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



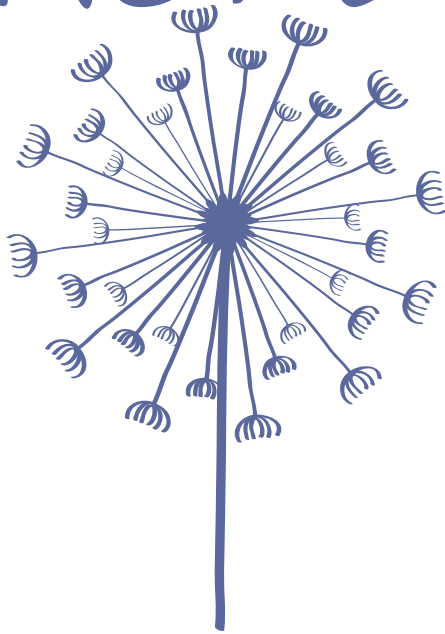
Hasty Nativity photos see Page 11

"...the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."  
– Matthew 4:16



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

# HOPE



Siblings in Christ,

The new year dawns with hope for most of us. Hopes that we can be better, reach a goal, rid ourselves of a bad habit, change jobs, experience something new.

As we turn the page on the calendar, we also hope we can leave parts of the old year behind. And some things we can. Other things we bring with us: grief, loneliness, injury, illness, a struggling relationship.

Where do we find our hope when we cannot find a fresh start? What promise does the new year bring when the old comes with us?

God says, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise." This powerful passage from Isaiah is nestled in a host of promises to the people of Israel who are still in exile in Babylon.

While in Babylon, the people of God are experiencing something like the turning of a new year. They live in hope for what might be, but they cannot ignore the reality of their exile. While in captivity, they are free, even encouraged to build houses, plant gardens, marry, worship their God. But they are not truly home. They long for Israel, the temple and the familiar rhythms of their former life.

And God promises to do a new thing. Like the liberation from Egypt but newer, bigger, "next generation" promises.

The view from Babylon doesn't stretch as far as Israel. To people hoping for what they cannot see, the words of the prophet are nourishing and inspiring. Allowing them to live fully even under less than optimal circumstances.

The words of Isaiah continue to hold forth promise for the people of God today. God promises to be at work in our lives, individually and collectively. Not as a puppet master—that was ruled out when God invited us to be co-creators with God. Instead, God promises to roost in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit breathed into us by the living Christ. The Spirit brings new life, capacity, giftedness, perspective and hope. The Spirit empowers us to move into an uncertain future. Equipping us for what tomorrow may bring. And above all, creating a community in which to thrive.

Creation also carries God's promise, evident in the steady turn of the seasons, the daily rising of the sun (even if obscured by clouds), the wheel of the planets and our own human cycle of birth and death. Even in death, God is steadfastly present with a new surprise.

We, too, live in hope for what we cannot see from here: healing, recovery, employment, reconciliation, forgiveness or a fresh start. God's bold promises go with us into the new year. And we go side by side, to remind each other what God is capable of and what God is actively doing in our lives.

As you breathe in the crackling January air, trust in its capacity to give you life. And know that it is God's promise to you.

Happy New Year,

*Pastor Chris*



Family fellowship kicks-off with "Almost Christmas fun night!" The Garden Room was brimming with a flurry of activity from 5:30-7 p.m. on Dec. 11 as children, parents and even grandparents gathered to eat pizza, make cards for elderly and homebound church members, and enjoy getting to know one another. See details on Page 10 for an upcoming family fellowship event—all are welcome!

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
**THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER**



# 2020 WHAT A YEAR

Happy New Year, Trinity (even though technically at already started in Advent)!

But what a year it is: 2020. Just the numbers alone seem to hold some rare significance, right? Can you believe it?

I mean perfect vision is 20/20. Hindsight is 2020. MMXX.

But numerology aside, this year will no doubt be many things to many people, and my hope and prayer for you is that it is full of God's love. Full of God's dream.

## **A Political Year**

There's another thing happening in 2020 that plans to be many things, many emotions, and many opinions to different people.

In many ways, it has already started and I probably don't have to tell you how divisive a time we are in. You feel it. I feel it. It consumes many of my prayers for folks at every level and in every party.

It will no doubt be a hard year (and continue to be a difficult decade for our country).

And what are people of faith to do in the midst of an election year, what is the role of the church, the body of Christ, in such politics?

Do they belong in our discourse? Do they have a place in our worship? In preaching, in teaching, and our mission and stewardship? Is this a comingling of church and state?

## **Lutherans and Politics**

These are really important questions.

Martin Luther, in the confessional documents of this church, emphasized that government is a good gift

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from God. A gift that takes our participation, our stewardship, our prayerful reflection, and our love.

Luther didn't specify a particular party, whether government be small or large, or even a particular governance structure. But he emphasized that God uses government and the work of the people to establish good order in the world.

In his time, Luther advocated for a social safety net (the first of its kind in Germany), broad public education for both girls and boys, and even supported certain political leaders.

Luther's political work reflected his reading of scripture, the ministry of Jesus, and his understanding of justification that our good works are not for God's benefit, but for our neighbors.

That continues to be a healthy way of looking at our role as Christians in public life, politically, socially, and communally. From the pew, to the school board, to the food shelf, to the voting booth.

I want to be very clear: to be political does not mean to be partisan as a Christian. Though we may inevitably choose a party or a person we think reflects our values, ultimately our calling as people of Jesus means that we have a heart and love for our neighbors, whoever that might be. That our primary concern is not only ourselves, but also for others both near and far.

## **My Neighbor 2020**

As we move through this interesting (in a truly Minnesotan definition) year, my dream is that Trinity would be a beacon of hope and inclusion in

a divided world. Whatever shade of purple that might be.

