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# trinity TODAY

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

**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
**9 & 10:30 a.m.**

Please join us in worship to honor and celebrate Trinity's saints—both those whom we have welcomed into the Body of Christ through baptism, and those to whom we've said farewell as they've entered into life eternal.

## WELCOME

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**Marilyn Rose Masterman**



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You’re blessed when you’re ravenously hungry.  
Then you’re ready for the Messianic meal.  
You’re blessed when the tears flow freely.  
Joy comes with the morning.”  
– Luke 6: 20-21 (MSG)



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

## Language of God

Siblings in Christ,

Pastor Peter and I recently spent a couple of days with our bishop and colleagues from the Saint Paul Area Synod. We worshipped, received updates on the synod and learned from Dr. Eric Barreto, a professor of New Testament at Princeton Seminary. (And Pastor Peter’s advisor when he was still teaching at Luther Seminary.) Dr. Barreto invited us to open our imaginations as we engaged with the book of Acts.

I would like to invite you to open your imaginations as we continue our conversation about images for God. Last month, in this column, I wrote about how God is so much bigger than familiar images for God allow. This month, we invite you to think about the *language* we use for God, especially in worship.

The language we use to talk about God has a powerful impact on the shaping of faith, in adults and children. Growing up in the 60s and 70s, the only language ever used for God was male: He, Him, His, Himself, Father, Lord, Master, King, etc. As mentioned last month, God does not have a gender. In fact, God has as many attributes that have traditionally been considered female as those traditionally considered male. If we want to shape an image of God in the minds of the faithful

that is as expansive as the whole of creation, our language needs to be equally expansive. (By default, we are then invited into more expansive understanding of gender roles among humans!)

In worship, we take seriously the way language shapes our faith. We have been working to adapt our language in prayers, preaching and liturgy to reflect a more fulsome image of God. We avoid gendered pronouns when we can, using God/Godself instead of he/him/himself. From time to time, it becomes awkward to use God instead of he, so we might use he, she or they (‘Let us create humankind in our image...’ Gen. 1). When we make the sign of the cross, we use Creator, Son/Redeemer/Savior and Spirit/Sustainer. One can also use names for God that are less limited but still holy, descriptive and faithful: Regent in place of King, Holy One, Sacred All-in-All, Most High.

When we pray what is often called the Lord’s Prayer, we are obeying Jesus’ instruction to “Pray then in this way...” (Matt. 6). The name that Jesus uses—which we translate as Father—is “Abba.” This is not simply the moniker of a male parent. Instead, it is a deeply intimate term of address, used only by children addressing a beloved parent. It is not used idly. It is used in love,

need, in deep and abiding relationship. That role isn’t limited to the fathers in our lives.

Think of it this way: God is Father, but God is not only Father. For some folks, Father is a painful or even absent figure and limiting our intimate naming of God to Father might leave them behind. It might be that the tender, caring person in their life is mother, grandmother or uncle. The point of this prayer is the deep and personal intimacy between the vulnerable beloved and the caregiver who provides.

Some begin this prayer “Our Mother, Our Father.” Some use “Abba, Imma.” This invites each of us to be obedient to Jesus *and* connect with God in the intimate way Jesus intended. We will begin using this language in worship later in the year. It will be a stretch for all of us and difficult for many of us as we use the full array of what God offers us in language and imagery to be as faithful as we can.

As we experience this more expansive language, before responding, we invite you to dwell in it, pray about it and reflect on it. We invite your imagination as you consider your images for God and the language that has shaped those images. Experiment with more expansive images for God: tender, maternal, beautiful, nurturing.

Then let’s have some conversation in love and faithful compassion.

In Christ,

*Pastor Chris*

## You’re how old?



Did you know that Trinity will be 150 years old on July 19, 2021?

Time flies when you’re having fun!

We are assembling a team to help plan a

few special moments during 2021 to give thanks for the ways God has worked in and through the ministries and people of Trinity and to look toward our future as the body of Christ. We currently have teams forming for: Sunday mini-reunions, a birthday party on the actual birthday, a history time line, story telling and collecting, and a big bash planned for September 2021.

If you are interested in learning how you can be part of the planning in ways large and small, please contact Pastor Chris at [cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org](mailto:cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org).

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



# Falling into Forgiveness



It was a random text on a Sunday night.

“Hey, could we grab coffee tomorrow?”

“Sure. What’s up?”

“I just want to talk.”

“Ok.”

I wasn’t ready for the conversation, but it was one I had played over in my head many times (some with trained professionals).

More than 30 years of fighting, self-hatred, and coping strategies with my closest brother. We just never really figured out how to love each other, despite different failed attempts.

Like the trees all around us, sipping coffee in the golden morning, our past slowly came falling down in little pieces and semi-symmetrical shapes.

It was honestly, the healthiest conversation we had ever had, but like the leaves, still felt a lot like death.

He looked me straight in the eye, the lens changing from green to orange and brown to blue.

“I’ve got a confession.”

“I just want to tell you that I am really sorry. I don’t know all the pain that I have caused, but I know that what I did and how I treated you was wrong. I knew it was wrong then and I did it anyway. I don’t want to live like this anymore. I love you, brother. I’m really sorry.”

I sort of fell into those words like a giant leaf pile, catching my body and holding me up from totally hitting the ground.

I wanted to wait as long as I could to hold that space. To honor his words

and what it meant. To leave room for God.

“I forgive you. I’m sorry too,” I said.

I wasn’t the best brother either.

