the Valley, and we are captivated by color, art shows and community festivals. There is something about the leaves, the smell in the air, the taste of fall harvest, along with the sense of a worshipping community returning home after summer, that adds up to something lush and kaleidoscopic.

This time of year, we get a rich sense of God active in the world: painting the creation gold and orange, abundant garden harvests to sustain us over the winter, joy and beauty that come with the feast days.

If we pay attention, we can allow ourselves to be drawn beyond a traditional, narrow image of God. We love the "omni" words: omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient and so on. We want a God that is big, powerful and in control. And generally assumed to be male. It's easy to forget the rich array of God's other characteristics—all of which are present in the Bible—all of which are necessary for life. *Eternally faithful* despite human inclination to constantly

turn our back. *Tending us as a mother hen gathering her chicks under her wings. Pitching a tent* right in the middle of humanity and living among us just as we live. *Honoring children. Weeping over humanity. Human flesh and burning spirit.* Birthing creation in its vast, innumerable variety. (Did you know there are over 60,000 known species of trees?!)

Traditional images of God can impose a limit on God that isn't real and leaves people confounded or left behind. While we have historically adopted the language of Father as a complimentary partner to Jesus' earthly mother, God does not have a gender. God created **all human beings in God's image**; all human beings bear the imprint of God. Male **and** female, tall, short, fat, thin, dark, pale, parental, scholarly, creative, stern, compassionate and unfailingly tender. It would be impossible to draw a portrait of God because to do so would have to include an image of every single created thing. What a painting that would be! And what a joy to imagine!

This fall, as you watch the colors erupt and pumpkins appear on front steps, as you smell cinnamon and kiss the head of any newborn, imagine that you are seeing, smelling, hearing, touching and tasting God in all that God is. And know that even so, God is so much more.

And that "more" loves you.

*Pastor Chris*

## Respectful Conversations

Thursday, Oct. 24

6-9:30 pm, Garden Room

No matter what you think about the intersection of public life, politics and the church, we are called to be civil with our neighbors. We can see a contentious year ahead of us, so we have invited the wisdom and experience of the Minnesota Council of Churches to shepherd us through "Respectful Conversations" training. This is a one-evening, facilitated conversation that teaches us how to articulate our views and to listen deeply in order to better understand our neighbors.

Building this skill requires a practice topic, so we will be discussing: Gun Control in Minnesota. No matter your opinion, no matter who you are, you are welcome to participate in this experience. This conversation is not intended to change anyone's mind. Nor does Trinity purport to hold one opinion. This event is intended to help us listen to and better understand one another, no matter our view.

The Respectful Conversations event is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24 from 6-9:30 pm and includes supper. Watch for more information on registration coming soon.

For those of you interested in being trained as a table facilitator, the training is Thursday, Oct. 10 from 6-9:30 pm and includes supper. Please contact Pastor Chris or Tim Gillis to sign up to be a trained table facilitator. We hope to train 15-20 people.

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### Trunk or Treat EVERYONE!

We invite you to decorate your trunk and bring some candy on Sunday, Oct. 27. Participating vehicles will park in the designated lot and families will "trunk or treat" from vehicle to vehicle between worship services from 10-10:30 a.m. Kids of every age (up to 99) are invited to wear their Halloween costumes for this fun, cross-generational event. (Sponsored by Trinity CYF & LADC.)

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



# HOLY DISCOMFORT

If I wasn't a pastor, I probably would have ended up doing some combination of teaching English and coaching basketball.

In college, I had the opportunity to help coach a number of church league boys' basketball teams.

I would drive around North Minneapolis picking up kids on Saturday mornings and making our

way to the school gym that allowed us to use their court at no charge.

I loved thinking through drills and team strategy, and getting to know my players.

But it was uncomfortable too. I was a white coach. All the players were African American.

They had struggles and challenges that I never faced. Many had difficult

situations at home and had been targeted by racial profiling. I worried about us getting pulled over and there being a misunderstanding or comments said that would be taken the wrong way. I tried to drive as perfectly as I could.

There were also times when our mostly all black team seemed to be unfairly penalized for "overly aggressive" play. In other communities, I'm pretty sure they would just call it talent.

While I definitely didn't want to stay in that discomfort, I also know that I was uncomfortable because something was off in our world. This was not how God intended things to be. The trauma and history that had brought us together was not going to be easy to face.

But acknowledging the uncomfortable reality of racism in our world is part of the way that we may heal.

In order to truly experience healing, we may have to listen and know the kind of suffering our neighbors face. I don't believe that's to make us feel bad, though there definitely is sorrow in the way that people of color have been treated in our state and country, but I also think that our collective liberation is at stake too. That God dreams of so much more than what is and what has been for the human family, if we can live in the holy discomfort.

## Joe Davis and the Poetic Diaspora

On Oct. 9 we are welcoming poet, educator, and multi-media artist Joe Davis to Wednesday Faith Formation and help us engage our own holy discomfort.

It will be an interactive event for all ages, lifting up the voices of our diverse community, and helping us continue to live boldly into God's dream for this community, our region, our nation, and our world.

It won't be easy, but it will be holy discomfort. And the other side is worth it.

*Pastor Peter*



# JOE DAVIS AND THE POETIC DIASPORA

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
STILLWATER

**OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6PM – 7:30PM**

INTERACTIVE POETRY,  
MUSIC, AND CONVERSATION

Joe Davis is a poet, educator, and multi-dimensional artist. Join our Wednesday Faith Formation learning for an intentionally cross-generational experience of singing, challenging racism, and faith-based liberation.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND VALUED



## Good News!

We are thrilled to report that Trinity finished its fiscal year ending Aug. 31 ahead of budget by more than \$18,000.\* Thank you so much for your generosity. All financial gifts to Trinity are used to share the Gospel and to support life-affirming ministries. We are grateful for your partnership in our collective ministry. – Your Stewardship Team

\* We passed a budget with a \$5,000 surplus and we were able to end the fiscal year with a greater surplus, due in part to vacant staff positions during the year.

## Annual Meeting

Please join us at the regular annual meeting of our congregation. It is held in November as our fiscal year-end is Aug 31. You have an important role to play in both the ministry and management at Trinity. A budget forum meeting will be held prior to the annual meeting (date to be announced).

