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

Telling Our Story: Volunteers Needed!

How does God's story connect with your story? How has God used the people and programs of Trinity Lutheran Church to impact your life, the St. Croix Valley community and the world beyond our doors? How do we build on our history to carry forward God's work in the years ahead? These themes will be explored in a unique story gathering project to be shared in celebration of Trinity's 150th birthday in 2021.

A work group is needed to plan and implement this project. Are you a good listener? Do you enjoy learning from others about their faith stories? Do you have skills in interviewing, writing, audio-video production, photography or artistic skills? If so, we need you on our team.

If you're interested in joining this group, or simply want further information, contact Kris Torma at ktorma@comcast.net, sign up at the information desk in the Commons or call the church office at 651-439-7400 by March 8 after which a meeting schedule will be arranged.



But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." – Matthew 17:7

Lent & My Neighbor Series See Pages 8-9



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

My Neighbor 2020

Hopeful Ones,

What a privilege it has been for us to learn new ways to be neighbor right in the heart of Stillwater. Under the leadership of John Hodler, Jeff Anderson and Roger Funk, over 100 volunteers showed up to receive training and participate in creating a safe, warm and welcoming space for our neighbors to find, shelter, nourishment and community; and access necessary services through Washington County. Right in our building.

The advocacy of our intrepid trio ignited our imaginations for new ways of responding to God’s call to love our neighbor. It was overwhelming to see the unrestrained support of the entire congregation and beyond for this holy work. What a privilege it has been to represent you at gatherings across the community and further afield. Conversations about next year are already underway...

...because we will continue to have neighbors experiencing homelessness until broader issues are addressed in our community.

When the February women’s retreat ended early due to impending snow, I had the unexpected opportunity to do a little worship tourism and attended worship at St. Mark’s in North St. Paul and Our Savior’s right here in Stillwater. It was a gift to be able to worship with our partners and learn from their worship practices.

Like we did that Sunday, St. Mark’s read the passage from Matthew about being salt and light. And they read Isaiah 58:1-12. In this powerful passage, the prophet

speaks to the once-exiled Israelites, teaching them what true worship of God looks like: “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them...”

The closing hymn for the morning came from another familiar book, our ELCA hymnal. Hymn #546 “To Be Your Presence” includes these two passages: “To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter the homeless cold, to be your hand of justice, right uphold. To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed.”

As we imagine being salt and light in the world, the reading from Isaiah and the words of the hymn ring out God’s call that to be salt and light means our faith be lived publicly for the sake of the neighbor. While we work hard at feeding, clothing and sheltering our neighbors, we are equally called to the work underlined above: to take our faith into the world, into the halls of power, and to the polls to do the work that breaks the yoke of oppression and brings justice and equity. We are called to take our faith out into public to work on systems and policies that contribute to hunger and homelessness.

We are tempted to shrug it off by saying that faith and politics have nothing to do with each other. But our Scripture says differently.

Faith is a gift given by God so that God’s dreams can become reality through our participation with God. One of the ways we participate with God is to be people of faith active in the public life we share.

For those of you ready for this conversation we are offering a deeper dive into this part of the call of faith: **My Neighbor 2020**. On Wednesday evenings in Lent, we will explore how to live as people of faith within the realities of our political system. How do we participate in the political process in ways that love our neighbor as we love ourselves? How does God’s command

to love our neighbor call us into our shared public life?

Each Wednesday evening there will be a speaker from 6-7 p.m. addressing one aspect of this call. That speaker will then also bring a brief sermon to our Lenten worship, which is 7-7:30 p.m.

Please join us as we discover how to participate in building God’s dream by responding to God’s command to “loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke.”

As we give thanks for the deep privilege of journeying alongside our neighbors experiencing homelessness, we pray for the courage, wisdom and clarity to work just as hard to prevent homelessness and to amend the systems that contribute to it.

Blessings, peace and good courage, Friends.

Pastor Chris

For more on the My Neighbor 2020 series, please see Page 9.

Volunteer Job Description: Sacristy Attendant

Do you have the gift of “tending spaces” and an hour a week to spare? We need someone to tend the Sacristy (the small room behind the chancel where communion is prepared). Lots of things from the worship space get moved back there and then need help finding their home: candles, candle holders, worship materials, lost and found items and more. Please contact Pastor Chris for more information.

Who are you missing?

Did you know that some of our home-bound are missing you? They are longing for a phone call, card or visit from old friends. Pastors, Caring Friends and the Visitation Team make regular visits. And still they long to hear from someone from their women’s circle, couples’ group or former neighbors. A card or phone call is never an intrusion and a planned visit is eagerly anticipated. Look around your pews, tables, coffee gatherings and neighborhoods. Remember who is missing and reach out today! Contact Jeannie in the church office if you need contact information.