That we would stand first not for a political institution, or party, or platform, or structure, but primarily for Jesus' call and command to love God and love our neighbors. And, that we commit to honest, open and vulnerable communication together and build the spiritual, communal, and emotional skills that will help us stay connected in this chaotic climate.

Thankfully, as the body of Christ at Trinity, folks are already stepping up to help lead in this through:

- Continued work to develop civil and respectful conversations.
- Educational opportunities that seek to promote peace and justice.
- Prayer and encouragement for all who serve the public good.

May this year, and many to come, help us to continue to live as Jesus in the world, loving God and loving neighbor.

Happy and blessed 2020.

*Pastor Peter*

For more reading on the ELCA and Politics:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Church\\_SocietySS.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Church_SocietySS.pdf)

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/08/thy-kingdom-come-2/>



## Trinity Financial Update

### November Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2020

	This Year	Last Year	'20 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	266,588	261,958	1,350,000	20%
Other Income	99,495	191,312	342,550	29%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 366,083</b>	<b>\$ 453,270</b>	<b>\$ 1,692,550</b>	
less: Expenses	401,951	490,089	1,691,330	24%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (35,868)</b>	<b>\$ (36,818)</b>	<b>\$ 1,220</b>	

### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,410,152	3,598,306
Increase (Decrease)	(20,950)	(20,656)
<b>Long-Term Debt - End of November</b>	<b>\$ 3,389,202</b>	<b>\$ 3,577,650</b>
Line of Credit Balance - November 30	\$ 26,000	\$ 21,424

## FAQ on use of Rental Income

By Bob Eiselt, Parish Administrator and Andrew Thelander, Council Member

At the Annual Meeting in November, a question was asked about what happens to the revenue from collected rents of Trinity's property.

You may already know that Trinity owns the Croix Center property at 216 Myrtle Street, including the entire parking lot to the west of Trinity Lutheran Church, across 4th Street. In fact, Trinity owns the entire building and leases the available retail space to not only the U.S. Postal Service but also to local retailers, Lil' Tulips and Reclaiming Beautiful. This property provides access to much needed parking spaces for Sunday services and many other events held at Trinity throughout the year.

The primary source of operating income for the church is in the form of both pledged and non-pledged contributions. Additional income to support Trinity's ministries and programs comes from: Rental income, Endowment, and program fees/ payments. Rental income consists of the rents for use of open space for incoming concerts and outside groups who utilize the Trinity church building, and the rent collected for space at the

Croix Center, including post office facility rent.

At present, Trinity's 2020 budget includes rental income of \$78,000 from the Croix Center. On the expense side, the tenants at the Croix Center pay their own utilities. Trinity uses a portion of the building for its own storage and there are common area expenses, utilities, building repairs and maintenance, snow plowing, property taxes and a portion of mortgage expense associated with the property that will amount to \$70,000 of budgeted expense in 2020. The rental income from the three Croix Center tenants minus its annual operating expenses equate to an estimated surplus of up to \$8,000 per year dependent on unforeseen costs, indirect expenses and other factors.

Trinity Lutheran Church incorporates a unified budget approach to managing its finances. Any positive net result from the Croix Center is incorporated into its annual operating budget to help with other indirect expenses.

Overall, the Croix Center net operating results account for less than 5 percent of the church's budgeted total operating income. Its net effect on the budget helps us meet expenses, make ministry programs happen and helps us meet our annual budget.

## Financial Note

Financially, total results for YTD November 2019 find us in almost the exact position as last year at this time, showing a total deficit of \$36K, v. a \$37K deficit in 2018. Contribution Income of \$102K for the month of November 2019 is \$12K ahead of November 2018. YTD our Contribution Income is \$5K more than a year ago. Total Income is up \$20K over YTD November 2018. Operating Expenses are up \$17K YTD v. last year at this time, a reflection of increased activity in Learning and Care ministries. Personnel Expense is dead even with last year. Our Line of Credit Balance stands at \$26K as of 11/30/19.

Similar to if actual contribution income is trending below the planned fiscal year budget, discretionary budgeted expenses are managed appropriately to meet any shortfall should Croix Center income or any other income category fall short of budget.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to further discuss this or any other Trinity financial-related questions. Blessings to you and your families this holiday season!

# GENEROUS GOD GRATEFUL PEOPLE



## Christmas Stewardship

By Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team

It should be easy to write about stewardship during the Christmas season. After all, Christmas is all about being, especially in the form of giving gifts to family members, friends, as well as to organizations and causes we care about. In fact, approximately 30 percent of U.S. charitable giving occurs in December and 20 percent of annual retail sales is represented by Christmas holiday shopping.

We feel great joy in this: when a beloved child opens your Christmas gift and is delighted; when our donation of time or money transforms lives. Of course, this is the paradox of giving: the one who gives a gift, from substance and without counting the cost, is the one who is most grateful. Besides being a donor, the generous person is the greatest beneficiary. Practicing generosity is surely a worthy Christmas tradition.

Still I must admit that sometimes Christmas giving practices feel less about a faithful response to God's call to stewardship and more about the world's practice of consumption run amok. Less about the profound joy

founded in the birth of the Christ child and more about forced holiday cheer.

In the Christmas season, as we spend so much of our time, energy, and money preparing for the holiday, we can get lost in it all and easily lose sight of the majesty and wonder of the momentous day in human history that it commemorates and celebrates. So, an important part of Christmas stewardship for people of faith must include stewarding the story of the incarnation; and not just that, but the whole story of God's plan of redemption through Jesus. As good stewards of our testimony, we must not take our gaze away from the miracle in the manger and the truth that God has turned the world upside down.

This Christmas then, be generous with your giving without submitting to the excesses and frenzied activity of our cultural Christmas. This Christmas be good stewards of your time and talent and treasure but also of your testimony about the Christ child, the true hope that lies at the heart of Christmas, the transforming power in our lives. In this we rejoice.