Sunday, Nov. 17, Garden Room  
11:45 a.m. Lunch  
Meeting begins at Noon

## PRELIMINARY

## Trinity Financial Update

	August Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2019			% of Budget
	This Year	Last Year	'19 Budget	
Contribution Income	1,291,232	1,300,431	1,350,000	96%
Other Income	556,251 #	584,012	507,000	110%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,483</b>	<b>\$ 1,884,443</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,000</b>	
less: Expenses	1,824,398 #	1,882,562	1,852,000	99%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 23,085</b>	<b>\$ 1,881</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	

### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,598,306 *	2,921,532
Increase (Decrease)	(188,154) †	676,774
<b>Long-Term Debt - End of August</b>	<b>\$ 3,410,152</b>	<b>\$ 3,598,306</b>
Line of Credit Balance - June 30	\$ 6,000	\$ 25,000

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

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

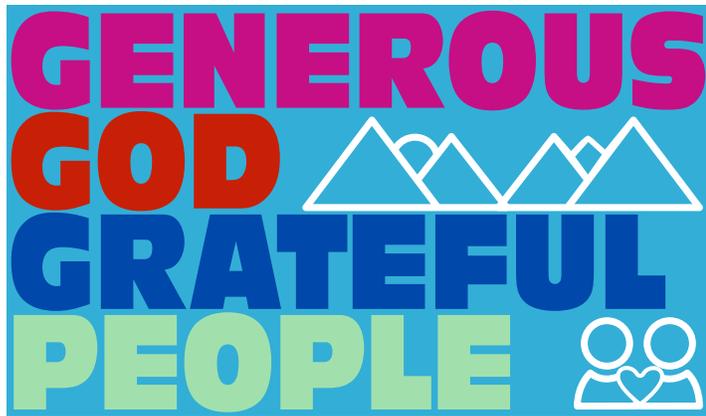
# Includes Revenue and Expense of debt reduction transaction - not budgeted

On Sunday, Sept. 1, Marie Rogger & Steve Liberda were married as part of the 10 a.m. worship service at church. The whole congregation was invited. Homemade Norwegian cake reception followed. Congratulations to Marie & Steve!



# Pledge Drive Kicks Off Oct. 6

By Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team Lead



Hebrews 13:16 – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

It's almost October, which means that Trinity's 2020 financial pledge drive will kick-off soon. I look forward to this, much as I do other activities that begin anew each fall—worship, faith formation classes for children and adults, re-engaging with friends who've returned from summer vacations, and more.

But I especially look forward to the pledge drive, which more than any of these activities invites me to do good, share what I have, and please God. What could be better than that—to respond to an open invitation to please God.

Our God is generous, and so are we, made as we are in God's own image. No wonder we feel so good when we share with others, albeit time, financial resources and other gifts. No wonder we revere exceptionally generous and selfless people—like Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt. Likewise, among our family members and friends, we most esteem *not* those who spent their lives in extravagant pleasures but those who lived lives of extravagant generosity, even to the point of sacrificing ease. So we characterize as "The Greatest Generation" Americans who endured the Great Depression and fought or in other ways helped win World War II—a generation we view as having sacrificed, collectively, for the benefit of others.

Then there is Jesus, our perfect example of love and selflessness. In parable after parable, Jesus calls us to share, and to do so sacrificially, as

a matter of faith and as evidence of our love for God. In action after action, Jesus shows us what a generous life looks like. So as followers of Jesus, we can't help but aspire to live generous lives of our own, pleasing to God.

Which brings me to Trinity's 2020 pledge drive. Clark and I have included Trinity in our 2020 giving plans by making a financial pledge. I urge you and your families to do so too. We give financially to other organizations and needs as well, as we view our pledge to our church home as the foundation of our giving, not the limit.

We also increased our 2020 pledge to Trinity over 2019 because we are excited about the amazing things we see happening in this body of Christ and we want them to grow!

Consider:

- An average of 492 people worshipped weekly at Trinity, sharing communion, witnessing baptisms and praising God through music, prayer, and offering.
- 47 new members joined Trinity; a "New Here?" welcome table was established in the Narthex to engage visitors; and Trinity became a Reconciling in Christ congregation.
- Trinity offered more than 30 small groups for every need and interest to enable members to connect, engage in ministry, and deepen their faith. Over 700 persons participated. New groups included Trinity Tired Men Troupe, for working men; and Solo 55+, for single adults 55 and up.
- 240 youth and children participated in Faith Formation: Sunday School, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, mission trips and more. Adult members deepened their faith through Sunday forums, weekly Bible studies,

special events and newly offered Group Spiritual Direction series.

- Trinity strengthened its commitment to local and global missions and caring for members in need. Notably, a Tanzanian mission trip was completed, which included Pastor Chris Bellefeuille, and an ad hoc group to address homelessness in the St. Croix Valley was formed.

Two more things:

- How much you pledge doesn't matter, but making a pledge does. Our financial situations vary widely, which affects our ability to give to Trinity and to share with others. In 2019, household pledges to Trinity ranged from \$100 to over \$25,000. So, we can all give at some level, consistent with our means. Making a pledge is also important to our own growth in faith as in doing so we show our love for God and others through Trinity's ministries. Finally, pledges enable Trinity to predict its revenues with more confidence and plan and manage a responsible budget.
- If you can, fulfill your pledge by setting up an automatic payment via a credit or debit card or through an electronic debit to your checking account. This method helps Trinity by stabilizing its cash flow year-round. And you will stay current on your pledge regardless of travel away from home.

The pledge drive kicks off on Sunday, Oct. 6, continues on Oct. 13, 20, 27 and ends on Sunday, Nov. 10. Look to receive a letter, brochure and pledge form with more information in the mail the week before Oct. 6.

We have set three goals for the 2020 pledge drive.

- Raise \$1.1 million in pledged contributions. This is an increase of 4.7 percent over dollars pledged in 2019, or \$1,051,594.
- Include 365 families in pledging. This is an increase of 5 percent over the number of families pledging in 2019, or 349.
- Include 20 new pledgers. There were 34 new pledgers in 2019.

We are created by a generous God in God's own image. We are created generous people. So, live into your very nature. Join me in making a 2020 pledge to Trinity Lutheran Church.



# COMPASSIONATE ACTION

*By Doug Johnson, Council President*

Five core values define what Trinity and its people are all about: Exceptional Worship, Radical Hospitality, Authentic Community, Lifelong Faith Formation and Compassionate Action.

Trinity people are involved in Compassionate Action every day by working at the food bank, being one of the Tuesday's Guys, going to Africa, mowing a neighbor's yard or doing any of a hundred other important things to help someone.

Scripture gives examples of compassionate action in ways in which most of us would be uncomfortable. The first is the Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.

Would we be willing to stop to help as the Good Samaritan did, especially after the recent news about a man who was shot by the car accident victim he was trying to help?

Mark 2: 1 – 5 tells another story of compassionate action taken to what we would define as extreme action. When four men carried a man on a litter so Jesus could heal him, they could not get into the house where Jesus was because of the crowd. Rather than give up, they dug a hole in the roof and lowered him down to Jesus.