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



PLAY (and photos)! For Lent

<i>February</i>	11 Shame	28 Witness
26 Dust	12 Complaint	29 Grief
27 Reconsider	13 Gather	30 Three
28 Anger	14 Stop	31 Alive
29 Childlike	15 Water	<i>April</i>
<i>March</i>	16 Truth	1 Astonished
1 Ministry	17 Rock	2 Knowledge
2 Journey	18 Law	3 Opponent
3 Weakness	19 Establish	4 Plot
4 Search	20 Obedience	5 Prophet
5 Comfort	21 Beginning	6 Fragrance
6 Compassion	22 Guilt	7 Depart
7 Deliverance	23 Justice	8 Troubled
8 Rebirth	24 Thankful	9 Receive
9 Confidence	25 Healed	10 Denial
10 Promise	26 Vision	11 Believe
	27 Repentance	

PHOTO A DAY FOR LENT

For a cool way to connect to Lent (you or your family), take a picture a day using the word that's given.

Where did you see God? What do you see? What shimmers around you?

A couple weeks back, we went to visit and celebrate birthdays for my two nieces just north of Rochester at their farm. My brother and sister-in-law have about 40 acres where they grow all sorts of vegetables, especially heirloom tomatoes and a bunch of varieties of kale.

But in the winter, and with some sleds and an electric gator farm vehicle, the rolling hills of southern Minnesota make a great sled track.

We pulled about six kids and sleds daisy-chained together over the frozen fields, laughing and yelling and screaming for joy. It was beautiful.

And I definitely jumped on a ski sled too!

For me, it was another mirror and reminder of the playful heart of God. How much our bodies crave fun and intentional play—no matter our age. What a beautiful thing to be able to enjoy play.

With the busyness of so many extracurriculars these days and demands on our lives, I know personally and from others that families often have less time together. While we may be watching our children in activities, we are less often engaged with them in those activities.

As we move into this season of Lent, I'm reflecting on the intentionality that Jesus showed with those he loved and his followers. How well he knew them. How much he understood about the shallowness of life.

For Lent this year, maybe you want to take a creative class with your child or learn a new skill as a family. Maybe it's a restful activity or a silly one.

What if you did a 40 day (or however many days are left in Lent) with your grandchild and shared where you saw God healing, loving, or forgiving?

Lent is a good time to inject a positive change into your life and I don't think

Lent has to be dull to be reflective or faithful.

For more ideas, check out:

<https://connectedfamilies.org/2020/02/12/super-glue-for-families-creative-connection-ideas/#readmore>

Blessings, Peace, and Play this Lent,

Pastor Peter



Trinity Financial Update

January Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2020

	This Year	Last Year	'20 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	580,001	554,061	1,350,000	43%
Other Income	152,412	242,884	342,550	44%
Total Income	\$ 732,412	\$ 796,945	\$ 1,692,550	
less: Expenses	687,226	754,206	1,691,330	41%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 45,186	\$ 42,739	\$ 1,220	

Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,410,152	3,598,306 *
Increase (Decrease)	(35,041)	(34,549)
Long-Term Debt - End of January	\$ 3,375,111	\$ 3,563,757
Line of Credit Balance - January 31	\$ -	\$ -

Matthew 17:7 – But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”

Fear and Stewardship

By Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team

When you think through Biblical commands, I’m guessing one or more of the following come to mind: Do not lie; Do not steal; Do not kill; Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind; and Love your neighbor as yourself.

All these are important, well-known Biblical commands. But surprisingly, none of them are repeated nearly as often as the command, “do not be afraid.” Some sources say it appears over 100 times in the Bible (along with the close variant “fear not”).

Jesus too commands us “do not be afraid,” “fear not,” or “have courage” more than any other imperative—a

total of 21 times. Jesus’ second most popular command is “love your neighbor,” which he makes eight times. We know that to love God and neighbor is at the heart of Christian faith; so why does Jesus command us more often to not be afraid than to love? My guess is that Jesus knew fear, perhaps more than anything else, prevents us from loving God’s creation as we are created to do.

Indeed, fear is a powerful emotion. It can penetrate our hearts, poison our spirits, and paralyze our actions—in effect, it can debilitate our lives as God’s faithful stewards. Following are two examples from my own experience.