PHOTOS ABOVE: A two-week miracle happened in November! Anna Circle and Tuesday Morning Book Group joined forces and collected 100 pounds of blankets, some brand new and others gently used, to donate to Bridging. Bridging is a Twin Cities organization that creates a bridge between those who are transitioning out of homelessness and poverty with those who have excess goods. And boy did we have excess! Small group ministries at Trinity can and do react spontaneously when presented with fun opportunities to work in community with our neighbors. Many thanks to all!

– Kristie Anderson, Anna Women's Circle



# Light & Darkness

By Arba-Della Beck, Council Treasurer

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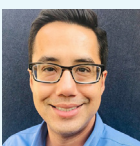
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Andrew Thelander and Dave Martin were elected to our Congregational Council at the annual meeting of the congregation on Nov. 17, 2019. Officers, as listed above, were appointed at the following council meeting on Nov. 24, 2019.



Starry Night By Vincent van Gogh (Public Domain)

January is often a dreary month for me. I go to work in the dark and come home in the dark. It is especially hard to face long dark days after having the lights of Christmas everywhere during December. I miss my tree lights and all the lights in neighbor's yards. However, this kind of darkness is not the same as the daily struggle for survival that so many in our local and global community experience.

The theme for this newsletter is based on Matthew 4:6, which is about light and darkness. The following reflects some feelings I have about light and darkness. Some thoughts I would like to share are from a book, *Benedictions*, by Julie Aageson.

"Bear with me as I write this night, overwhelmed yet again by the news of the day, the week, the year—an unrelenting saga of heartbreak and tragedy delivered in the past via morning papers, radio, and the evening television news."

"Today we're awash in information and nonstop news reporting from every corner of the world. It comes at us like a raging river in springtime threatening to drown us in its urgency and drama. I am grateful for much of

it. We need to see the faces of refugee families fleeing for their lives. We need to know and feel what it means to be caught in a natural disaster or another senseless shooting. But it takes a toll."

There are international crisis, political gridlock, hurricane season and fires, people we know who lost their home to a fire, or struggle with alcoholism or Parkinson's disease. "This is life for all of us. We are in desperate need of healing oil and sheltering comfort—not as an escape from the world but as a way of being in the world."

"Sunday, this day set apart for Sabbath rest, offers gifts of renewal, restoration, and resurrection. Balm for tired souls. Sunday also calls us from despair and hopelessness to action."

The spirit of God is present in each of us. We are God's dwelling place. We are God's home. With the heartache and worry of the week's news still ringing in our ears, God invites us to stop for a moment of silence. We are invited to serve God, allow ourselves to hear and absorb the suffering of the world. Together we can be the face and hands of Christ in the places where we live. Together, we can bring light and hope in to the darkness.

# OUR SACRED SELVES

## Women's Retreats

### Our Sacred Selves: Women's Retreat

WEEKEND RETREAT:

February 7-9 at Assisi Heights in Rochester, MN

Cost: \$175

Included in the cost is two nights accommodations in your own room, all food 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, Sandy Wendt, Lucinda White and Rita Friesen.

Please register at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > CONNECTIONS > RETREATS.



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

#### YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class

Thursdays 9 – 10 am | Jan. 9 – Feb. 27 | \$72/8 weeks

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 [toddilinsue2@aol.com](mailto:toddilinsue2@aol.com).



UPCOMING GLOW/AWE EVENTS:



#### GAME NIGHT

Friday, Jan. 10, 5:30-8 pm

Garden Room and Gym

Come shake off the winter blahs. Join GLOW/AWE for some fun, good natured competition. Indoor bocce ball, Pictionary, or Scrabble anyone? Have a favorite game? Bring it. Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Jill Longnecker at [jnjlony@msn.com](mailto:jnjlony@msn.com) or text/call 651-263-6802.

#### GUYS AND DOLLS

Ashland Production at  
Maplewood Community Center

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 pm

Cost: \$20

Please sign up in the commons and pay by Jan. 5. Make check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. Questions? Contact Sandy Wendt at [sjwendt46@gmail.com](mailto:sjwendt46@gmail.com).

#### LAKE ELMO PARK RESERVE

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2-4:30 pm

Gather at the warming center at 2 p.m. We'll be hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing or walking. Kids are welcome. Bring your own equipment. Hot chocolate and conversation will follow at the fire pit. Questions? Contact Jill Longnecker at [jnjlony@msn.com](mailto:jnjlony@msn.com).



PHOTOS ABOVE: In December we celebrated our seniors with worship followed by a delicious holiday meal with entertainment by our very own Robin Cain, Zanny Johnson & Phil Kadidlo providing special music and carols. Hosted by Trinity's Caring Friends for people age 75 and up. More information at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > CONNECTIONS > CARE > CARING FRIENDS.

# SOLO 55+ PLUS

Singles Group  
for Ages 55 & Up

**Solo 55 Plus: Over 55,  
Single and Active?**



**First Monday Potluck  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Living Room at Trinity**

Please use the 4th Street doors (main entrance on West side)

Come meet other singles and join us for this thriving faith-based social group. Regular potluck meeting each month now on the first Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please use the 4th Street entrance and proceed to the Living Room in the lower level near the Library. For a list of other weekly member activities or more information, please send an e-mail to: [SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com](mailto:SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com).

## Group Spiritual Direction



"In group spiritual direction the goal is not to answer life's questions. The goal is to draw closer to God in the midst of the questions."

– Alyce Fryling

Group Spiritual direction may be for you:

- If you want to tend to your faith life in a deeper, more intentional way...
- If you sense that God is doing something new in your life...

- If you long for accompaniment or to accompany others in their faith journey...
- If you are struggling to discern the presence of God in your world...
- If you are willing to make a disciplined commitment.