We talked about how our relationship often felt like a zero-sum game. The way love can feel scarce. How manipulative we can be. How violent. How angry. How short-sighted. How abusive.

Every shade of crisp brown and yellow shapes finding the earthy floor.

Fall feels like as good a time as any for forgiveness. To practice the dying and raking work of reconciliation, as exhausting and as impermanent as it is. It reminds us how cyclical and ongoing life is.

Of course, forgiveness doesn’t change everything overnight. We still have a lot of work to do in retethering and rebuilding our relationship.

We had a difficult time imagining a new way forward, but are committed, that with God’s help, there is new life, even if it takes all winter.

I didn’t know how much I was craving that conversation, but sometimes we just fall into the messy love that we need, like the giant leaf piles we used to make as kids growing up.

Trusting that like that strange mound of memories, God is still holding us up from hitting the ground.

And picking back up to start anew.

May it be a blessed Fall,

*Pastor Peter*

# Page Turners in the Trinity Library

By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

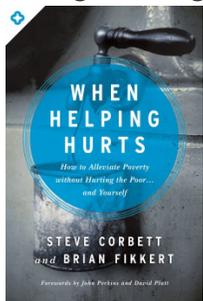
“You’re blessed when you’ve lost it all. God’s kingdom is there for the finding.

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David Lose, senior pastor at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, wrote a series of devotions called *Daily Bread*. He referred Jesus’ care for those with physical, emotional and concrete needs in the Luke beatitudes verses. Lose’s closing prayer asks God to “make us mindful of those with less” and to use us to demonstrate “love and special concern for all those who suffer.”

## Loving Our Neighbors

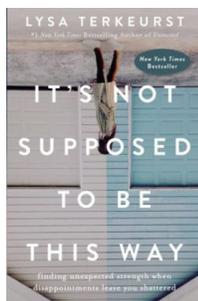


*When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor And Yourself* 261.8 CORB: Corbett’s book helps equip people to effectively help the poor. It is written with a biblically based framework.

*Ending Poverty: A 20/20 Vision Guide for Individuals and Congregations* 261.8 MAEK: This ELCA guide shares principles for work on overcoming poverty.

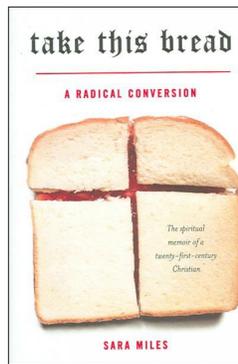
*One Coin Found: How God’s Love Stretches to the Margins* 261 KEGL: God’s story is a story of welcome and acceptance for everyone—no exceptions.

*It’s Not Supposed to Be This Way* 248.8 TERK: Written with a Biblical perspective for those times when expectations end in disappointment, and the challenges of life seem harsh.



*Enough: Why the World’s Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty* 363.8 THUR: Read to explore the issues of hunger in a

time when tools and knowledge are available to end it.

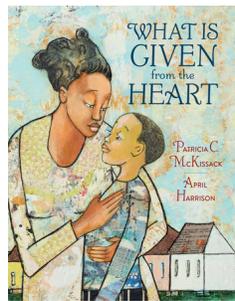


*Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* 227.3 MILE: Miles started food pantries among the poorest, a physical action of her faith and prayer.

*Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* 248.6 NOUW:

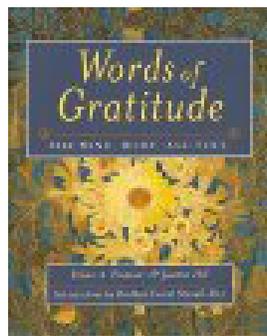
“We are beloved by God, and if we truly understand and believe that, it will change the way we live our lives.” (Henri Nouwen)

*What is Given from the Heart* E M: A church has a love box for the needy in their community. Though another family has very little, a pastor reminds them “what is given from the heart, touches the heart.”



*Crenshaw* JUV A: A young boy experiences homelessness and hunger. Though the family faces hard times, award-winning author Applegate provides hope through family and friends, even an imaginary one.

## We Are Grateful To God

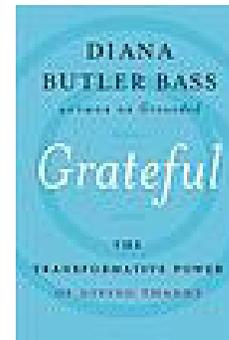


*Words of Gratitude for Mind, Body and Soul* 248.6 EMMO “Learning to experience gratitude involves being grateful as an attitude, not as a reaction

when good things occur. Gratitude provides gifts to both the giver and the receiver.” (Templeton Foundation Press)

*Gratitude Works: A Twenty-one Day Program for Creating Emotional Prosperity* 248.6 EMMO Find suggestions for growing gratitude through spiritual disciplines, journaling, writing letters and more.

*Living Life As a Thank You: The Transformative Power of Gratitude* 248.6 LESO “The authors present a simple yet comprehensive approach for incorporating gratitude into one’s life and reaping its many benefits.” (VIVA Editions)



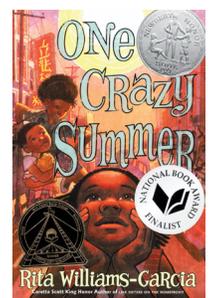
*Grateful: The Transformative Power Of Giving Thanks* 241. BASS Bass provides insights to the practice of gratitude, the power of thankful living to change how we treat one another, and how we might transform our world. (Harper Collins)

## Fun For Kids



2019-2020 Minnesota Youth Reading Award (MYRA) nominees for Middle Grades: *Save My Seat* JUV W and *The End of the Wild* JUV H are part of the current Maud Hart Lovelace program.