Would we be willing to destroy a person's property to help a friend?

Mark 15:42 – 47 tells the story of a man who was willing to do compassionate

action even though it might mean his death. After Jesus died, Joseph of Arimathea went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. He did not know how Pilate would react after he identified himself as a follower of Jesus.

How many of us are willing to risk harm to ourselves to do compassionate action?

The stories of compassionate action involving risk are not limited to the Bible. History has provided us with many and this is one from the 20th century.

On the morning of Monday, 6 July 1942, the family of Anne Frank moved into their hiding place. Only four individuals knew of the people in hiding. They were the "helpers" for the duration of their confinement. They catered to all of their needs, ensured their safety, and supplied them with food. All were aware that, if caught, they could face the death penalty for sheltering Jews.

On 4 August 1944, the hiding place was stormed by a group of German uniformed police. Two helpers were arrested and jailed at the penal camp for enemies of the regime at Amersfoort.

We must continue to do compassionate action and hope that we will never be faced with the situations such as mentioned here; however, we should pray that if we ever are, we will respond with compassionate action.



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## "God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of service in our community.



Thanks to everyone who joined in and Glenda Bjorum for coordinating our "God's Work. Our Hands." day of service on Sept. 7. More photos on Page 9.





## Inclusive Grace Spaces and New Worship Activity Bags now available!

By Julie Jolivette, Children & Family Ministry Coordinator

The vision began well over a year ago. Research and visits to other churches followed. The Action Team then named the ministry "Inclusive Grace Space" and stated the goal: To create inclusive spaces for our community to belong, worship and engage.

Over the summer funding was creatively found and desired items purchased, donated, built, sown, and/or repurposed. On Sept. 8 it was all blessed in worship and families began use and appreciation. One young parent told a staff member, "This is amazing and wonderful! Our church really gets us!" If you haven't already done so, come check out the two new spaces in the Narthex and two in the Worship Center. Look inside the new, age-appropriate activity bags placed in all four locations. And don't miss the smiles on the faces of our children and parents of young families!

Special thanks to: Chandra Martin, Ashley Weston Miller, Westwood Lutheran Church (St. Louis Park), Huber Memorial, The Tuesday Guys, Norma Wilson, Amy Budion, Carolyn Minor, Jana Collyard, Tara Cadenhead and Melody Schumacher.

And also special thanks to Jon Batell and the four transition kids (Anthony, Joe, Zach and Dillon) who come to Trinity every Monday morning to clean and disinfect the contents of Grace Place. Such a gift of love!



## Calling All ELCA College and University Alumni!

Sunday, Oct. 6 from 6 - 7:30 pm  
Garden Room

Trinity is part of a denomination that includes 10,000 congregations and 26 colleges and universities. So we invite you to please join us for supper on Oct. 6 as we encourage Trinity High School juniors/seniors and their parents to consider an ELCA school.

Wear your spirit wear! Fly your colors! Rings! Beanies! Sweatshirts! We would like to send you an invitation, so if you are a graduate of an ELCA college or university, please let us know who you are.

Contact Pastor Chris (Concordia), Pastor Peter (Augsburg) or Monty Lysne (Concordia) by calling the Church Office at 651-439-7400.

## One & Done Book Club

BOOK: *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan  
Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 pm, Living Room  
Looking for a low-commitment, yet thought-provoking book club? Check out the One & Done Book Club. We meet only once per book and then decide what's next. Anyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org](mailto:cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org).



In worship on Sunday, Sept. 8, kids of all ages and their backpacks were blessed for the new school year with the message (and backpack tags!) that: God's Got Your Back!

4th Annual  
*Trinity*  
**FEST** 2019

Thank you to all who came out to TrinityFEST events on Sept. 14 & 15, and to the many hands who made it all possible. We were moved by the vocals of Bruce Henry, legendary Jazz and R&B vocalist, along with inspirational worship, and the festivities of food and fun. All ages enjoyed Ben the Lamb, Mike the Juggler and so much more.

“Wow! All the love and hard work of ALL the staff and volunteers at Trinity really shone through on Saturday and Sunday! ... I loved every minute of it! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Wasn't it wonderful to have Bruce Henry and his fabulous musician team?! ...You gave us so much to meditate on, to tap our toes and clap our hands to, and so very much to celebrate!” – Jenny Rediske



# Hospitality at Trinity

By Trudi Lohne, Hospitality Coordinator

Have you ever been somewhere that you felt unwelcomed? I like asking thought-provoking questions and when I posed this query to my friends, every one of them said, "Yes." While their answer didn't surprise me, the place where the majority of those I asked felt unwelcomed did. Gander a guess as to where this unwelcoming place is? Church.

I heard stories of feeling invisible, no one speaking to them, and not being greeted. As Worship Hospitality Coordinator, my ears perked up a wee bit more at the mention of not being greeted. "Was there anyone at the doors of the church to greet you?" I asked. "Yes" she said. "I was handed a bulletin. Not a 'hello' or 'welcome' just a piece of paper."

The Greeter position on the Worship Hospitality Team is vital piece of our ministry. Greeters are the first people seen when entering our church. Ambassadors for the Lord is what some have said about Greeters. In his blog on Turnaround Pastors, Gary Westra wrote "effective Greeters are the front lines of hospitality, assimilation, and evangelism. Greeter ministry is critical to having

a hospitable church." He poses these questions: "Do your Greeters believe that God sent new people through the doors of the church? Do they know that some of those people will come to saving faith in Christ? Do they grasp that first impressions can determine if visitors come back—and perhaps hear the gospel again?"

In *The Ministry of Greeting is for Everyone*, Dan Pezet writes about the importance of greeting all who enter our church. "While it is very important to greet visitors, greeting regular worshipers is just as essential. It is vital that each person be greeted as the body of Christ gathers together."

Words from a few of our greeters at Trinity: "Greeting has been a great way to meet new people!"

– Marlys, Greeter for 4 years

"I find it very rewarding and pleasurable. I love greeting people and will do it as long as possible."

– Barb, Greeter for 15 years

If you would like to be a Greeter or would like more information about greeting, please contact me at [trudishelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:trudishelpinghands@gmail.com), or text me at 612-839-9006. Thanks y'all. Blessings.



## Worship Texts

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

Oct. 6 **Luke 17:5-10**

Oct. 13 **Luke 17:11-19**

Oct. 20 **Luke 18:1-8**

Oct. 27 **Luke 18:9-14**



## THE CURRENT WORSHIP

Wednesdays at 7:07 p.m. whenever Faith Formation Confirmation meets. Youth begin in large group learning from 6-7 p.m. and then gather in the Worship Center. Everyone is invited to worship!