Each of our spiritual journeys are unique to us alone, but growth and blessings come when we share those journeys with one another.

Groups are now forming for the winter session of group spiritual direction, which happens every other week for six weeks. Times and dates will be determined by the interested parties. Contact Zanny Johnson at [zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org) to join a group.



# JANUARY GAME DAY!

with NAMI Washington County



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020  
3:00-6:00pm

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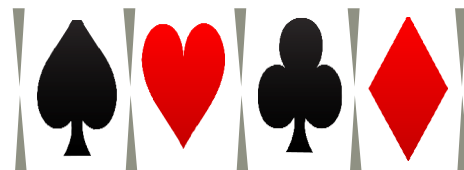


Play games, eat snacks, and try your luck with raffle prizes!

This is a free, recurring event and all are welcome to join, with a special invitation to those who live with a mental illness.

NAMI Washington County will have a staffed table with local resources and informational handouts. With this event, we hope to encourage community involvement and acceptance of mental illness.

*Sponsored by NAMI Washington County*



BRIDGE FOR TRINITY

Monday, Jan. 6 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.

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. NAMI Minnesota offers education, support and advocacy.



NAMI Minnesota is a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families through its programs of education, support and advocacy.

## Stillwater Support Group

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) sponsors free support groups for families and friends of individuals living with a mental illness. Led by trained facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness, the support groups help families develop better coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences. A family support group meets in Stillwater on the first and third Mondays of each month, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Stillwater Library, 224 Third St. N., in Margaret Rivers Room A. Please use the Third Street entrance and free parking ramp. For information, call Marie or Bob at 651-770-1436.

## Hope for Recovery Class in St. Paul

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will hold a free class that provides information on mental illnesses, treatments, crisis management, the mental health system and local resources along with practical strategies for helping a loved one or friend. It includes learning the LEAP strategy for improving communication: Listen, Empathize, Agree-on what you can, and Partner. This class is for family and friends of a teen or adult living with a mental illness and people living with a mental illness who are doing well in their recovery. It will be held at NAMI Minnesota, 1919 University Ave. W., Suite #400, in St. Paul on Saturday, January 11, from 9:00-3:00. For information or to register call 651-645-2948 or see "classes" at namimn.org.



baptism



## BAPTISM ORIENTATION Sunday, Jan. 5

11:45 am, Garden Room

Those interested in Baptism at Trinity will hear about the Sacrament of Baptism and get answers to any questions. Contact the church office to RSVP.

Sundays available for Baptism in 2020:

Jan. 12	May 10
Feb. 9	June 14
March 8	July 12
April 11 (Saturday, Easter Vigil)	Aug. 9

In Christian baptism, some very important promises are made! So everyone involved in this important sacrament understands and takes those promises seriously, Trinity Lutheran Church offers baptism preparation classes with pastor-led instruction on the meaning and responsibility of baptism. Every family scheduling their first baptism at Trinity is required to participate in baptism orientation. Parents, and sponsors when possible, are asked to attend this class in advance of the date set for baptism; often parents attend the baptism preparation before the baby arrives so that greater attention can be given to its significance.

Read more at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > LEARNING > FAMILY > BAPTISM PREPARATION

## Adult Faith Forum Series >>>

**Resuming Sunday, Jan. 5** our "Please won't you be my neighbor?" series continues. In January we will continue with "My neighbor has a different faith or spiritual practice" and also explore "My Neighbor lives with addiction and substance abuse disease." Please watch for more details in the bulletin, email newsletter, and online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > LEARNING > ADULT > ADULT ED.

What first comes to mind when you think of neighbor? Most of us probably think of the people who live next door or maybe just down the street. Which made me think, how well do I know my neighbors? What does it really mean to "know" my neighbors?

Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves and yet sometimes I don't really know how to put that in action. How do I feel as if someone cares about me? How about you? As I've thought about this I realized that it's not the big things that matter so much, but it's feeling that I am SEEN, that I MATTER, that I BELONG.



Sundays at 10:30 am  
Garden Room at Trinity

So what things can we do as individuals or communities to let others know we see them, and that they matter and belong? As we continue to learn who are our neighbors in Adult Forum we will also be exploring how to be a loving neighbor.

Trinity missions could provide you an opportunity to let someone know they are loved. For example, This winter Trinity will be providing temporary emergency shelter the first week of February through the first week of March (see Page 16). Who else might you know that you could connect with and share the love of Jesus?

Hope to see you Sundays at Adult Faith Forum. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Penny Catlin at [pccatlin@juno.com](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com).



**Assemble Winter Care Kits** | Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6-7 pm in the Gym  
Geared toward families with children ages pre-K to grade 5, we will be meeting once a month on Wednesday evenings to make new friends and get to know other families at Trinity! We will meet most nights in the Gym. Fun events and service projects are planned for each month. Come at 5:30 p.m. for family pizza night and after we gather, head upstairs for The Current Worship at 7:07 p.m. In January we will assemble winter care kits. Enjoy time with new and old friends while assembling care kits for people experiencing homelessness. To read more visit [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > LEARNING > FAMILY. Questions? Contact Angie Hong at [algoodri@hotmail.com](mailto:algoodri@hotmail.com) or Karen Wasmundt at [kem5678@hotmail.com](mailto:kem5678@hotmail.com).

# *hasty* NATIVITY

Children and adults came to church on Sunday, Dec. 15 dressed as their favorite character from the Nativity Story. The entire congregation was involved in an informal, on-the-spot "Hasty Nativity" at each worship service.



PHOTO ABOVE: These ten Trinity families now know all about sharing generously, saving responsibly and spending wisely. The First Grade Milestone in November was fun and informative.