The Trinity Library has many Newbery Award books including: *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* JUV B, *One Crazy Summer* JUV W, *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* JUV K, *Elijah of Buxton* JUV C, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*, *Number the Stars* JUV L



Many current best-selling fiction books were recently donated. Children may have fun with:



Visit the Trinity Library on the lower level by the 3rd Street Entrance!



## Budget Forum

Sunday, Nov. 3

10 & 11:30 am, Living Room

If you have an interest in, or questions about Trinity's budget, this forum is for you! Budget forums will be held after both worship services on Sunday, Nov. 3.

A budget will be approved at the annual meeting.

The 2019 Annual Report will be available prior to the budget forum.

## Annual Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 17, Garden Room

11:45 am Lunch

Meeting begins at Noon

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. Have questions? Budget forum meetings are held prior to the annual meeting (see details at left).



## Trinity Financial Update

### September Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2020

	This Year	Last Year	Proposed '20 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	81,842	80,975	1,350,000	6%
Other Income	40,973	53,381	342,550	12%
Total Income	<u>\$ 122,815</u>	<u>\$ 134,356</u>	<u>\$ 1,692,550</u>	
less: Expenses	<u>131,799</u>	<u>145,607</u>	<u>1,691,330</u>	8%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (8,985)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (11,251)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,220</u></u>	

### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,410,152	3,598,306 *
Increase (Decrease)	<u>(6,958)</u>	<u>(6,861)</u>
Long-Term Debt - End of September	<u><u>\$ 3,403,193</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,591,445</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance - September 30	\$ 11,000	\$ 25,000

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

## Financial Highlights

September 2019

Financially, preliminary results for September 2019 indicate a strong start to the new fiscal year similar to our experience in September 2018. Here is a comparative summary, this year versus last, so far:

	<u>Sept. 2018</u>	<u>Sept. 2019</u>
Contribution Income:	\$80,975	\$81,842
Total Operating Income:	\$115,614	\$120,880
Operating Result:	(\$4,390)	(\$2,026)
Total Result:	(\$11,251)	(\$8,985)

Great start to the new fiscal year. Thank you for your support!



# Why do I give?

By Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team

Trinity's 2020 financial stewardship campaign is underway, wrapping-up on Nov. 11. For those of you who have already made your 2020 financial pledge to Trinity—thank you! For those of you who are still considering your pledge, the words following explain why I've made my 2020 pledge to Trinity and why I increased my commitment over 2019.

## **Why Do I Give? It gives me joy.**

I love to give to my family, to my friends, to causes and organizations that I am passionate about, including my church. Especially my church. I love knowing that the dollars I give to Trinity are invested in life-affirming ministries that lift up children and youth, care for members of Trinity, and reach out to many more beyond Trinity's walls—in the St. Croix Valley and well beyond.

When I give of my financial resources (and time and capabilities) I feel at peace. I believe I am living my life as God has created me—to be generous. I know I am stewarding God's abundance as God has called me to, enabling God's love to flow through me.

Generosity and joy in giving is innate to us all. That shouldn't surprise you, for the Bible says God made us in God's own image—"So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God, God created them.... (Genesis 1:27). And we worship a

generous God, a giver extraordinaire. Just reflect on all that God gives us—time, unique gifts, our material possessions, our very life. Best of all, God gives us the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers in which we find our home.

## **Why Do I Give to Trinity? I encounter the living God and hear God's truth.**

In the secular world, I don't hear the truth about the Living God, the source of all life and love. This is a truth that I can't live without. Gratefully then, I give to Trinity, where I participate in the body of Christ and am fed at Jesus' table. Where I am enriched, inspired and engaged in ways that I don't experience anywhere else. Where, best of all, I am called into a transforming relationship with Jesus. Bottomline, I give to Trinity out of gratitude for the difference that Trinity makes in my life, in the life of other members and in the wider world, with the help of God.

## **Why Do I Pledge to Trinity? It helps me and helps Trinity.**

Pledging is an act of faith, a commitment to give back to God, an expression of gratitude to God and an important spiritual discipline. Pledging fosters my well-being. Giving back to God, sharing out of our blessings with our neighbor is an oft repeated Biblical instruction. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister

in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:17-18)

For Trinity, pledges are the main source of income and assure that the staff, facility, and materials needed to do our shared ministry is funded. As a practical matter, pledges enable better financial planning and management—e.g., pledges allow us to predict with confidence Trinity's anticipated revenues and plan a responsible and faithful budget. Plus pledges helps Trinity's leaders and staff to steward our collective resources more effectively. Additionally, I fulfil my pledge through monthly electronic automated giving via a credit card. This too benefits me. It's easy, saves me time, reduces paper and ensures I am current on paying my pledge. For Trinity, receiving regular automated payments helps smooth out Trinity's cash flow and reduce the need for short-term borrowing.

## **Does a Pledge Restrict My Financial Flexibility? Not in my experience.**

I like to make an annual Giving Plan, which covers all of my plans to contribute to charitable organizations, including Trinity. Because my church is my highest giving priority Trinity receives the largest portion of my total charitable giving.

My Giving Plan becomes a component of my annual budget. If my income proves higher than expected, I give more than my plan. If my income is lower, I still try hard to give my plan. Usually there are several parts of a family budget that can be adjusted to changed circumstances. Nonetheless, in two of the last 30 years, I have had to decrease my giving compared to my plan.