## "God's Work. Our Hands." day of service



## Welcome to the Trinity Fine Arts Concert Series for 2019-2020!

These extraordinary concerts and events have become a tradition at Trinity and we welcome every member, and every member of the community, to attend.

The mission of the Trinity Concert Series is to share God's great gifts of music and the arts with the congregation and community for inspiration, education, and the renewal of the spirit.

The concerts and events range from children's musicals to professional concerts. Music ranges from classic to jazz.

After each event listed is information on how to purchase tickets, if necessary. For further information on any of the events, or if you would like to usher at an event, please contact Carol Carver at 651-439-7400, ext. 307 or [ccarver@trinitylc.org](mailto:ccarver@trinitylc.org).

### Thursday, Sept. 19 – 7:30 pm St. Paul Chamber Orchestra

*Mozart's Paris Symphony*

SPCO Musicians lead a performance of works by prominent French composers, as well as a pair of symphonies by Mozart and Haydn written just ten years apart. For tickets call the SPCO box office at 651-291-1144 or visit [www.thespc.org](http://www.thespc.org).

### Sept. 22 – Nov. 17 The Art of Jessie DeCorsey

*Trinity Narthex*

Jessie DeCorsey was the artist in residence at Luther Seminary 2018-2019 where she is working toward an M.A. in Bible. A mother of four, she started Seven Day Creations as a family devotion in order to teach her children more about her two favorite things, reading the Bible and painting. See the Seven Day Creations as well as many of her other works in this exhibit. You may remember Jessie's exhibit of icons here at Trinity a number of years ago. We are delighted to see her latest works.

### Saturday, Oct. 5 – 7:30 pm Valley Chamber Chorale, Music Saint Croix, St. Croix Jazz Orchestra

*Making Music in the Valley*

The Valley Chamber Chorale, Music Saint Croix and the St. Croix Jazz Orchestra, present their season opening concert as a celebration of our life together in the St. Croix Valley. This is a much-anticipated evening of fine music where the performers call on each other's gifts to create a kaleidoscope of music: chamber music, choral music, big band music. Truly, something for everyone. FREE concert.

### Sunday, Oct. 13 – 3 pm Cantus

*One Giant Leap*

History is filled with stories of daring innovators who had the audacity to dream of one day conquering the sky. The moon, stars, and the tapestry of the night sky are all responsible for some of humanity's oldest legends and mysteries. In *One Giant Leap*, Cantus explores and celebrates the allure of upward exploration, the triumph of the human spirit, and striving for excellence through innovation and technology. For tickets call 612-435-0055 or visit [www.cantussings.org](http://www.cantussings.org).

### Sunday, Oct. 27 – 3 pm Minnesota Symphonic Winds

"Making fine music come alive is an engaging and worthwhile challenge, as well as a rejuvenating source of joy and gratification that deepens with age and experience. The Minnesota Symphonic Winds takes this all quite seriously, while managing to have a lot of fun in the process!" Dr. Timothy Mahr, conductor. Come hear the power and beauty of this amazing wind ensemble. Bring all your budding musicians. This concert is FREE.



Jessie DeCorsey

### Friday, Nov. 1 – 7 pm The Concordia College – Moorhead – Symphony Orchestra

A candlelight concert on All Saints Day—a beautiful event for the entire family—featuring Moussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. This concert is FREE. A free-will offering will be taken. If you would like to host two students (or more) be in touch with Carol Carver.

### Sunday, Nov. 3 – 5 pm Benefit Concert for Anauk Community

Featuring the Anauk Choir, the Trinity Choirs, the choir from First Presbyterian and the Valley Chamber Chorale. This is a mission event—including food, music and fellowship.

### Nov. 24 – Dec. 31 The Art of Robyn Sand Anderson

*Trinity Narthex*

Robyn says: Why art? I didn't know that I would become an artist when I started at Luther College. What I figured out through taking many and various classes, is that when I was in the art building, I was happy. When I was creating, I was happy. When I was painting, had my head in the colors, so to speak, I was happiest. So, I leaned in that direction. Sometimes finding your vocation is leaning into your passion and trusting that God will lead you through the gifts you have been given. Frederic Buechner, theologian, said, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Robyn's exhibit will have an Advent theme. To see her magnificent work grounded in music, visit <https://lutheranarts.org/artists/74-robyn-sand-anderson>.

### Saturday, Dec. 7 – 2 & 6 pm Croix Chordsmen

*Christmas Show*

For tickets call 651-439-4527 or visit [www.stcroixvalleychapter.com](http://www.stcroixvalleychapter.com).

### Sunday, Dec. 15 – 3 pm Christmas at Trinity

The Trinity Choir and the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra join forces to bring the music of Christmas to Trinity. This year's special guest will be Clark Weyrauch who grew up at Trinity. This is an event to plan around—bring family and friends, plan a dinner after the concert—a perfect way to begin a Christmas celebration. A free-will offering will be taken.

### Saturday, Dec. 21 – 7:30 pm Cantus

*Christmas with Cantus*

Storytelling is a wondrous and meaningful part of the holiday season. Christmas with Cantus reimagines three beloved stories: *The Little Matchstick Girl*, *Christmas or The Good Fairy*, and *The Nutcracker*. Featuring narrated passages from these timeless holiday tales alongside familiar carols and new holiday classics, Christmas with Cantus reminds us of the meaning and joy of the season. For tickets call 612-435-0055 or visit [www.cantussings.org](http://www.cantussings.org).

### Tuesday, Dec. 31 – 6 pm Sing in the New Year

A wonderful Valley tradition featuring the voices of Jack Swanson, Clark Weyrauch and friends. The perfect time, a lovely place. Plan your evening around this delightful concert. Tickets through [operatunitytheatre.org](http://operatunitytheatre.org).



**O Magnum Mysterium**  
by Robyn Sand Anderson

**Jan. 5 – Feb. 29**  
**Epiphany: Your Light is Come! Art Show**

Let's celebrate the Light of Jesus and also brighten up the dark days of winter with artwork in the Narthex. All are welcome to submit artwork that speaks to the theme of LIGHT: paintings, photographs, mixed media, images, poetry, sculpture. Please bring artwork to the church office by Dec. 15. Please email Sara Wagner at [saraewagner@comcast.net](mailto:saraewagner@comcast.net) if you are interested in participating in this art show.