PHOTOS ABOVE: New Ministry kicks off for Upper Elementary (3rd-5th grades) and their Parents! This group gathered on Dec. 9 to shop, give and socialize. Gifts were purchased and given to Family Means Youth Programs and the Youth Development Program in Cimarron and Landfall. After delivering gifts, the group returned to Trinity to eat pizza, drink hot chocolate and make cards for elderly members. Moms reported having as much fun as the kids. Watch for future events.



Trinity Lutheran's Lake Area Discovery Center (LADC) will begin enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year with priority registration given to Trinity members beginning now. LADC is 4 Star Parent Aware Rated and NAEYC Accredited, ensuring a high quality early education for your child. LADC offers flexible full and part time schedules for children 6 weeks to 5 years. Check out [ladcfamilies.org](http://ladcfamilies.org) for more information or contact Amy Hoff, Site Director at 651-323-1341 to schedule a tour.



**WORSHIP  
& MUSIC**

# Worship Hospitality Team Needs You!

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## 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.

- Jan. 5 **Matthew 2: 1-12**
- Jan. 12 **Matthew 3: 13-17**
- Jan. 19 **John 1: 29-42**
- Jan. 26 **Matthew 4: 12-23**

PHOTOS BELOW: The Tuesday Bible Study small group took time to have an Advent PAUSE in December.



**November 9 a.m. worship usher team (the A Team):  
Here to serve!**

One of my first memories is of laying on a hospital floor looking up into the face of someone who I thought was exercising while suspended in the air inside a tube made up of metal bars (an inverted jungle gym of sorts). I was 3-years-old and had gone to visit my dad at work. I can still remember the look of surprise on the face and sparkle in the eyes of the person in the tube when I looked up. Don't remember what we talked about, but to this day, some 52-years later, I do remember that, albeit brief, connection with a stranger. True story.

As I approach the one-year mark of volunteering to coordinate the Worship Hospitality Team here at Trinity I pause for reflection. First, all glory and honor goes to our Triune God for leading me to Trinity and for making this opportunity available. And, for the many connections with strangers that were made. Lots of sparkly eyes.

My son, the oh-so-funny quiet one in our family, asked me one day, "Mom, how is it that you volunteered to help make coffee one Sunday, and then the next Sunday you're coordinating the whole blasted thing?" I laughed. "God's will, son. That's what it is. No doubt. No fear." I answered.

The truth is that there were three Sundays from first volunteering to help make coffee to when I was asked to fill the soon-to-be-vacant volunteer position of Worship Hospitality Team Coordinator. And, it was pretty clear in my mind after spending time in prayer and finishing my daily Bible reading that I was to accept the responsibility of coordinating the Worship Hospitality Team.

As a Trinity newcomer, stranger-amongst-y'all, searcher... many questioned me early on, why I would take on this job. As a lifelong volunteer, a people-person, and child-of-God taking on this job was what I was called to do. I've been on many teams, in many groups, and have done a fair amount of coordinating, training, and scheduling of activities so have used acquired knowledge and guidance from the Holy Spirit to help over the past year.

In 2019 there were 1,031 (yes, one thousand thirty-one) worship hospitality roles that were available. This included Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Coffee Crew, and Treat Providers for Sunday and Holy Week worship services. Sadly, not all roles were filled.

I'm seeking for ways to connect with those of you who wish to help, and am working to make it easier for all the dedicated volunteers to know which roles are open. We are up and running on SignUpGenius, and I've added all the available roles through May 17, 2020.

You may visit [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > WORSHIP & MUSIC > HOSPITALITY > VOLUNTEER to get the link to see available hospitality roles. Or, you may send me an e-mail or text so that I may send you the link.

The goal that I've set for 2020 is to connect with and help train 20 new Worship Hospitality Teammates. So, please prayerfully consider helping as you are able. And, remember, if you sign up to fill four or more roles you'll receive a FREE Trinity coffee mug. Have a blessed day.

# Local Benevolences

# Christmas Garden

**IN HONOR OF:**  
 Our Children & Grandchildren ..... Norm & Jean Davis  
 Annika & Mike's Wedding ..... Don & Gail Lobitz  
 Great Trinity Pastors & Staff ..... Jerry & Kay Nelson  
 Our Grandchildren ..... Bob & Deb Eiselt  
 Our Grandgirls ..... Leif & Linda Erickson  
 Trudi Lohne ..... Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl  
 Diane Sauers ..... Gerrie Granquist  
 Our Children & Grandchildren ..... Doug and Kathy Karnuth  
 Children, Grand Children & Great Grandchildren .....  
 Fred & Dee Hertenstein  
 Lutefisk Potato Peelers ..... Anonymous

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
 Helen Hendrickson ..... Jon & Joan Fogelberg  
 Ray and Marion Person ..... Dave and Nancy Eine  
 Jack and Dodie Eine ..... Dave and Nancy Eine  
 Walter Burglund ..... Family  
 Dick & Audrey Jeans (Mom & Dad) ..... Randy Jeans  
 Bill McCormack; John McCallister ..... Sylvia McCallister  
 Fred & Lillian Hertenstein & Alma Langness .....  
 Norma Langness Johnson  
 My Husband Ken & Daughter Sabine ..... Ute Erickson  
 Jim & Becky Hansen – Parents ..... Becky Hansen  
 Loved Ones ..... Don & Phyllis Paulson  
 Sandy Ecker ..... Gene Ecker  
 Raymond Kennedy ..... The Kennedy Family  
 David Linner I & David Linner II ..... Evie Linner  
 Grandparents, Dorothy & Doug Wahlquist ..... Christine, Jennifer &  
 David  
 Grandmother, Mavis Mondor ..... Christine, Jennifer &  
 David Wahlquist  
 Robert Parent ..... Darlene Parent  
 Roger Olson ..... Florence Olson  
 Nils C. Johnson ..... Diane & Richard Johnson  
 Bernice Lindemann ..... Rita & Bill Lawson  
 Lillian Ford Melcher ..... Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl  
 Bob Minor ..... Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl  
 Bob O'Neil ..... Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl  
 David Belz ..... Eric & Larry Loyer-Trosdahl  
 Parents, Grandparents, & Other Loved Ones .....  
 Richard Mikkelson Family  
 Harold Segelstrom ..... Marian  
 Skip Welke ..... Welke & Rogness Families  
 Our Siblings: Nancy Owens and Bill Laituri .....  
 Chuck and Joan Newman  
 Loved Ones ..... Doug and Kathy Karnuth  
 Our Parents ..... Fred & Dee Hertenstein  
 Helmuth & Marcella Reinke, Bob & Irene Huber, Reno &  
 Marlene Carlson, Sally French ..... John & Pat Reinke  
 Dr. William McCormack ..... Marilyn & Christopher Johnson