Generosity: During the 1970s “energy crisis” my aunt Lovila became obsessed with keeping the needle of her Buick’s gas gauge above three-quarters of a tank. Every other day, she would wait in long lines to fuel up. My uncle never could understand this, and the story goes that one day, he’d had enough. “My goodness, Lovila,” he said. “Do we really need to wait in line for gas again? We’ve got three quarters of a tank.” Lovila answered with a line that’s now part of family

lore, “Well, Herb, of course we have to wait in line. We’ve got to get that gas before the hoarders do!”

Fear keeps us from giving generously because it creates a scarcity mentality. I think there is only so much, so I hold on tightly to more than what I need. I forgo the transforming power of giving more freely and trusting in God. As Jesus commands, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is God’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32).

Hospitality: Years ago, I took a Greyhound bus from Denver to Santa Fe to visit my friend Faith. During the long ride I visited with a woman seated next to me named Maria. The bus was late so I called my friend (from a pay phone) to let her know I’d arrived but the phone number I had was discontinued. My new friend, Maria, insisted that she and her husband who had picked her

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up take me to my friend's address in Santa Fe. Faith lived in a strange warren of apartments and I couldn't find hers in the dark. So, Maria insisted that she put me up for the night and help me find Faith the next day. Eventually with Maria's help I found Faith the next day and we enjoyed a week's visit.

Fear prevents us from welcoming a stranger because fear abhors risk. I seek out the false promise of earthly safety, even though I know that real safety is trust in God. Fear encourages me to forgo the great adventure that God created me for—the great adventure of how God is going to work in my life.

Truth be told, most of us are fearful people. We worry about the economy, our jobs, our children, our parents; we worry about illness, violence in the world, healthcare bills, the environment, and much, much more.

In fact, fear is an early human emotion—mentioned even in Genesis. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the Tree of Knowledge, God called out, "Where are you?" And Adam replied, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid... so I hid myself" (Genesis 3:9-10).

When Jesus says, "Do not be afraid" I don't think he is saying there is nothing frightening about the world. But I do think Jesus is saying we don't have to be ruled by fear; or more to the point, he is commanding us as a matter of faith, not to be ruled by fear and its consequences.

A life of faithful stewardship helps us discover who really owns all of heaven and earth and follow Jesus' command, "Do not be afraid." A life of faithful stewardship reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God and that God's good pleasure is to give us everything we need. Even still, there may be days when we succumb to fears, but God in Christ promises to be with us as we face those fears in the name of Jesus. So, in the name of Jesus, do not be afraid. Tell the story of Jesus' love and do not be afraid. Share Jesus' love with the world and do not be afraid.

REPORT from the Council

By Doug Johnson, Council President

When I joined the Council five years ago, Trinity was experiencing unhealthy problems. Due to drastic actions by the Council with the support and help of the congregation and staff, Trinity has once again become healthy. Serving on the Council became fun.

Then Pastor Chris told the Council the scariest thing I have heard while on the Council—in addition to other duties, congregation council members in a healthy congregation are spiritual leaders; it is time this happens at Trinity. I learned that a spiritual leader's task is to move people from where they are to where God wants them to be with the help of the Holy Spirit.

How do I become a spiritual leader? Do I now have to deal with theology? If the answer is yes, Trinity and I are in trouble due to my long history with theology. It started with confirmation when my pastor told us that everything in the Bible is true and there are no contradictions. That seemed simple enough until I read Leviticus and found out that I am allowed to have slaves and not allowed to work on Sunday, among other things.

A college Reformation class required me to read some of Luther's stuff; even though it was in English and not German, the only thing it did was put me to sleep. The next class I took was modern theologians trying to explain their ideas of God. It was no better.

Today the Bible is used to support people's positions on things which were neither invented nor known when the Bible was written.

I have heard that with age comes wisdom. That is not true with me and theology. The army taught me the KISS method—KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUPID. Keeping my theology simple lets me understand it. Therefore, I have reduced it to two verses beginning with the words that set Martin Luther free:

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with him through Christ Jesus who set them free.

– Romans 3:23-24

In addition, Christ gave us the great commandment:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:



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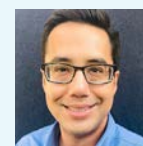
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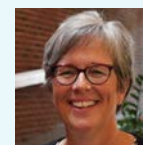
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you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
– Matthew 22:37-39

Now with this theology, the mentoring of Pastor Chris and lots of prayer, there might be hope that I can become a spiritual leader.



What are you giving up for Lent?

Instead of giving up chocolate or Facebook—consider giving up PLASTIC!

This product—so ubiquitous, so produced, used and thrown away—is a threat to our planet, to birds and marine species. Humans produce over 300 million tons of plastic every year and 90 percent is not recycled.

Many churches are suggesting “giving up” plastics. Walter Brueggeman tells us “Christians have to resist the dominant world of commoditization in every way that we can think to do.”