**Sunday, Feb. 9 – 3 pm**  
**Encore Wind Ensemble**

The Encore Wind Ensemble is a collection of some of the Twin Cities' top instrumentalists dedicated to the performance of traditional and contemporary masterworks for band. It provides an opportunity for serious wind players and percussionists from the Minneapolis and St. Paul area to share in the highest level of musical expression and artistry. We are pleased to welcome them back to Trinity. Another opportunity for musicians young and old to experience an excellent FREE concert.

**Thursday, Feb. 13 – 7:30 pm**  
**St. Paul Chamber Orchestra**

*Mozart's Symphony 29*  
For tickets call the SPCO box office at 651-291-1144 or visit [www.thespc.org](http://www.thespc.org).

**Lent 2020** – Look for an exhibit of the Stations of the Cross in the Narthex.

**Sunday, March 1 – 3:30 pm**  
**Valley Chamber Chorale**

*Mostly Mozart*  
Mozart's *Requiem* anchors our classic concert. Said to be "one of the most performed and studied pieces of music in history," this isn't a requiem that comforts and stirs in the expected ways. Instead, a curious and mysterious pull of human vulnerability emerges, presenting Mozart's farewell essay in a striking new light. Don't miss this performance of one of classical music's greatest requiems, accompanied

by full orchestra and featuring fantastic soloists. The concert will also include delightful moments from our past 45 years of music making. For tickets call 651-430-0124 or visit [www.valleychamberchorale.org](http://www.valleychamberchorale.org).

**Saturday, March 21 – 7:30 pm**  
**Cantus**

*There Lies the Home*  
Few journeys on our planet are more dangerous than

journeys across the oceans. *There Lies the Home* celebrates the courage and fortitude of early explorers who risked their lives on the tumultuous great blue unknown to make the world a little more connected. With riveting sea shanties such as Lowlands and Shenandoah, as well as the bombastic typhoon of Veljo Tormis's Muistse Mere Laulud, *There Lies the Home* finally arrives back ashore with Edie Hill's beautiful, haunting *A True Heart is Waiting*. For tickets call 612-435-0055 or visit [www.cantussings.org](http://www.cantussings.org).

**Thursday, March 26 – 7:30 pm**  
**St. Paul Chamber Orchestra**

*Prokofiev's Classical Symphony with Pekka Kuusisto*  
For tickets call the SPCO box office at 651-291-1144 or visit [www.thespc.org](http://www.thespc.org).

**Sunday, March 29 – 9 & 10:30 am**  
**worship**  
**Trinity Children's Choir Musical**

**Saturday, April 4 – 2 & 6 pm**  
**Croix Chordsmen**

*Spring Concert*  
For tickets call 651-439-4527 or visit [www.stcroixvalleychapter.com](http://www.stcroixvalleychapter.com).

**Saturday, April 25 – 7:30 pm**  
**Sunday, April 26 – 3:30 pm**  
**Valley Chamber Chorale**

*The Reasons We Sing*  
SINGING. It is all around us, inspiring moods and dreams and loves. Some of our best thoughts, memories and hopes come to life when we are singing. Through joy and sadness, we choose singing to comfort our hearts or inspire joy. We sing of higher hopes, better times, peace and memories of love and friendship. Singing allows us to fantasize, create, leave impossibility behind and turn wishes into reality. For tickets call 651-430-0124 or visit [www.valleychamberchorale.org](http://www.valleychamberchorale.org).

**Tuesday, April 28 – 7:30 pm**  
**Stillwater High School Concert Choir**

*Home Concert*  
For tickets call 651-351-8208 or available at the door.

**Saturday, May 2 – 7:30 pm**  
**The National Lutheran Choir**

*Spring Concert*  
Guest Conductor Dr. Brad Holmes (Millikin University, IL) steps to the podium in this eclectic program that finds the National Lutheran Choir embodying the spirit and sound of choirs and singers around the world. Throughout the ages, music has risen from every continent in forms as vast and varied as the cultures of the globe. Our program journeys around the world and across time exploring sounds and sonorities as diverse as the peoples who created them. Known for his work with tonal variation, guest conductor Brad Holmes introduces a wide range of styles and extended vocal techniques in a concert of praise to the One who created it all. For tickets contact [www.nlca.com](http://www.nlca.com).

**Thursday, June 18 – 7 pm**  
**Brian Wicklund and Fiddle Masters**

Tickets at the door.

**CONCERT & FINE ARTS SERIES**  
**2019-2020**

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Two active ministry groups have joined to provide women opportunities to experience God's creation through adventure, learning, sharing ideas and developing friendships. GLOW (God Loving Outdoor Women) and AWE (Awesome Women's Events) invite you to be part of the joy of community and faith.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### SONG SHARE

**Thursdays, Oct. 3 (Trinity Garden Room) & Oct. 10 (Trinity Living Room), 7-9 pm**

All materials will be provided during each session. Cost is FREE. Join us for two Thursday evenings to explore Song Share: Sharing how we listen to music and what makes a song meaningful to us. During each session four pieces of music will be presented with general questions to open up discussion concerning what we are hearing and what it means to us. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jean Groppoli at 651-436-6810 (please leave a message).

### HIKE/BIKE/CAMP WEEKEND

**Friday evening, Oct. 4 to Sunday, Oct. 6 at Interstate Park, WI (across from Taylor's Falls), Cost: \$40**

We will have two campers that can sleep eight. Space is limited, sign up early! Let's enjoy the beautiful fall colors together. Hike along the bluffs of the St. Croix River or bike the Gandy Dancer Trail. Bring an appetizer to share Friday night. Thank you to Jan Anderson who will provide the food for Saturday and Sunday. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Jan Anderson at 651-261-9769.

### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

**Nov. 17 at 2 pm, The Phipps Theater in Hudson, \$25, Sign up and pay by Oct. 31** Faithful adaptation of the "greatest movie musical of all time." Dinner to follow at Pier 500 (pay for your own). Sign up in the Commons, payment to Trinity. Or call Donna Harder at 651-329-7047.



## Plastic and the Environment

**Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 9 am, Garden Room**  
**Everyone is invited!**

From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

Our presenter is Bonnie Nord, Sustainability Specialist at Waste Wise. Bonnie joined Waste Wise in October 2018. She helps businesses in Washington and Ramsey Counties implement and improve recycling and organics programs.

## What happens if I throw this switch?: How you operate a nuclear reactor with Gary Holthouse

**Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 9 am, Garden Room**

Gary began work in a New York nuclear facility in 1974 as a reactor operator with a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In 1986, he obtained his senior reactor operators license, went into management and was assigned a crew of control room operators . . . he was responsible for the operation of the station while on shift. Gary's 30 years of reactor operation experience will allow him to provide us a unique perspective of the nuclear power industry.

Questions? Contact John Hodler, 651-343-4638 or johnhodler@gmail.com.