**IN HONOR OF:**  
 Byron Caughey ..... Claire Most  
 Caroline Olsson ..... Ashlee & Jenna Lange  
 Grandma Carol, Grandpa Dave, & Grandpa Jim & Tutu... Goulettes  
 Darlene, Frankie, Evelyn & Nan; Walter and Frances Schnell .....  
 Roger Peterson Family  
 Lorrie Reinheimer ..... Susan Gullickson  
 Our Children and our Grandchildren ..... Roger Peterson Family  
 Jean Jacobsen ..... Susan Gullickson  
 Dick & Connie Rome's 60th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 26 .....  
 Their Children – Stuart, Kelly & Amy  
 Our Grandchildren: Zachary, Lilly, Suzy & Alissa .....  
 Dick & Betty Wasmundt  
 The Trinity Staff ..... Jenny & Keith Rediske  
 Friends who have died ..... Bill & Carol Straka  
 Lutefisk Potato Peelers ..... Anonymous

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
 Ed & Lois Studtman – Our Parents ..... Sally, Nancy & Family  
 Grandma Mary ..... Grace and Lucy Schumacher  
 Henry Brochman ..... June Brochman and Family  
 Tom Junker; Leo & Ardell; Eileen ..... Charyl Junker  
 Loved Ones ..... Gretchen Turnblad  
 Mom, Grandma, Grandma G ..... Pam & Eric Lindberg  
 Herman Liberda ..... Steve Liberda  
 Barbara E.G. Holthouse ..... Gary Holthouse  
 Len Genung ..... Marty Genung  
 Irene Hedberg – Helen Krauss ..... Florence Olson  
 The Sterry Family ..... Toby & Florence  
 Frank Shusterich ..... Libby Shusterich  
 Arthur & Lois Edstrom, Ruth & Norm Hilleren .....  
 Dick & Julie Edstrom  
 Daughter Renee ..... Ronald Rorvick  
 Paul J. Mikesch – Father ..... Anne Mikesch  
 Gertrude Schmidt ..... Bonnie Riley  
 Darlene, Frankie, Evelyn & Nan; Walter and Frances Schnell .....  
 Roger Peterson Family  
 Lorrie Reinheimer ..... Susan Gullickson  
 Parents: Rev. Norman P. Wold & Marguerite Wold Schmidt .....  
 Dick & Connie Rome  
 Parents: Dorothy & Bob Hakenholz, Margaret & Harold Straka .....  
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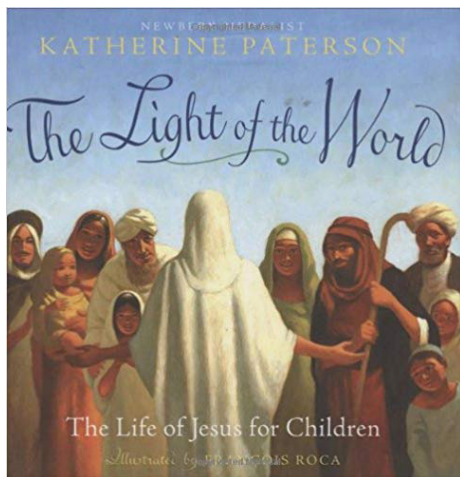
# The Light of the World

By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer



These words, "...the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned," are written in Matthew 4:16. Readers find verses throughout the Bible where light is a reference to Jesus. John states in chapter 8:12, "I am the light of the world," and in chapter 12:36, "Believe in the light so that you may become children of light." The Psalmist in 119:105 wrote, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path," and in Psalms 119:30, "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

Throughout scripture Jesus is described as *light*. Through images of light we understand that light guides our path, warms a room, helps us see things, welcomes guests at our door, gives life to God's creation, creates understandings, and rids us of darkness. As we study and learn with one another we see Jesus as the light who guides, helps, comforts, welcomes guests to our door, gives life, teaches and saves us from darkness. Perhaps the following resources will us grow with Jesus, *The Light of the World*.



## Jesus

*The Light of the World: The Life of Jesus for Children* (E P), by Newbery Award winner Katherine Paterson, is highlighted by remarkable and reverent artwork. The text is beautiful for all ages.

*Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* (226.8 LEVI) Jesus used parables from everyday life to share his message and the meaning of his words. Amy-Jill Levine, a

biblical scholar, "interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later." (HarperOne Publishers)

*Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* (242 LEVI) Levine has also written a books about Jesus and his risky final days. The book's six chapters present risks Jesus took as he entered Jerusalem, the Temple, the Last Supper, and Gethsemane: reputation, righteous anger, challenge, rejection, loss of friends, temptation. Levine "explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. *Entering the Passion of Jesus* provides a rich and challenging learning experience for small groups and individual readers alike." (Abington Press)

## Bible Historical Fiction

*Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* (FIC RICE) Ann Rice has written this novel which is based on New Testament writings, describing the journey from Egypt to Nazareth and about how Jesus' spiritual life evolves. The perspective is through the voice of Jesus. Kirkus Reviews and Library Journal have given it a Starred Rating. Rice has also written *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana* (FIC RICE)

*Isaiah's Daughter: A Novel of Prophets & Kings* (FIC ANDR) Ishma comes to the prophet Isaiah's home as a five-year-old orphan, taken captive to Samaria. Isaiah and his wife adopt Ishma, giving her a new name—Zibah, delight of the Lord. As the years pass, Zibah wins Prince Hezekiah's favor, a boy determined to rebuild the kingdom his father has nearly destroyed. But loving this man calls into question the very foundation of her father's prophecies. Can she learn to rely on only Yahweh, who gives life, calms fear, and conquers nations? Publisher's Weekly Starred Review (WaterBrook Press)

## Health and Community

*Elderhood: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine and Reimagining Life* (362.6

ARON) Bloomsbury Publishing writes: "Noted Harvard-trained geriatrician Louise Aronson uses stories from her quarter century of caring for patients, and draws from history, science, literature, popular culture, and her own life to weave a vision of old age that's neither nightmare nor utopian fantasy—a vision full of joy, wonder, frustration, outrage, and hope about aging, medicine, and humanity itself." The Aronson's work has received Starred Reviews from Kirkus Reviews and Publisher's Weekly.

*How To Be An Antiracist* (305.8 KEND) National Book Award Winning Author Ibram Kendi presents ideas which "help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves." (Penquin Random House Publishers) Named One of the Best Books of the Year by many major review sources.

## Children's Books

*Just Because I Am: A Child's Book of Affirmations* (E P) Free Spirit Publishing and author Laura Murphy Paine have provided this book for young children who need support and encouragement as they learn to name feelings and identify their own self worth. A section for parents, teachers and daycare providers shares activities and questions for discussion.

*Feeling Shy! Everyday Feelings* (E B) and *Feeling Sad! Everyday Feelings* (E B) Kay Barnham's books are part of an Everyday Feelings Series. The characters experience shyness and sadness and realize the need to reach out to someone else to feel better. The Everyday Feelings series has a Guided Reading Level: M

The Trinity Library is a welcoming and unique environment in our church. You will find many resources honoring The Light of the World! The Library is open for you whenever the church is open.

# Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival and Scholarship Update



By Renae Oswald-Anderson and Marlene Harty, Outreach Missions Team

Marlene Harty, Eunice Fultz, and Renae Oswald-Anderson attended the Bega Kwa Bega (BKB) Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at Shepherd of the Hills in Shoreview. Bega Kwa Bega is Swahili for “Shoulder to Shoulder” be with or working alongside one another. The three pillars of the work of BKB are Prayers, Presence and Projects.

The theme of the Fall Festival was, “Speaking on What We Have Seen and Heard.” Pastor Peter Harrits, leader of BKB shared opening remarks. We learned that there are 60 companion congregations in the Saint Paul Area Synod with many connecting relationships from organizations like St. Paul Partners who Trinity works closely with on water projects.

One of the purposes of the fall retreat is to learn how other congregations organize their Tanzania ministry, how to support the companion partnership relationship and how to get strategic updates up the work of BKB.

Marlene attended a session on “Who’s on First-Communication Between Companions” which focused primarily on the scholarship programs. Congregations participating in the scholarship program receive letters from scholarship students. (See below) The Outreach Missions Team has approved \$8,800 for Secondary Scholarships. These scholarships go to students from the Mwatasi parish and are chosen by the Mwatasi church, Trinity’s companion congregation. This is the same amount as last year. We also recommend continuing to fund \$3,800 in Post-Secondary Scholarships. These go to students in the Iringa Diocese as a whole and are chosen by a committee at the Diocese level according to programmatic need in the diocese, student achievement, etc. The scholarship program is administered by the BKB Scholarship Coordinator in Iringa. Please see the letter at right.

Renae attended “Working With and As Congregational Partnership Committees”. A recent survey by BKB to senior pastors with 42 of 70 pastors responding revealed that 36 percent of the congregations pray weekly for their companion church, 21 percent pray

monthly and 19 percent pray quarterly. The survey also revealed that 80 percent of the Tanzania partnership is lead with lay leadership with 34 percent of the congregations have a committee.

During this season of Thanksgiving and gratitude please keep our brothers and sisters across the globe in your thoughts and prayers.

With gratitude and thanks to our companion congregation in Mwatasi!

Dear Sponsor  
I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.  
My name is Agape Mgidange, I have been sponsored from Mwatasi Congregation, until now I am a Form three student  
The aim of writing this letter is to thank you for the kindness and softness hearts that you have decided paying my school fees, surely, I promise you that I will never let you down in my studies  
I don't have many words to say may God bless you and be with you in your life and add where you have loosed because of me. The word that I leave it to you is from James 1:27  
Your Sincerely,  
Agape Mgidange.  
A. Mgidange.



# EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

## Stillwater Emergency Winter Shelter at Trinity

*While they were there, the time came to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the Inn.*

– Luke 2: 6-7 (NRSV)

The Christmas story is significant in many ways, not the least—the family had to seek *emergency winter shelter* in a stable. Many in our community face the same emergency shelter need during the winter months. Trinity is partnering in a community initiative that includes the Stillwater area faith community, civic groups, service organizations, Washington County Community Host team, and individuals called to provide potential life-saving shelter to those experiencing homelessness.

Emergency Winter Shelter operational planning meetings are continuing. Volunteer training sessions are scheduled in January (see below).

### Volunteer training sessions are:

**Tuesday, Jan. 7**  
**6:30 pm in the Garden Room**

**Saturday, Jan. 18**  
**10 am in the Garden Room**

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**  
**6:30 pm in the Garden Room**

Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Andrews Community Resource Center will be

the two locations for Emergency Winter Shelters in the coming months.