Consider giving up one single-use plastic item this Lent. The plastic bags we tear off to put our produce in: Can you use them, dry them out and then take them back to Cub to re-use? Straws: Many restaurants and fast food places automatically put a straw in each water, milk, soda. Just ask: “No straw please.” Bottled water: Just don’t buy it. Bring your own water bottle and fill it up with our wonderful tap water (that so many people in the world do not have).

Plastic is largely a habit—we can work to change our habits.

Take a look at www.creationjustice.org and download their Lent calendar for 40 days of great ideas!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEWCOMERS (and the rest of you!)

Trinity has been blessed by new faces, voices and ideas joining worship, faith formation and mission opportunities. Some of you are interested in going deeper—either to learn more about Trinity or because you are ready to become members and partners in our shared work of the Gospel.

To grow in faith together, help you build community and share some common language, we are expanding our Newcomer offerings and welcoming all who are part of Trinity participate along with you.

Beginning this winter, we are offering a three-part Newcomer (and anyone else) series. Each session meets on Sunday after the second service and lasts about an hour. Snacks included! (Childcare is available with advance notice.)

PART ONE: March 8, 11:45 am, Garden Room **Intro to Lutheran-ism and Bible 101 – Lickety Split!**

It’s a lot to pack into an hour! This is a quick overview of what it means to be Lutheran and the lens Lutheranism offers us for engaging Scripture: the norm and foundation of our faith life. We will go fast and have a lot of fun! Bring your questions and stump the pastors.

PART TWO: March 15, 11:45 am, Garden Room **Telling our God Stories – Yes, You Have One!**

During this hour, we will use prompts to explore our own experience with God during our lives, whether long or still brand new. And we will learn to put language to our experiences. This is a powerful way to build authentic community and bear witness to the faith that is in us – part of our call as disciples of Jesus.

PART THREE: March 29, 11:45 am, Garden Room **Strengths Finder – The Image of God Created in You**

This session is in conjunction with the Newcomer Luncheon, see below. We are each created in the image of God and called by God into partnership in making God’s dream for shalom come true. Using the StrengthsFinder Inventory and the language of faith and baptismal vocation, you will discover how you are uniquely made to partner with God, live your faith and tell your own part of the God story. Our teachers, Karen Gieseke and Tracy Lysne will inspire and encourage you.

If you are interested in signing up or just want to know more, please contact one of the pastors or Zanny Johnson at zjohnson@trinitylc.org.

NEWCOMER LUNCHEON BAPTISM PREPARATION

NEWCOMER LUNCHEON: Sunday, March 29 at 11:45 am, Garden Room

Open to all who are interested in joining Trinity! Come eat a light lunch, hear from our pastors, meet some staffers, and learn about Lutheranism and Trinity! We will also use StrengthsFinder to discover how you are uniquely made to partner with God, live your faith and tell your own part of the God story (see above). Breakout session for Baptism preparation and orientation. RSVP to Zanny Johnson at zjohnson@trinitylc.org by Sunday, March 22.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Sunday, March 29 at 11:45 am, Garden Room

Everyone will begin by enjoying a meal, fellowship, and opportunity to learn more about Trinity with other (multi-aged) people who have expressed interest in joining this congregation. Then we will break off to talk more specifically about the Sacrament of Baptism and answer any questions. Contact Jeannie Wendorf at 651-439-7400 or jwendorf@trinitylc.org by March 22 if you plan to attend.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Sunday, April 19 at both worship services

New members will be welcomed at both 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services. Baptism Sundays are scheduled with Jeannie Wendorf in the church office. Contact Jeannie at: 651-439-7400 or jwendorf@trinitylc.org. To view Sundays available for Baptism, visit www.trinitylc.org > WORSHIP & MUSIC > WORSHIP > BAPTISM.



The Light in Me sees and honors the Light in each of You

YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class Thursdays 9 – 10 am | March 5 – April 23 | \$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, then REGISTER, then YogaDevotion. Questions? Contact Sue Peterson at toddinsue2@aol.com.



Bill McKibben: Building a Movement to Stop Climate Change Tuesday, March 17 at Noon

Meet in the Trinity parking lot at 10:15 a.m. to carpool. Please consider being a driver. Free event open to all! Mark your calendars for this exciting event. Signup in the Commons at church or contact Joan Fogelberg at joan@123m.com.

Bill McKibben is an environmentalist, Educator, and Author. He is the Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The author of fifteen books, his book from 1989, *The End of Nature*, is regarded as the first book for a general audience on climate change. He also writes for The New York Review of Books, National Geographic, and Rolling Stone. He has received numerous awards for his writing and has received honorary degrees from 18 colleges and universities.