## **How Much Should I Pledge? I trust God's guidance.**

No pledge amount is too small or too large. But it is important to make some level of commitment to give back to God—a commitment that boldly demonstrates your trust in God. Every family's financial circumstances are different, so it's helpful to make the decision of "how much" in prayer and study.

That's what I do—pray to God for guidance and reflect on my gratitude for God's generosity. Scripture is another important resource. Jesus often exhorts his disciples to practice generosity (Luke 21:1-4); the early church shared everything together and sold their possessions to give to the needy (Acts 2: 43-47); and God is pleased when we share what we have with our neighbor (Hebrews 13:16).

So over time I have been able to grow my planned giving to over 15 percent of my annual income. As mentioned, my pledge to Trinity is the largest portion of this giving. Excited as I am about our shared ministry through Trinity, I again increased my 2020 pledge over the prior year. But remember—no gift is too small or too large. What matters is trusting in God by making your pledge.

### **Call to Action: Choose joy and pledge**

So join me by making your 2020 pledge to Trinity. Do so prayerfully and in gratitude for God's amazing generosity. Let's achieve this year's financial stewardship campaign goals:

- \$1.1 million in dollars pledged, an increase of 4.7% over dollars pledged in 2019;
- 365 families making pledges, an increase of 5.0% over 2019; and
- 20 new pledgers (there were 34 in 2019).

Better yet, let's exceed these goals! Let's collect our financial resources together and expand God's tent even more, let's wage love on even more of our neighbors, let's make an even bigger difference through this church, through this body of Christ, for the sake of the world.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." (2 Corinthians 9:11-12).

Thanks be to God.

# What is a Pledge?

A pledge is a spiritual discipline and practical tool that confirms your plan and commitment for giving. For Trinity it's a management tool. Pledging assures that the staff, facility and materials needed to do our shared ministry will be funded. It affirms that together we want to bring forth the world God has imagined—a world of abundance, equity and peace.

## Steps to Pledge by Paper:

Complete a 2020 pledge card enclosed in the stewardship information packet mailed in early October or available from the Church Office, in the Worship Center pews, or at the stewardship information booth in the Narthex.



Return the completed pledge card—no later than Monday, Nov. 11—in the Sunday service offering plate or by mail to Trinity at: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 339, Stillwater, MN 55082.

## Steps to Pledge Online:

Follow 3 easy steps to pledge online:

Visit Trinity's website at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org).

Click on GIVING at the top-right of the page, then click on the YOUR GIVING PLAN button.

Complete and submit the online form. You will receive an email confirmation.

Congratulations! You have pledged online.





# CHARITABLE GIVING FOR 2019 AND BEYOND

By Andrew Thelander, Council Member

As individuals and families make the commitment to share their financial gifts with Trinity Lutheran Church, more and more are making regular electronic payments via a bank account or a credit card. This is a great way to budget for your regular giving and to stay on track to fulfill annual pledging commitments especially since Trinity Lutheran Church operates on a fiscal tax year budget that ends August 30 of each year. This is different for individuals and families who instead operate on a calendar tax year ending on Dec. 31.

As we approach the end of 2019, please continue to make your regular giving to Trinity Lutheran Church no matter the amount as your gift is a blessing and makes a difference. For some individuals and families, they may be starting to rethink their charitable giving. Rather than regular giving each week or month, they are instead considering making a larger single gift each year. This has become more common from an individual tax planning standpoint as a result of the 2018 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The Tax Foundation estimates only 13.7 percent of taxpayers will still itemize in 2019. If this is the case, you may want to rethink your charitable giving to Trinity Lutheran Church to help you to find ways to consolidate your giving and provide the opportunity to reduce your tax bill.

Of course, for many of us the benefits of giving extend far beyond tax breaks. Yet, it's still very important to understand some charitable giving

strategies that have become more common and even more attractive under the new tax law. If you're beginning to rethink your charitable giving, consider one of these other ways to fulfill your Trinity Giving Plan:

## Take advantage of Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you're 70 ½ years of age or older and are taking a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA or even an Inherited IRA consider taking advantage of a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). This strategy enables you to transfer a full or partial amount of your RMD up to a maximum of \$100,000 each year to a charity. This in turn helps you avoid having to pay taxes on your QCD which allows you to lower your adjusted gross income which could potentially trigger a reduction in taxable Social Security benefits and/or future Medicare premiums based on your own tax situation. The full amount of your QCD also counts towards satisfying your annual RMD as long as the funds come out of your IRA by December 31 and Trinity Lutheran Church is able to receive the entire value of your qualified charitable distribution.

## Establish a Donor-Advised Fund

Consider a donor-advised fund, otherwise known as a DAF, or Giving Fund. It works like a personal giving fund dedicated to your charitable giving. Instead of writing multiple checks to individual charities, you put everything into one simple Giving Fund and you may be eligible to get a tax deduction for the current year. Decide now or later on the charities you want your Giving Fund to support. While you decide, your contributions are invested with the potential to grow tax free to make a bigger impact. As an example, to help simplify and schedule your tax deductions within a specific tax year, one could "bunch" several years of donations to a donor-advised fund into one year, and take the tax deduction, but then have the fund pay out the gift annually in equal amounts. Trinity Lutheran Church would get the same amount each year, even in years when the donor did not itemize deductions. The most common contributions are appreciated securities including shares of company stock that were distributed using a Net Unrealized Appreciation strategy. A donor-advised fund can also be a great mechanism for teaching

children (and grandchildren) about responsible charitable giving habits.