The shelter location dates, hours of operation, and temperature guidelines are as follows:

### Emergency Winter Shelter — Dec. 29, 2019 through March 7, 2020

#### Operation dates and location:

- St. Andrews Community Resource Center (SACRC) — Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019 through Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020
- Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) — Sunday, Feb. 2 through Saturday, March 7, 2020

#### Hours of operation:

- Daytime: volunteers 9 am–5:30 pm
- Nighttime: volunteers 5 pm – 10 am (multiple shifts will handle this period)

#### Temperature guidelines to open (actual temperature, not wind chill):

- Daytime: Zero (0)F degrees if forecasted for a minimum of 3 hours duration.
- Nighttime: Below (or equal to) 10 degrees below zero (0)F if forecasted for a minimum of 3 hours duration.

Many volunteers are needed! Contact John or Jeff to sign up or get answers to your questions.

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johnhodler@gmail.com

**Jeff Anderson**  
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jeffa409@gmail.com

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# Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity®



**Thank you** Jim, Nic, Mel, Chris, David, Merlin, Rita, Roger, Phil, Steve, Charlie, Vick and Mark! (The TLC HH Team on Nov. 23, 2019.) It was a great day of many constructive accomplishments, and it was even FUN!  
– Jeff Anderson, Coordinator



## why trinity?

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

## core values

Exceptional Worship  
 Radical Hospitality  
 Authentic Community  
 Lifelong Faith Formation  
 Compassionate Action

## BAPTISMS

- Noah Michael Fischer, son of Michael & Jennifer Fischer

## welcome

To read our full welcome statement please visit our web site at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > WELCOME > WHO WE ARE > RECONCILING IN CHRIST.



## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of **Bruce Bergen**
- To family and friends of **Bob Minor**
- To family and friends of **Donna Shopbell**

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>
9 a.m. ....272	9 a.m. ....207
10:30 a.m. ....170	10:30 a.m. ....145
<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>
9 a.m. ....201	9 a.m. ....204
10:30 a.m. ....123	10:30 a.m. ....142

## 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.

# THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the Trinity community for the prayers and support for our son, David, with his treatment for multiple myeloma. He was here for a visit on Thanksgiving and is doing well. He needs to continue with chemo for a year but has begun working a few hours a week as his strength returns. We are grateful for the continued prayers.  
 - Kay & Jerry Nelson



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# CALENDAR JANUARY 1-31, 2020

**Wednesday, January 1**—Building/church office closed for staff holiday

7 am AA Meeting: Library

**Thursday, January 2**

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, January 3**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

**Saturday, January 4**

8 am AA Meeting: Library

8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

**Sunday, January 5**—Epiphany: Your Light is Come! Member Art Show begins

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: Garden Room

11:45 am Baptism Orientation: Garden Room

**Monday, January 6**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

8:45 am Bridge for Trinity: Boutwells

11 am Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room

6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym

7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

**Tuesday, January 7**

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

6:30 pm Emergency Winter Shelter Volunteer Training: Garden Room

**Wednesday, January 8**

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

6 pm Leader Meeting—Faith Formation: Offsite

7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

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

**Thursday, January 9**

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

7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

7 pm AA Meeting: Library

**Friday, January 10**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

5:30 pm GLOW/AWE Game Night: Garden Room, Gym

**Saturday, January 11**

8 am AA Meeting: Library

8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

10 am Age 1 Milestone—Anniversary of Baptism: Garden Room

**Sunday, January 12**

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: Garden Room

3 pm NAMI Game Day: Garden Room & Gym

3:30 pm MN 350 Event: Youth Center

**Monday, January 13**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

1 pm Rebekah Circle: Library

6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym

7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

**Tuesday, January 14**

7:30 am AA Meeting: Library

9 am Women's Bible Study: Living 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, January 15**

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

6 pm Family Fellowship: Gym

7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

7:07 pm The Current Worship: Worship Center

8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

**Thursday, January 16**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex

5:30 pm All Ministry Teams Meeting: Garden Room

6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting: Office Conference Room

7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

**Friday, January 17**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

**Saturday, January 18**

8 am AA Meeting: Library

8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

10 am Emergency Winter Shelter Volunteer Training: Garden Room  
Food for Thought Groups: Offsite

**Sunday, January 19**

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: Garden Room

**Monday, January 20**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym

6:30 pm Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Room

7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

**Tuesday, January 21**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

9 am Retired Men's Group—The Outdoors with Dennis Anderson: Garden Room

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 Emergency Winter Shelter Volunteer Training: Garden Room

**Wednesday, January 22**

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, January 23**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex

10 am Knitting Ministry: Commons

7 pm Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

**Friday, January 24**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

**Saturday, January 25**

8 am AA Meeting: Library

8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

**Sunday, January 26**

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: Garden Room

**Monday, January 27**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym

7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

**Tuesday, January 28**

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

6:30 pm One & Done Book Club: Living Room

**Wednesday, January 29**

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, January 30**

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, January 31**

7 am AA Meeting: Library

10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B



RETIRED MEN'S GROUP EVENT:

# OUTDOOR STORIES

with **Dennis Anderson, Star Tribune Columnist**  
Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 9 am in the Garden Room

Join Star Tribune's outdoor columnist and editor Dennis Anderson as he shares "Outdoor Stories." Anderson has a large library of stories about canoeing, fishing, hunting, adventure travel and conservation of the environment. The majority of these stories come from nearly forty years of newspaper work, during which he either personally participated in or witnessed the creation of each story.

Anderson was born in North Dakota and grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He is a University of Minnesota graduate. He and his wife, Jan, along with their Labrador retrievers, live on a small farm in the St. Croix River Valley.

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