RETIREMENT MEN'S GROUP EVENT:

Twin Cities Auto Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center

Wednesday, March 11

Meet at Trinity at 10 am to carpool \$6 at the door

Compare more than 600 vehicles from 35 plus brands—foreign and domestic. See new models in every category, from compacts and family sedans to SUVs, electric vehicles, and luxury cars. Learn about advancements in technology.

Parking information will be available for drivers. Questions? Contact Gene Ecker at 651-323-0777 or gene.ecker@gmail.com.

More information about this group at www.trinitylc.org > CONNECTIONS > GROUPS > RETIRED MEN'S GROUP



Monday, March 2 at 8:45 am Boutwell's Brownstone A Bldg.

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.

SOLO 55+ PLUS

Singles Group for Ages 55 & Up

Solo 55 Plus: Over 55, Single and Active?

First Monday Lunch Gathering March 2 from 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 gathering each month 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 e-mail to: SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com.



Worship Hospitality Team needs YOU!

By Trudi Lohne, Hospitality Coordinator
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Thank you, Olson & Nelson Family, for helping on the Worship Hospitality Team as Greeters and Ushers for the month of January! It was nice to see all y'all working together.

If your family or church group would like to help with hospitality there are opportunities available at both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

You may visit our site on SignUp Genius to see what's available by checking out the following links.

For Coffee Crew/Treats: signupgenius.com/go/30e044eadab28a1ff2-worship

For Greeter/Usher/10:30 Communion Assistant roles: signupgenius.com/go/30e044eadab28a1ff2-1030

Please prayerfully consider joining and helping on the Worship Hospitality Team as you are able. Thanks all y'all.

Have a Blessed day.



Ash Wednesday Feb. 26

Noon Worship in the Chapel with light lunch to follow

6 pm Dinner in the Garden Room

Mac & cheese bar (with toppings!), salad, dessert. Fundraiser for High School Puerto Rico Mission Trip!

7 pm Worship for all ages in the Worship Center

Wednesdays during Lent March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1

10 am Worship in the Chapel with coffee, bars & fellowship to follow

6 pm Wednesday Learning Series in the Garden Room (see next page)

7 pm Worship for all ages in the Worship Center

Palm Sunday April 5

8:30 am Youth Fundraiser Breakfast in the Garden Room

French toast, sausage, juice and more

10 am Worship (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

Maundy Thursday April 9

7 pm Worship in the Worship Center with foot washing

Good Friday April 10

6:30 am Men's Breakfast in the Garden Room

11 am Interactive Cross-Generational Good Friday Worship in the Worship Center

7 pm Worship in the Worship Center with Prudence Johnson, choir and instruments

Saturday April 11

11 am Easter Fair & Egg Hunt (in collaboration with Lake Area Discovery Center)

5 pm Easter Vigil in the Worship Center

Easter Sunday April 12

7 am Worship in the Worship Center

8:30 am Worship in the Worship Center

9:45 am Worship in the Worship Center

11 am Worship in the Worship Center



**Wednesdays
during Lent
March 4, 11, 18, 25 &
April 1
Speaker at 6 pm
Worship at 7 pm**

On Wednesday evenings during Lent we invite you to dive deep into faith through our series: My Neighbor 2020. Together, we will explore how to live as people of faith within the realities of our political system. How do we participate in processes and vote in ways that love our neighbor as we love ourselves?

Each Wednesday we welcome a speaker from 6-7 p.m. addressing one aspect of this call, who will also bring a brief sermon to our Lenten worship from 7-7:30 p.m.

March 4 Justin Grimm – Director for Evangelical Mission, Saint Paul Area Synod: **What does being truly missional look like?**

March 11 Tammy Walhoff – Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota
Advocacy as an act of faith.

March 18 Grant Stevensen – MN 350
Voting as a faith milestone and why public engagement is an act of faith.

March 25 Jenny Mason – St. Andrew’s Community Resource Center
Our neighbors are us! Who is “out there?”

April 1 Doug Mork – Twin Cities Social Cohesion
Why relationships and engagement with neighbor matters.

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.

March 1 **Matthew 4:1-11**

March 8 **John 3:1-17** or
Matthew 17:1-9

March 15 **John 4:5-42**

March 22 **John 9:1-41**

March 29 **John 11:1-45**



Easter Garden Memorials & Honors

This form and payment must be turned in by Sunday, April 5!