More information at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)  
> CONNECTIONS > GROUPS > RETIRED MEN'S GROUP



## Lots of Water!

*By Sheila Maybanks, Green Team Lead*

Precipitation is increasing—more heavy rains—and no doubt heavier snows too. The water from rains and snow must find its way back to the ground. Ground water supplies us with our water needs.

Unfortunately, the water that runs off streets and parking lots into storm drains and ultimately back into the St. Croix River, often carries debris and pollutants. You can help by cleaning out storm drains. On Sept. 7, Trinity members joined the River Rally and helped to clean and to stencil storm drains on North Hill (see photo below).

Consider signing up to "Adopt A Drain" in your neighborhood. It takes about 15 minutes every month to clear the drain of debris, helping keep the St. Croix clean! Call Washington County Conservation District at 651-330-8220 for more information.

Did you know? Trinity does it's part to keep run off clean: part of the parking lot is permeable, some storm water percolates through the paving material instead of all rushing off. There is also a rain garden in the parking lot!



# 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, Oct. 7 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.



## TRINITY TIRED MEN'S TROUPE

For busy men who  
want to connect with  
God and each other

By Rick Slachta, TTMT Small Group

Launched earlier this year, the Trinity Tired Men's Troupe has grown to over thirty middle-aged men and approximately five small groups. The groups meet once a month at various locales (Trinity, Caribou Coffee, Lift Bridge Brewery and Match Stick) for a couple of hours to discuss a topic of the month (i.e. interfaith connections, grief and loss for guys, screens and social media), share highs and lows, read scripture and pray. For me it's provided an opportunity to form deeper relationships with Trinity members who I had previously known only in passing at worship services.

Most recently, Jeff Kanewischer hosted a large group gathering on a beautiful August evening which allowed the small groups to come together for fellowship and good conversation. Josh Longnecker took the helm at the grill; burgers, chicken, pork chops, fixings and more were enjoyed by all. The highlight was an intense corn hole tournament. After several rounds and many convincing wins, the team of Aaron Haase and Andrew Thelander took home the championship.

As I was searching for scripture that best described the evening and what this group offers, Peter 4:8-11 resonated with me: Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received

to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through

Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Trinity Tired Men's Troupe continues to expand, additional large group activities are in the works and new small groups are forming. Some ideas include a golf outing, a retreat weekend, volunteer opportunities and staffing a daddy daycare night at Trinity. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining one of these small groups, reach out to anyone of these leaders: Aaron Haase, ahaase7@gmail.com; Derek Wolden, derkewolden@gmail.com; or Pastor Peter, pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org.



All the trimmings –  
lefse, potatoes, dilled  
carrots, coleslaw,  
cranberries, rye bread,  
homemade pie!

# Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

**Thursday  
Nov. 7  
2019**



Only 200  
served at each  
seating!

### Seatings at:

11:30 a.m., 12:45, 4:15, 5:30 & 6:45 p.m.

Guests will be served at the hour  
indicated on ticket.

Take out meals also available.

## TICKET PRICES

ADULT – \$20

CHILDREN –

6 years-old through grade 6 – \$6

5 years-old and under – Free

Cash or check only.

## Celebrate the Tradition!

Order tickets via email at:  
[lutefisk@trinitylc.org](mailto:lutefisk@trinitylc.org)

### PURCHASE TICKETS:

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 13 you may  
purchase tickets before and after  
Sunday morning worship services  
at the 4th St. entrance OR Monday-  
Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the  
Church Office.

**Proceeds benefit Trinity's  
Outreach Missions**

# Working Together Makes Fun

By Charlie Payne, Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Coordinator

Recently I asked the lutefisk and meatballs dinner crew why this activity means so much to them. Some mentioned family heritage and carrying on treasured traditions. Others raised the good cause of supporting Trinity's mission outreach. All agreed there is a positive energy from working together. That energy, once necessary for survival, now just leads to having a great time. This dinner provides the opportunity to pause and remember that survival story.

My wife's family traveled from Norway and settled in the wilderness of western Wisconsin in 1872, the year after Trinity was founded. With four children, three under the age of seven, they traveled with two other Norwegian families "by ox teams over roads that were little better than trails... Their wagons were so heavily loaded there was no thought of any person being able to ride, and there were the animals to herd so everyone walked."

Working together, they carved a path through the forests to their homesteads, where their first task was

to clear land to plant potatoes and corn for the first winter. "Knowing they could never accomplish all that had to be done in one short summer", they hired a man, paid with a cow, to build their log homes.

Working together, they cleared land for next spring's crops, sawed the timber for their winter fires, cut hay from nearby streams and meadows, and built barns to store the hay.

Working together, they milked the cows, made butter and cheese, sheared the sheep, and washed, dried, and spun the wool. They picked berries and carried water from springs up to a half mile away.

When winter came, they were as prepared as they could be. The families visited each other and assisted each other when in need. They held religious services each Sunday at each house in turn. After services, everyone remained for the day, sharing a meal of potatoes, mush, clabbered milk, fish, cooked meat, and lefse served on wooden plates and bowls carved by hand. "It was with great satisfaction that they now looked back to the hardships they had so bravely faced,

and before they realized it, winter was over and spring had arrived."

So come join us and be part of the fun. Plus, the lutefisk team has new jokes to share!

– Excerpts from "The Story of the Knute Edson Family" by Maybelle Langdorf and Jennie Combs (unpublished).



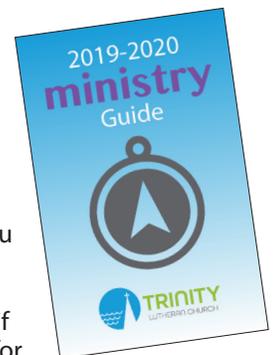
## NEWCOMER LUNCHEON BAPTISM PREPARATION

**NEWCOMER LUNCHEON:** Sunday, Oct. 6 at 11:45 am, Garden Room  
Open to all who are interested in joining Trinity! Come eat a light lunch, hear from Pastor Chris, meet some staffers, and learn about Lutheranism and Trinity! Breakout session for Baptism preparation and orientation as well. RSVP to Zanny Johnson at [zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org) by Sunday, Oct. .

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Sunday, Oct. 6 at 11:45 am, Garden Room  
Everyone will begin by enjoying a meal, fellowship, and opportunity to learn more about Trinity with other (multi-aged) people who have expressed interest in joining this congregation. Then we will break off to talk more specifically about the Sacrament of Baptism and answer any questions. Contact Jeannie Wendorf at 651-439-7400 or [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org) by Sept. 29 if you plan to attend.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** Oct. 27, new members will be welcomed at both 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services. Baptism Sundays are scheduled with Jeannie Wendorf in the church office. Contact Jeannie at: 651-439-7400 or [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org).