## Directly Donate Appreciated Assets

If you're not interested in establishing a donor-advised fund quite yet but still have appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, consider gifting these appreciated assets directly to Trinity Lutheran Church. Instead of donating the after-tax cash proceeds from the sale of an appreciated asset which results in capital gain taxes for you, the appreciated asset can be gifted directly to the church. This strategy works especially well if you have a large amount of a single stock and want to diversify from it or have shares of an appreciated asset that you purchased or acquired through other means that is missing cost basis information.

## Generate Income from a Charitable Remainder Trust

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

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

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## COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY

The Congregational Council plays a critical role in the leadership of our congregation. In addition to its constitutional role as the legal and administrative authority for the congregation, the council is focusing on its members also serving as spiritual leaders within the congregation.

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for an upcoming vacancy on the congregational council. The election will be held at the annual meeting on Nov. 17 (see Page 5). If you would like to be considered by the Nominating Committee to be a candidate for a council position, please read more about the council member roles and duties, and fill out the online nomination form at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > WELCOME > WHO WE ARE > COUNCIL.

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## JOY COMES IN THE MORNING!

*By Pastor Don Fultz, Visitation Pastor*

This is a good lead message to introduce myself, Pastor Don Fultz, your newly-appointed Visitation Pastor. This beautiful, inspiring song was sung by the choir at our son Timothy's funeral on Sept. 17, 1984 at Faith Lutheran Church in Forest Lake. The message speaks to faith, confidence, and sustainability of life in Christ for all those who have lost loved ones.

After a ministry journey at Forest Lake till 2000, a 13-14 year ministry journey in Tanzania, a final retirement in 2013, and a move to Stillwater, my wife Eunice and I joined Trinity in 2016.

Life journey:

1956 – graduated from Walnut Grove High School

1956-57 – attended Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis

1961 – graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

1965 – graduated from Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, IL

1965 – Assistant Pastor, Grace Lutheran, Mankato; Chaplain at Mankato Lutheran Home

1967 – Pastor, Bethany Churches, Arco & Ivanhoe

1970 – Pastor, Holy Trinity, New Prague

1980 – Pastor, Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake

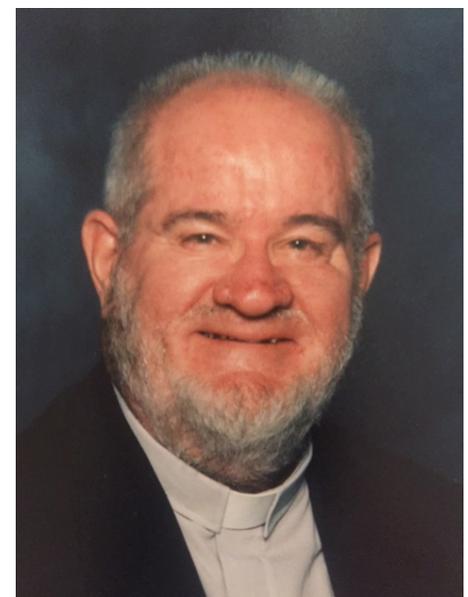
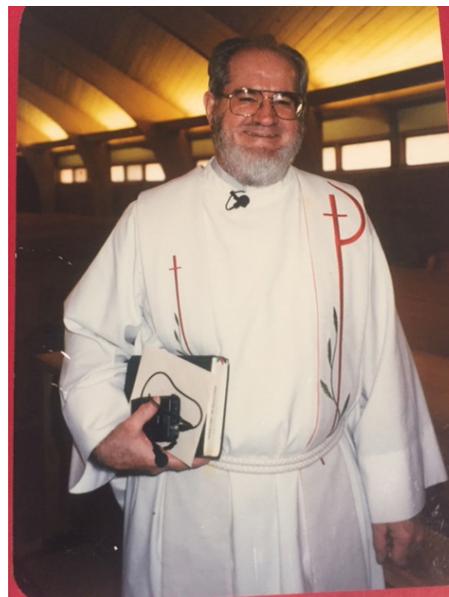
2000 – Coordinator between Saint Paul Area Synod & Iringa Diocese (establishing congregational partnerships)

2013 – Retired

Let me know where we connect!

A wonderful family sustains us: daughter Tami (and her husband Chuck) are in Florida along with two grandkids Shawn and Lauren who are in Florida Universities, son Todd and grandkids Mary, Tim and Madeline here in Stillwater. It is a joy to continue to celebrate the next generation of life as well as serve some of the needs of Trinity's folks.

I will be visiting and providing Communion to the elderly and homebound, as well as handling some funerals.





# Adult Faith Forum Series

Sundays at 10:30 am  
Garden Room at Trinity

## 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.

More information at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > LEARNING > ADULT > ADULT ED.



## 3rd Grade Milestone

By Julie Jolivette, Children & Family Faith Formation Coordinator

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS & SELF-CONTROL! Trinity 3rd Graders and their parents are bursting with the Fruits of the Spirit.....have you seen them in worship? Serving communion? Helping usher? On Saturday morning, Oct. 5, Trudi Lohne and Sylvia McCallister had fun training this eager group. As you encounter them greeting, ushering, serving coffee or communion, give them a shout out of gratitude. These are the future leaders of the church.