In the spirit of memorializing or honoring loved ones this Easter, we welcome donations toward an Easter Garden. We also appreciate memorials and honors directed toward maintenance and improvements of our facilities. Easter Garden names will be printed in the May issue of *Trinity Today*. Please fill out the form below and either bring it to the Church Office, mail it to Trinity, or place it in the offering plate. (This form will also be available in the Sunday bulletins at church.)

Facilities Maintenance & Improvements \$ _____

Easter Garden (suggested donation \$20) \$ _____

In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____



PHOTOS from the Family Fellowship event in January. Thank you to our organizers and all who participated in assembling bags to give to people experiencing homelessness. A meaningful and fun event for families!



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP @TRINITY

Cupcake Fun! | Wednesday, March 18, 6-7 pm in the Gym
Decorate and eat delicious cupcakes. 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 Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. To read more visit www.trinitylc.org > LEARNING > FAMILY. Questions? Contact Angie Hong at algoodri@hotmail.com or Karen Wasmundt at kem5678@hotmail.com.





Summer Camp at WAPO Registration now open!

www.trinitylc.org > Learning > Summer > Camps

Spots fill quickly, so don't delay!



WAPO One-day Camp

Completed Grades K-2

Wednesday, July 22
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$40

Counselors will lead kids through a fun schedule that includes crafts, devotions, music, water activities, treats from the canteen and a ton of games. Parents must transport kids to and from camp.

WAPO Seeds Camp

Completed Grades 1-3

July 17-19 Cost: \$185

Knowing that this may be some kid's first camp experience, our counselors will spend every moment with these campers. They will provide a safe and caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and games.

WAPO Youth Camp

Completed Grades 4-8

July 19-24 Cost: \$470

The week is packed with a variety of activities that are meant to impact kids for life. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games, campfire.

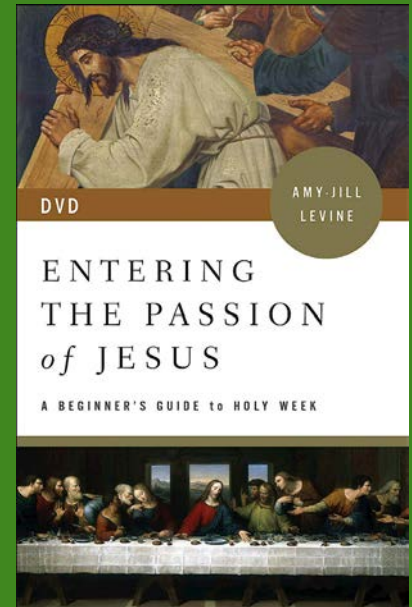
Family Camp

June 5-7 OR Aug. 14-16

Join us for a weekend of faith formation and fun for the whole family! Create memories with one another through classic camp activities but also be challenged through age-specific programming. We are excited for a weekend growing in relationship with one another and Jesus Christ. More info: www.campwapo.org/camp/wapo#family-camp



ADULT FAITH FORUM
Sundays at 10:30 am
Garden Room



Series: Entering The Passion of Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward.

Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill 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.



Faith Milestones

4TH Grade: Bible 101 Milestone Sundays, March 1 & 22 5-7 pm, Bible Room

This two-part Milestone will include a simple meal for 4th graders and their parents. Faith will be shaped and formed as we imagine ourselves in the timeless stories of God's love and faithfulness. Contact: Julie Jolivette at jjolivette@trinitylc.org or 612-210-5327.

1, 2, 3 Faith Milestone! (Combining Baptism Anniversary, Worship & Bible Milestones) Saturday, March 21, 10-11 am Worship Center & Narthex

Older siblings can enjoy supervised play in the Trinity Gym. Contact: Julie Jolivette at jjolivette@trinitylc.org or 612-210-5327.

2nd Grade: All About the Sacrament of Communion Milestone Monday, March 30 OR

Saturday, April 18 9 am – noon, Garden Room

Older kids who missed attending a Communion Milestone are welcome to join us. Contact: Julie Jolivette at jjolivette@trinitylc.org or 612-210-5327.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHO IS my neighbor?