Next time you're at Trinity, be sure to grab your copy of the 2019-20 Ministry Guide. The guide summarizes the many opportunities for you to participate in our life together as the body of Christ. And if you have a passion for a small group or new ministry at Trinity, contact a pastor or staff person to talk about how to make it happen at Trinity!





For more information about Trinity's local mission strategy focused on housing issues, contact John Hodler at johnhodler@gmail.com or 651-343-4638.

# SOLUTIONS!

## Education and Action to Reduce Poverty and Homelessness for My Neighbor



### EDUCATION

#### Economics of Perpetual Poverty: Working hard and being broke!

Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:30 am, Garden Room at Trinity

Presenter is Peter Kilde, Executive Director of the West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc. (West CAP) since 1995. West CAP develops and manages low-income housing projects, operates homelessness intervention programs, weatherization, food security, the JumpStart car ownership program, and various sustainable community initiatives.



### ACTION

#### Poverty: What we can do about it!

Sunday, Oct. 13 at 10:30 am, Garden Room at Trinity

Trinity is hosting a panel discussion on what steps we can take to reduce poverty. Guest panelists include: Trisha Kauffman, Executive Director of Solid Ground; Tracy Maki, Chief Executive Officer, Valley Outreach; Jenny Mason, Executive Director at St. Andrew's Community Resource Center.



### COMMUNITY EVENT

#### Homelessness & Affordable Housing: Awareness & Action to find Solutions!

Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 5:30 pm, Stillwater Public Library

This community call to action, hosted at our public library, is sponsored by Ascension Episcopal Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Peter's United Church of Christ and MICAH (Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing).

**5:30-6 pm** Appetizers by Rivertown Inn

**6-7:30 pm** Deepen, Discuss & Commit: Deepen awareness and focus on issues facing homeless people. Discuss and develop systems to reduce poverty and its effects. Commit to actions that will provide affordable housing for our neighbors; young, old, single and families.



# Page Turners in the Trinity Library

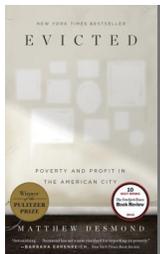
By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. – Hebrews 13:16

## Doing Good & Loving Others

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* 339.4 DESM

Matthew Desmond wrote this Pulitzer Prize winning book, which “transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem.” (Crown Publishers) *Evicted* has earned starred awards from six major review sites.

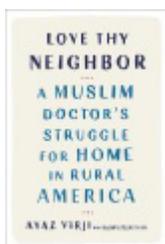


*One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* 261 KEGL One Coin Found is chosen as a Trinity Book Read. “Kegler knows how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture

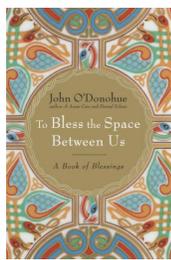
continue to captivate and inspire her—both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. God goes out after us—seeking us until we are found again. God’s story is a story of welcome and acceptance for everyone—no exceptions.” (National Book Network) Publishers Weekly Starred Review

*Love Thy Neighbor: A Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America* 297 VIRJ

Based in Dawson, Minnesota and Grace Lutheran Church, Virji lectured “to answer commonly held misconceptions about Muslims. That lecture leads to more lectures, until Virji becomes an in-demand speaker in parts of rural America. ... This is a vivid account of one man’s efforts to make sense of political tensions, racial hatred, and religious misunderstandings.” (Publishers Weekly, Starred Review)



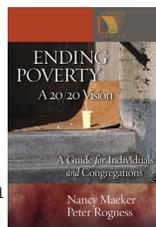
*To Bless the Space Between Us* 242 DONO O’Donohue wrote this prayer/devotional book to help



readers through daily life and the extraordinary events of their lives. He explains “blessing” as a way of life, as a lens through which the whole world is transformed. (Double Day)

*Ending Poverty: A 20/20 Vision Guide for Individuals and Congregations* 261.8 MAEK

This Lutheran Voices study focuses on poverty issues and action on behalf of those who experience poverty and prejudice due to class. Stories from four settings help define poverty, recognize communities of poverty, explore the hidden culture of class, and take a view that shows how we are all one community. A practical guide for congregational study groups, this book is a call to action on behalf of the poor. (Lutheran Voices)



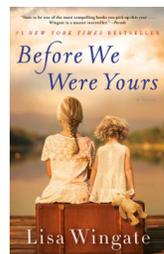
## Trinity Readers Donations



*Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* 978.1 SMAR “An essential read for our times: an eye-opening memoir of working-class poverty in America that will deepen our

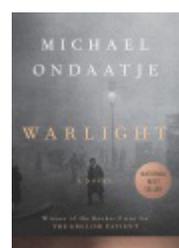
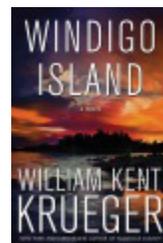
understanding of the ways in which class shapes our country. Readers are given a unique and essential look into the lives of poor and working class Americans living in the heartland.” (Scribner) National Book Finalist Award, Starred Book: Booklist and Publishers Weekly

*Before We Were Yours* Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. This wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even



though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. (Ballantine Books)

*Windigo Island: A Novel* FIC KRUE Krueger’s latest in the Cork O’Connor series set around Lake Superior and northern Minnesota is a blend of detective story and investigative fiction. Starred books by Booklist and Publishers Weekly

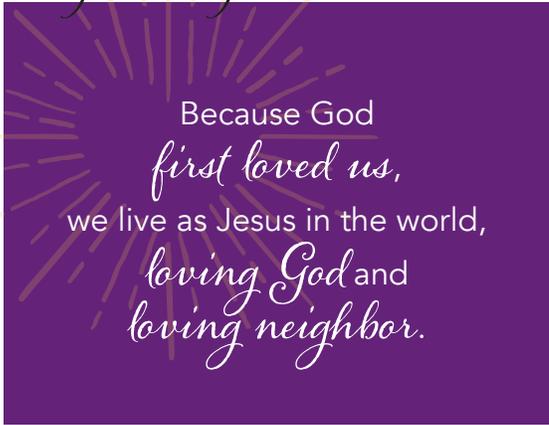


*Warlight: A Novel* FIC ONDA It is 1945, Postwar London and 14-year-old Nathaniel and his older sister, Rachel, seemingly abandoned by their parents, have been left in the care of an enigmatic figure and

his group of friends who protect and educate them. Twelve years later, Nathaniel begins to uncover all he didn’t know during that time, and it is this journey—through reality, recollection, and imagination—that is told in this magnificent novel. (Knopf) Starred reviews: Booklist, Kirkus, Publisher’s Weekly, National Best Seller



## why trinity?



## 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.



### Trinity unveils new logo *By Marilee Poe Tangen, Publications Manager*

In September we announced a new logo for Trinity that aligns with our mission, core values and welcome statement. Literally, it reflects our steeple and the river; symbolically it signifies our faith community carrying out the life-giving work of God in the St. Croix valley and beyond.  
 Many thanks to the congregational team who worked efficiently, smartly and creatively to develop something uniquely suited to Trinity. These folks are: Jennie Geiger, Marianne Geiger, Jill Davis Kneesern, Scott Kneesern and Brian Larson in partnership with Pastor Chris and me.  
 As good stewards we will use supplies with the previous logo until they are gone, watch for the above logo to appear on new items as they are produced.