*ALL IN Faith Formation  
& Congregational Book Study  
One Coin Found  
By The Rev. Emmy Kegler*

**Wednesday  
Nov. 13  
6-7:30 pm**



Please join us for a faith-forming experience for all ages! We invite you to read a memoir by local author and ELCA pastor Emmy Kegler called *One Coin Found*. A great read for individuals and small groups. Then join us on Nov. 13 when the author visits Trinity. Purchase your copy at Trinity for \$15.

This book was featured on Minnesota Public Radio's Women of Faith Series and is "a personal, thoughtful, and grace-filled look at what it means to wrestle with one's faith when that same faith is often an instrument to wound and exclude."

Pastor Kegler shares her own experience growing up in the church and navigating her identity in the LGBTQ community, as well as feeling called to ministry while serving folks on the margins who have been excluded by the church.



Emmy Kegler is the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis, the founder and editor of Queer Grace, an encyclopedia of online resources around LGBTQ life and faith, and the author of the new book *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins*.



**WORSHIP  
& MUSIC**

## Your Light is Come! Member Art Show

Looking ahead to the season of Epiphany (beginning 12 days after Christmas on Jan. 6), our theme will be: Your Light is Come! Let's celebrate the Light of Jesus and also brighten up the dark days of winter with LIGHT artwork adorning church spaces.

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. Artwork will be displayed Jan. 5 through February. Please email Sara Wagner at [saraewagner@comcast.net](mailto:saraewagner@comcast.net) if you are interested in participating in this art show.

## 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.

Nov. 3 **Luke 6: 20-31**

Nov. 10 **Luke 20: 27-38**

Nov. 17 **Luke 21: 5-19**

Nov. 24 **Luke 23: 33-43**



NOTE: Daylight Saving ends Sunday, Nov. 3. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

# Hospitality at Trinity

*By Trudi Lohne, Hospitality Coordinator*

"Excuse me, you're sitting in Ms. Holley's pew," an usher at a church I was visiting said. "We need you to move." The unmarked, empty, run-of-the-mill pew had seemed like a good place to sit for my first visit, yet apparently I had encroached on someone's personal space. Someone who wasn't there and never did show up for the service. True story.

I shared this story recently when given the opportunity to speak about Worship Hospitality roles and the concept of Radical Hospitality with 3rd graders and their parents here at Trinity. We talked about what an usher does during a worship service. Each child had the opportunity learn how to pass an offering plate, and with bulletins in hand, children practiced welcoming guests into the Worship Center.

"Where may I sit?" asked one of the guests.

"You may sit anywhere you want!" answered one of the 3rd graders who smiled brightly as she handed out a bulletin.

I smiled too, because in listening to me tell the story of my experience at another church, this child had heard the message, as reflected in her words. Seed planted.

Being friendly and flexible are important characteristics of an usher along with having a servant's heart. As stewards of God, ushers are helpful and welcoming to all, guests and members alike, as they enter our Worship Center.

In the article, "Building a Great Usher Team," Dan Reiland wrote, "Ushers are a tremendous force in setting the tone for worship and helping to prepare the people to hear and respond to the Word of God." Ushers are an integral part of our Worship Hospitality Team.

Each Sunday, 10-12 ushers are needed to hand out bulletins, collect offering, dismiss rows for Communion, and straighten up Worship Center following services. With online signup available on SignUpGenius 24/7/365 y'all may check out the site and see open dates/times.

Please e-mail, text, or call me, and I'll send you the signup link.

Do you enjoy interacting with people? You available on Sunday @ 8:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.? Are you committed to Trinity's core value of Radical Hospitality? —Worship Hospitality Team needs YOU!—

Thank you. Have a Blessed day.

[trudishelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:trudishelpinghands@gmail.com)  
612-839-9006



# THE CONCORDIA ORCHESTRA

*Kevin Sütterlin, Conductor*

**FRIDAY, NOV. 1  
7 P.M.**

**SPECIAL  
CANDLELIGHT  
CONCERT**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
115 4th St. N.  
Stillwater, Minn.**

Open to the public; freewill offering accepted

For information, email: [ccarver@trinitylc.org](mailto:ccarver@trinitylc.org) or call: 651.439.7400  
Sponsored by the Trinity Lutheran Church Music Ministry

## *Penny Corbett & Friends in Concert*

**Saturday, Nov. 9**

**7 pm, Worship Center**

Many of you know Penny Corbett from her many times playing her violin in worship. Finally, it is time to hear Penny in concert. Penny is now a junior at Stillwater Area High School and thinking about where she might attend college. In preparation for auditions, contests and the like, Penny and two friends have prepared an extensive repertoire. They would love to share it with us. Come hear what an amazing 16 year-old can do with a violin! Come enjoy wonderful music and stay for a reception afterwards.



## **Minnesota Symphonic Winds Concert**

**Sunday, Oct. 27 – 3 pm**

**Worship Center**

“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.

**Minnesota Symphonic Winds**  
*Playing with Our Emotions*  
**October 27 | 3 pm**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Stillwater



## Facing Our Future

By Sheila Maybanks, Green Team Lead

“Climate Change: Facing Our Future” was the topic of the 55th Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College in September. Scientists, academics and writers gathered to discuss the challenges ahead.

The science is clear; the questions have shifted from “Is climate change real?” to “How do we respond to it?”

I thought the conference would be depressing—and it was—but there is hope among the challenges ahead.

Three speakers Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Mike Hulme and Amitav Ghosh spoke on the human face of climate change; it affects each of us and every living creature but it especially hurts poor and indigenous people around the globe. More than ever the Gospel message of justice and dignity for all is critical.