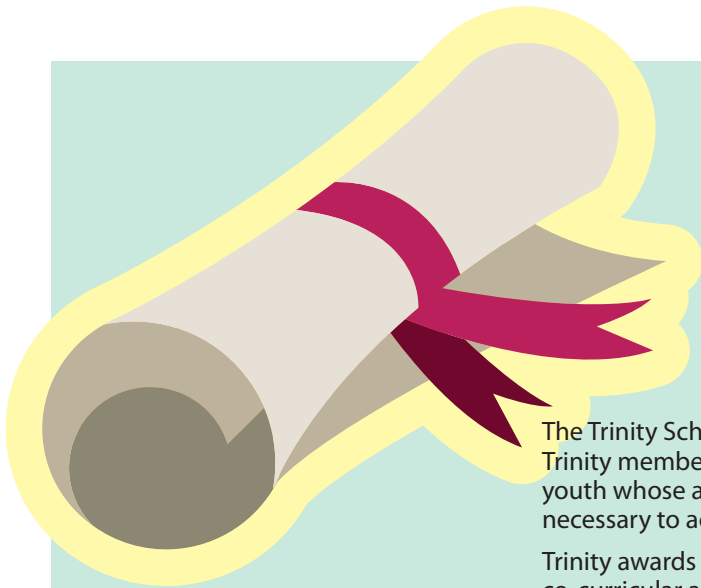
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School
Who Is My Neighbor?

June 22-24 from 9-11 am

For children 4 years – completed 2nd grade. More details and registration coming soon!



TRINITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Trinity Scholarship Fund was established by the estate of Jeanette Johnson, a Trinity member who dreamed of being able to offer college tuition assistance to youth whose achievement and character indicated they possessed the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education.

Trinity awards up to four scholarships each year on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement, good citizenship and active involvement at Trinity. The trust also stipulates that scholarship recipients must be baptized at and confirmed by Trinity, and active participants in Trinity youth programs.

Once selected, scholarship winners may renew their scholarships for up to three additional years, providing they maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 or a "B-" or, in the absence of a similar grading system, remain in "fine academic standing" as indicated by official record. Scholarship recipients must reapply each year for renewal.

Scholarship applications are available online at www.trinitylc.org > LEARNING > YOUTH > SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

All completed original scholarship and renewal applications must be received by Wednesday, **April 1**. Please drop off in the church office or mail to: Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Scholarship Fund, Attn Bob Eiselt, P.O. Box 339, Stillwater, MN 55082.

**APPLICATIONS DUE
APRIL 1**

STILLWATER EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

Emergency Winter Shelter at Trinity continues through March 7

Trinity is partnering in a community initiative that includes the Stillwater area faith community, service organizations, Washington County HOST team, and individuals called to provide potential life-saving shelter to those experiencing homelessness during the winter.

Daytime Warming Space and Overnight Winter Shelter location is at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater **through March 7.**

- **Daytime Warming Space** open **daily** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and
- **Overnight Winter Shelter** open when the forecast is for 10 below zero Fahrenheit for more than three hours from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Read more at www.trinitylc.org > OUTREACH > EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER.



Last Sunday Supper

Last Sunday Supper Sunday, March 29 at 5 pm

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

Thrivent Members— Did You Know?

Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2020, to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. Help support Trinity Lutheran Church. Choice dollars are designated equally between Outreach Missions and Building. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



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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

- **Daphne Jean MacSwain**
Parents: Daniel & Kara MacSwain
- **Harvey Benjamin Wiegand**
Parents: Benjamin & Chelsea Wiegand

welcome

To read our full welcome statement please visit our web site at www.trinitylc.org > WELCOME > WHO WE ARE > RECONCILING IN CHRIST.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of **Helen Falde**
- To family and friends of **Susan Mikkelson**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Jan. 26	Feb. 9
9 a.m.304	9 a.m.194
10:30 a.m.190	10:30 a.m.126
Feb. 2	Feb. 16
9 a.m.290	9 a.m.264
10:30 a.m.186	10:30 a.m.219

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.

CONGRATS!

Rev. Tom Jolivette Receives Special ALDE Award

By Dick Engdahl

Trinity's very own Rev. Tom Jolivette received a prestigious award from the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) at its recent conference in Las Vegas.



The Virgil Anderson award is presented to an ALDE member who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service in the development profession. The award cited Tom's career in ministry, starting after graduation from Luther Seminary and serving as parish pastor; to Waldorf College in Forest City, IA, in development and then as college president; to Luther Seminary, St. Paul, as vice president of Seminary Relations and Executive Director of the Foundation, and in recent years to Kairos & Associates as executive consultant to various Lutheran organizations.

Entering its 42nd year, ALDE is a Pan-Lutheran association of more than 600 members from the U.S. and Canada. More than 250 attended the Las Vegas Conference where the special Virgil Anderson award was presented to Tom during the closing banquet. Julie accompanied Tom to Las Vegas in order to share this special moment with him.

Numerous endorsement letters from colleagues supporting Tom's nomination contained comments such as:

"Tom possesses a deep and obvious faith to accompany his abilities and gifts. He has given many years as a servant of the Lord and of the Church."

"His ministry in the church has been impactful in the faith, leadership, learning and stewardship practices of many people in each of the ministry settings where he has served."