## BAPTISMS

- **Wyatt Joel Albertson**, son of Darek & Megan Albertson
- **Willie Wright Synan**, daughter of Derek & Erin Synan

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>
9 a.m. ....196	10 a.m. ....411
10 a.m. ....157	
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b>
9 a.m. ....169	9 a.m. .... NA
10 a.m. .... NA	10:30 a.m. ....197
<b>Sept. 8</b>	
9 a.m. ....184	
10:30 a.m. ....198	

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
 at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**  
 The Current Worship at 7:07 pm  
 whenever Faith Formation meets

**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 OCTOBER 1-31, 2019

## Tuesday, October 1

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 3 pm Quilting Ministry: Living Room
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Wednesday, October 2

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 5 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal: Heritage Chapel
- 5:30 pm Family Pizza Dinner: Garden Room
- 6 pm Faith Formation Confirmation (Gr. 6-9): Upper & Lower Levels
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:07 pm The Current Worship: Worship Center
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

## Thursday, October 3

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 am Group Spiritual Direction: Room 110
- 7 pm GLOW/AWE Event-Song Share: Garden Room
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, October 4—GLOW/AWE Hike/Bike/Camp Weekend

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

## Saturday, October 5—GLOW/AWE Hike/Bike/Camp Weekend

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 9 am 3rd Gr. Milestone Retreat: Garden Room
- 7:30 pm Valley Chamber Chorale/Music St. Croix/St. Croix Jazz Orchestra: Worship Center

## Sunday, October 6—GLOW/AWE Hike/Bike/Camp Weekend, Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

- 9 am Traditional Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 9 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Adult Faith Forum—Economics of Perpetual Poverty: Garden Room
- 11:45 am Newcomer Luncheon & Baptism Orientation: Garden Room
- 6 pm ELCA College Night: Garden Room

## Monday, October 7

- 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, October 8

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 am Retired Men's Group: Plastics & the Environment: Garden Room
- 9:15 am Leah Circle: Narthex
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 3 pm Quilting Ministry: Living Room
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library
- 6:45 pm Anna Circle Meeting: Members' Homes

## Wednesday, October 9

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing
- 1 pm Marion Circle Meeting: Members' Homes
- 5 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal: Heritage Chapel
- 5:30 pm Family Pizza Dinner: Garden Room
- 6 pm ALL IN Event—Joe Davis & the Poetic Diaspora: Worship Center
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym
- 8 pm Women's Community-Buidling Small Group: Office Conference Room

## Thursday, October 10

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 1 pm Martha Circle Meeting: Living Room
- 1 pm Dorcas Circle Meeting: Members' Homes
- 6 pm Respectful Conversations Training: Garden Room
- 7 pm GLOW/AWE Event-Song Share: Living Room
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, October 11

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

## Saturday, October 12

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

## Sunday, October 13—Stewardship Sunday

- 9 am Traditional Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 9 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Adult Faith Forum—Poverty: What we can do about it: Garden Room
- 3 pm Cantus Concert: Worship Center
- 5 pm Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room

## Monday, October 14

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

## Tuesday, October 15

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 3 pm Quilting Ministry: Living Room
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Wednesday, October 16—No Children's Choir or Confirmation

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

## Thursday, October 17

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 am Group Spiritual Direction: Room 110
- 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, October 18

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

## Saturday, October 19

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

## Sunday, October 20—Stewardship Sunday

- 9 am Traditional Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 9 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Adult Faith Forum—My Neighbor is Trans: Garden Room

## Monday, October 21

- 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, October 22

- 7:30 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 3 pm Quilting Ministry: Living Room
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 pm One & Done Book Club: Living Room

## Wednesday, October 23

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 5 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal: Heritage Chapel
- 5:30 pm Family Pizza Dinner: Garden Room
- 6 pm Faith Formation Confirmation (Gr. 6-9): Upper & Lower Levels
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:07 pm The Current Worship: Worship Center
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

## Thursday, October 24

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 am Knitting Ministry: Commons
- 6 pm Respectful Conversations: Garden Room
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

## Friday, October 25

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 5 pm Food for Thought Group Gathering: Bill & Glenda Bjorum's Home

## Saturday, October 26

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

## Sunday, October 27—Reformation, Stewardship & New Member Sunday

- 9 am Traditional Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 9 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10 am Trunk or Treat: Parking Lot
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10:30 am Adult Faith Forum—My Neighbor is Trans: Garden Room
- 3 pm Minnesota Symphonic Winds Concert: Worship Center
- 5 pm Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room

## Monday, October 28

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

## Tuesday, October 29

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 3 pm Quilting Ministry: Living Room
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library

## Wednesday, October 30

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 5 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal: Heritage Chapel
- 5:30 pm Family Pizza Dinner: Garden Room
- 6 pm Faith Formation Confirmation (Gr. 6-9): Upper & Lower Levels
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:07 pm The Current Worship: Worship Center
- 8 pm Women's Community-Buidling Small Group: Office Conference Room
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

## Thursday, October 31

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

## Adult Faith Forum Series



Sundays at 10:30 am  
Garden Room at Trinity

**My neighbor is experiencing homelessness.**

**Oct. 6** Economics of Perpetual Poverty  
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**Oct. 13** Poverty: What we can do about it!  
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**My neighbor is LGBTQ.**

**Oct. 20 & 27** My Neighbor is Trans... and What the Scripture Says, Presenters Mary Lowe and Marty Wyatt from Augsburg University

**My neighbor is experiencing addiction.**

**Nov. 3** The biology, shame, and stigma of the disease of addiction and substance abuse. The need for compassionate action.

**My neighbor is a different faith.**

**Nov. 10, 17 & Dec. 1, 8, 15** My Neighbor is Jewish, Muslim, Native American, Buddhist, etc. How do other faiths practice their relationship with God and all of God's creation? Presentation from leaders of other faiths and world religion videos.