There were many ideas and many numbers but the most important message was that living with climate change is not just the science or the economics but there are the moral and religious concerns. Science cannot save us but calm leadership, the will to find consensus, and our care for each other and our world may save us!



Walking in the footsteps of our Trinity retired brothers on our journey with God!

## 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](mailto:johnhodler@gmail.com).

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



## Our Sacred Selves: Women's Retreats

Two women's retreats are being offered in November, both with the same theme of Our Sacred Selves. We are encouraging women to choose one or the other to maximize the number of participants. Sign up in the Church Office.

### ONE DAY RETREAT:

Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 am to 3 pm  
Bethel Highlands Campus in Hudson  
Cost: \$25

### WEEKEND RETREAT:

February 7-9  
Rochester  
Cost: TBD

Included in the cost will be lunch, snacks, and materials.

Come for time away with other Trinity women (and friends—all are welcome!) to be refreshed, spiritually uplifted, make new friends and strengthen connections with each other and with God.

We will be focusing on Our Sacred Selves—learning scripture-based Spiritual practices, enjoying creativity, contemplation and together unfolding the truth of who we are as beloved children of God.

Led by Pastor Chris, Zanny Johnson and our fabulous small group of volunteers.

# 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, Nov. 4 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.

*Advent*  
**PAUSE**  
*Gatherings*

PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING — A SEASON TO EMBRACE

## You are invited to lead or host an Advent PAUSE

The special season of Advent is drawing near, and with it comes the Advent PAUSE gatherings for women.

If you are interested in leading or hosting an Advent PAUSE gathering, or would like more information regarding being a leader or hostess, please contact Karen Gieseke by Nov. 10 at 651-492-6610 or kgieseke@live.com.

Advent PAUSE gatherings will occur around the week of Dec. 1-7.

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Come and experience God's presence through the practice of yoga.

### YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class Thursdays 9 – 10 am | Oct. 31 – Dec. 26 | \$72/8 weeks

NOTE: No class Nov. 28. Headed south when the snow flies? You can sign up and pay for the first four sessions only.

Led by a trained yoga instructor, YogaDevotion is a practice of breath, prayer, and movement designed to encourage healthy living and a peaceful presence. For women and men of all skill levels and abilities. Beginners welcome, no experience needed! All classes in the Narthex (except when otherwise noted).

Register and pay online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org), then REGISTER, then YogaDevotion. Questions? Contact Sue Peterson at [toddlinsue2@aol.com](mailto:toddlinsue2@aol.com).



# Benefit Concert for Anuak Community

**Sunday, Nov. 3 at 5 pm  
Worship Center at Trinity**



A beautiful evening of music, community and fellowship. A dessert reception following the concert.

Special African music preformed by the Anuak Choir. Also featuring the Sanctuary Choir of First Presbyterian, the Kingdom Choir of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Trinity Choir, Trinity Children's Choir and the Valley Chamber Chorale.

Free-will offering to benefit the Anuak Refugee Community in the Twin Cities area. Questions? Contact Heidi Kriesel at [heidiskwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:heidiskwhite@hotmail.com).



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## Angel Tree coming soon!

Trinity's Angel Tree ministry provides Christmas gifts to children whose mom or dad is incarcerated. Look for the Angel Tree in the Narthex after worship on Sunday, Nov. 24. The tree will be filled with tags bearing the names of children. Your gift will fill a child's heart with joy! You can participate in the following ways:

- Select an "Angel" information tag from the tree and purchase a gift.
- Wrap the gift and bring back to church.

- Help sort and deliver the gifts, if you are able to do so.
- Donate money to help buy gift cards for the children's caregivers.

**Pick up a tag on Sunday, Nov. 24. Return gifts to Trinity by Sunday, Dec. 8 for delivery!**

For more information, please contact Wendy Worner at 612-669-8109 (leave a voicemail or text) or email: [wworner@earthlink.net](mailto:wworner@earthlink.net).

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 am, 12:45, 4:15, 5:30 & 6:45 pm

Guests will be served at the hour  
indicated on ticket.

Take out meals also available.

**TICKET PRICES**

ADULT – \$20

CHILDREN –

Age 6 to grade 6 – \$6

Age 5 and under – FREE

Cash or check only.

**Proceeds benefit Trinity's Outreach Missions**



**Celebrate the Tradition!**

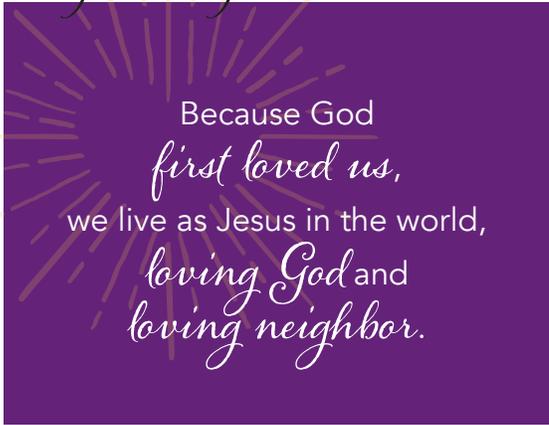
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**LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER**

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

IN PERSON: 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.

BY MAIL: By Oct. 31, send payment, number  
of tickets, and requested seating, along with  
your name, phone number and email, and a  
stamped, self-addressed envelope to Trinity  
Lutheran Church, ATTN: Lutefisk and Meatball  
Dinner, P.O. Box 339, Stillwater, MN 55082.