"Without question, Tom is one of the most gifted talents in this ministry of faith-based resource development. His years of experience make him very special."

"Tom is a master of his craft and many institutions have benefited from his wisdom and leadership. More importantly, he is a kind and caring Christian man, devoted to his family and friends, his church and the ministries he serves."

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CALENDAR MARCH 1-31, 2020

Sunday, March 1

- 9 am Traditional Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 9 am Children's Faith Formation: Worship Center
- 10 am Emergency Winter Shelter: Youth 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
- 3:30 pm Valley Chamber Chorale Concert: Worship Center
- 5 pm 4th Grade Milestone-Bible 101: Bible Room

Monday, March 2

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8:45 am Bridge for Trinity: Boutwells
- 10 am Emergency Winter Shelter: Youth Center
- 11 am Solo 55 Plus Singles Group: Living Room
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tuesday, March 3

- 7 am Presidential Primary Election: Gym
- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 10 am Emergency Winter Shelter: Youth Center
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 3 pm Quilting Ministry: Living Room
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library

Wednesday, March 4

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Emergency Winter Shelter: Youth Center
- 10 am Lenten Worship: Chapel
- 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 Lenten Learning Series-How to Live as a Faithful Christian in an Election Year: Garden Room
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7 pm Lenten Worship: Worship Center
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 10 am Emergency Winter Shelter: Youth Center

Saturday, March 7

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 8 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 10 am Emergency Winter Shelter: Youth Center

Sunday, March 8

- 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 Newcomer Series Part One-Intro to Lutheran-ism and Bible 101-Lickity Split!: Garden Room

Monday, March 9—Stillwater Spring Break Begins

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

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:30 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9:15 am Leah Circle: Room 108B
- 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: Living Room

Wednesday, March 11—No Children's Choir Rehearsal, Family Pizza

- Dinner or Faith Formation Confirmation
- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing
- 10 am Lenten Worship: Chapel
- 10 am Retired Men's Group Event-Twin Cities Auto Show: Meet at Trinity to carpool
- 1 pm Marion Circle Meeting: Members' Homes
- 6 pm Lenten Learning Series-How to Live as a Faithful Christian in an Election Year: Garden Room
- 7 pm Lenten Worship: Worship Center
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

Thursday, March 12

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 1 pm Martha Circle Meeting: Living Room
- 1:30 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

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

- 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 Newcomer Series Part Two-Telling our God Stories - Yes, You Have One!: Garden Room

Monday, March 16

- 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, March 17

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9:30 am Women's Book Club: Library
- 10:15 am GLOW/AWE Event: Westminster Town Hall Forum-Bill McKibben: Building a Movement to Stop Climate Change: Meet at Trinity to carpool
- 1 pm Prayer Group: Church Office
- 3 pm Quilting Ministry: Living Room
- 6 pm AA Meeting: Library

Wednesday, March 18

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Lenten Worship: Chapel
- 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
- 6 pm Lenten Learning Series-How to Live as a Faithful Christian in an Election Year: Garden Room
- 7 pm Lenten Worship: Worship Center
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

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

Saturday, March 21

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

- 10 am Ages 1, 2 & 3 Milestone: Worship Center & Narthex
- 7:30 pm Cantus Concert-There Lies the Home: Worship Center

Sunday, March 22—Pack the Pews for Valley Outreach 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: Garden Room
- 3 pm NAMI Game Day: Garden Room & Gym
- 5 pm 4th Grade Milestone-Bible 101: Bible Room
- 6 pm High School Puerto Rico Mission Trip Meeting: Garden Room

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

- 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, March 25

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Lenten Worship: Chapel
- Noon Faith Community Nurse Meeting: Garden Room
- 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 Lenten Learning Series-How to Live as a Faithful Christian in an Election Year: Garden Room
- 7 pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7 pm Lenten Worship: Worship Center
- 8 pm Wednesday Night Hoops: Gym

Thursday, March 26

- 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
- 7 pm AA Meeting: Library
- 7:30 pm St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert: Worship Center

Friday, March 27

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 7 pm Operatunity Theatre Concert: Worship Center

Saturday, March 28

- 8 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 am Children's Musical Rehearsal: Worship Center
- 10 am Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

Sunday, March 29—Children's Musical at both services

- 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 Newcomer Series Part Three-Strengths Finder-The Image of God Created in You: Garden Room
- 11:45 am Newcomer Luncheon & Baptism Orientation: Garden Room

Monday, March 30

- 7 am AA Meeting: Library
- 9 am 2nd Grade: All About the Sacrament of Communion Milestone: Garden Room
- 6:30 pm Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tuesday, March 31

- 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

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