## why trinity?



## core values

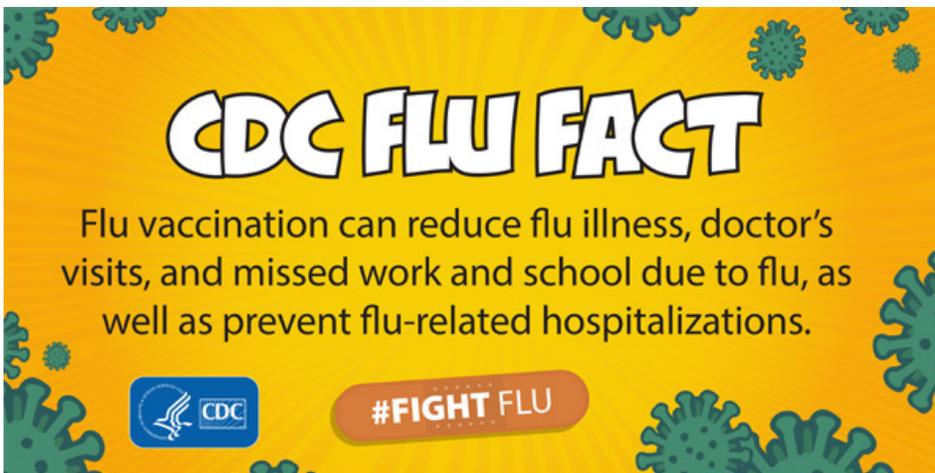
- Exceptional Worship
- Radical Hospitality
- Authentic Community
- Lifelong Faith Formation
- Compassionate Action



## 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.

## A Reminder from Kim Dahlgren your Faith Community Nurse



## BAPTISMS

- Bowie Marcus Jordan**, son of Ryan & Julia Jordan
- Soren Martin Olsen**, son of Eric & Katie Olsen

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>
9 a.m. ....248	9 a.m. ....300
10:30 a.m. ....240	10:30 a.m. ....235
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Oct. 20</b>
9 a.m. ....309	9 a.m. ....207
10:30 a.m. ....199	10:30 a.m. ....112

## 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 NOVEMBER 1-30, 2019

## Friday, November 1

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 5 pm Food for Thought Kick-off Gathering: Bill & Glenda Bjorum's Home
- 6 pm Kindergarten Milestone: Youth Center
- 7 pm Concordia Orchestra Candlelight Concert: Worship Center

## Saturday, November 2

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

## Sunday, November 3—All Saints' Sunday

- 9 am Traditional Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 9 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10 am Budget Forum: Living Room
- 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 Experiencing Addiction: Garden Room
- 11:30 am Budget Forum: Living Room
- 5 pm Benefit Concert for Anuak Community: Worship Center

## Monday, November 4

- 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, November 5—Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Prep

- 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, November 6—Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Prep, NO Family Pizza Dinner or The Current Worship

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 5 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal: Heritage Chapel
- 6 pm Faith Formation Confirmation (Gr. 6-9): Offsite
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

## Thursday, November 7—Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

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

## Friday, November 8—Middle School Overnight Retreat

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

## Saturday, November 9—Middle School Overnight Retreat

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- Food for Thought Groups: Members' Homes

## Sunday, November 10—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 a different faith: Garden Room
- 5 pm Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room

## Monday, November 11

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

## Tuesday, November 12

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 am Retired Men's Group—How do you Operate a Nuclear Reactor?: 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, November 13

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing
- 1 pm Celebrating Seniors Planning Meeting: Narthex
- 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 *One Coin Found* Emmy Kegler Author Visit: Worship Center
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

## Thursday, November 14

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 am Group Spiritual Direction: Room 110
- 1 pm Martha Circle Meeting: Living Room
- 1 pm Dorcas Circle Meeting: Members' Homes
- 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, November 15—9th Grade Overnight Retreat

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

## Saturday, November 16—9th Grade Overnight Retreat

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 9 am Women's Our Sacred Selves Retreat: Bethel Highlands Campus in Hudson

## Sunday, November 17

- 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 a different faith: Garden Room
- 11:45 am Annual Meeting: Garden Room

## Monday, November 18

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 5:30 pm Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Follow-up Meeting: Room 108B
- 6:30 pm Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, November 19

- 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

## Wednesday, November 20

- 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
- 8 pm Women's Community Building Small Group: Office Conference Room

## Thursday, November 21

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 5:30 pm All Ministry Teams Dinner & Meeting: Garden Room
- 7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

## Friday, November 22

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

## Saturday, November 23

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 10 am 1st Grade Milestone Retreat: Garden Room

## Sunday, November 24—Art Exhibit: Robyn Sand Anderson

- 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 a different faith: Garden Room
- 5 pm Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room

## Monday, November 25

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

## Tuesday, November 26

- 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
- 7 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship Service: JX Event Center, Stillwater

## Wednesday, November 27—NO Choirs, Family Pizza Dinner, Faith Formation Confirmation or The Current Worship

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

## Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

## Friday, November 29

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library

## Saturday, November 30

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

Current building and church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed on Friday). Pastoral care is available at all times.

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Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

**Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 pm**

JX Event Center 123 2nd St. N, Stillwater

All voices choir. Arrive at 6 pm for rehearsal. Everyone welcome. Pie potluck and coffee fellowship to follow. PLEASE BRING A PIE AND COOL WHIP. THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving worship for the community sponsored by:

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**everyone is welcome**