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# trinity TODAY

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



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He is not here; for he has  
been raised, as he said.



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

# Practicing Our Faith



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Join us on Facebook Live each weekday at noon to pause and pray together as a faith community. We are the church in all circumstances. Our shared ministry continues.

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### PRAYER & CARE REQUEST FORM

Because the church office is closed, please use the form on our web site to let us know your prayer requests, we appreciate hearing from our community when there is illness and hospitalization. Also, if you're in need of some help or if you are available to provide some help during this time, please let us know.

[www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > CONNECTIONS > PRAYER REQUEST

Many years ago, the congregation I served lost a 13-year-old boy to suicide. It was a devastating loss. We quickly assembled a community gathering to talk with kids and parents about suicide, funerals and grief. Most of his friends had never attended a funeral and had no idea what to expect.

When the day of the funeral arrived, I was talking with a family before the service. They were a particularly engaged family: in worship every Sunday, never missing confirmation, active in fellowship and service. Even so, their 13-year-old (a member of the same confirmation group as the boy who died) had never been to a funeral. As he paged through the funeral bulletin, he looked at me in wonder and said: "Hey! I know all this! I know how to do all of this!"

Among the many things I learned from that experience, that was one of the most profound. When we practice our faith on Sunday in worship and faith-forming learning, we are doing just that. Practicing. Exercising our faith muscles with words and actions that have powerful, holy implications. Reading scripture, singing carefully crafted songs (both old and new), the proclamation of preaching, praying, sharing holy peace and the giving/receiving of bread and wine, the life-giving body and blood of our saving God, Jesus Christ.

So now, when all is discombobulated and confusing and scary and uncertain, we the church know what to do. We have, over centuries, built up the muscle memory that will not fail us now. Even as we are isolated at home, we know how to do this!

That is not to say the learning curve hasn't been steep in discovering technology and resources. But we already know how to hear and sing and pray and hold one another in holy peace. We know how to reach out to our neighbors with offers of groceries or gestures of (safely-distanced) friendship. We know how to give money to the food shelf and offer our gifts to the church. We know how where to find hope when we feel frightened or overwhelmed. We know how to bring hope where it is needed.

Some of you have brawny, well-developed faith muscles. Some of you are only just discovering yours. But together, we are able to remind one another of the powerful promise we hear from Paul: "...I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This is new territory for us all. And it is as familiar as drawing breath.

We are the creation of a God of hope, who comes in the darkness and with the dawn. God who continues to defeat death and bring us the promise of a resurrected life, both in this world and in the next.

I miss you all. I long to see your faces, hear your voices, shake your hand and place bread in your palm.

And God will bring us through this.

In the meantime, stay safe. Above all, stay safe.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Chris*

**But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.**

**– Matthew 28:5-6**

# Uncertainty and the Next Right Thing

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



Recently, at our house, Alexa has been fairly overrun by the Frozen 2 soundtrack. It can be pretty annoying and repetitive, but there are a few joys as well.

One of the songs has been resonating with me in these uncertain and unprecedented times.

The song is called “The Next Right Thing.” I definitely recommend listening to it and belting it out in your living room, but here is a little snippet:

I won't look too far ahead  
It's too much for me to take  
But break it down to this next  
breath, this next step  
This next choice is one that I can  
make  
So I'll walk through this night  
Stumbling blindly toward the light  
And do the next right thing

That sounds like grace to me in this unpredictable future of Covid-19. It can feel overwhelming to look too far ahead.

But each breath. Each decision on behalf of our families and neighbors. Each shopping trip. Each dashed celebration or vacation put on hold. Each family that is trying to make ends meet when doors are closed.

Each stumble blindly toward the light. In all of it, we can only handle the next right thing.

I don't think God expects any more of us.

Whatever we are doing. Wherever we are sheltering in place.

We love God and we love neighbor, doing the next right thing as Jesus in the world.

As Martin Luther King early coined, “it is always the right time to do the right thing.”

God's Peace and Protection during these uncertain times,

*Pastor Peter*



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**welcome > who we are >**  
**trinity online**

We continue to be the church in all circumstances and our shared ministry continues!

We invite you to online worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, Faith Formation for children, families and adults. Our Trinity Online page also provides some music and care resources during this difficult time. Visit our Trinity Online page on the web site for online and livestream options, and for the latest updates in this uncertain and ever-changing time.

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You can also watch Sunday worship on TV. Worship (a rebroadcast of our livestreamed 9 a.m. Sunday service) is broadcast on channel 18 through Valley Access Channels. Please note times have recently changed.

**Sundays** at 11 am  
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**Fridays** at 2 pm & 8 pm  
**Saturdays** at 2 am & 8 am



## RESPONSE TO COVID-19

All in person gatherings are suspended through April 30. Visit our web site for the very latest updates on our response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

[www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > NEWS > COVID-19

**Editor's Note:** We publish this *Trinity Today* knowing that things are changing quickly during the Covid-19 pandemic and the information provided here may be out of date soon. Please check our web site at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) for the very latest. Also see the back cover of this issue to sign up for our email lists if you haven't already done so. This is very important for getting news quickly at this time.



## Financial Note

Financially, total results for YTD February 2020 place us ahead of last year at this time, showing a total surplus of \$42K, v. a \$38K surplus in 2019.

Contribution Income of \$105K for the month of February 2020 is \$9K over February 2019. YTD our Contribution Income is \$35K higher than a year ago.

Total Income is \$57K ahead of YTD January 2019. Operating Expenses are up \$52K YTD v. last year at this time, a reflection of increased activity in Learning and Care ministries.

Personnel Expense is \$26K higher YTD than last year (3 payroll January & 2% Staff pay increase effective Feb. 1). Our Line of Credit Balance stands at \$0 as of 2/29/20!

## Trinity Financial Update

### February Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2020

	This Year	Last Year	'20 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	684,894	649,933	1,350,000	51%
Other Income	178,901	257,708	342,550	52%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 863,795</b>	<b>\$ 907,641</b>	<b>\$ 1,692,550</b>	
less: Expenses	821,813	869,911	1,691,330	49%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 41,982</b>	<b>\$ 37,731</b>	<b>\$ 1,220</b>	

### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,410,152	3,598,306
Increase (Decrease)	(42,124)	(41,532)
<b>Long-Term Debt - End of February</b>	<b>\$ 3,368,028</b>	<b>\$ 3,556,774</b>
Line of Credit Balance - February 29	\$ -	\$ -

We've heard from some of you that you would like to make Trinity's communion bread at home. Thank you to Susan Carr for sharing the recipe used by our Trinity communion bread bakers. She says: The original recipe was taken from the Luther Seminary website. This is our modified version based on years of trial and error. We use larger amounts for our baking purposes. One of our modifications is to add flavorings to our bread. Our choices include cinnamon, ginger, pumpkin pie spice and cardamom and depend on the season, whimsy or group choice. These flavorings are added to the dry ingredients.

## Communion Bread Recipe

Turn on oven to 350 degrees/325 Convection

Sift the following dry ingredients together:

- 2 c whole wheat flour
- 1 c white flour
- 1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 & 1/4 tsp salt

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

- 3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F)
- 3 Tbsp honey
- 3 Tbsp molasses
- Stir in 1 1/2 Tbsp oil into wet ingredients.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Roll out about 5 oz of dough to a not too thick/not too thin depth. Place in sheet pan lined with parchment. Bake for 15 minutes. Cool. Cut into desired lengths. Freeze.

# Lent and Stewardship

By Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team

Recently, I read a description of Lent's purpose that I liked a lot:

**Lent is the season that the church has set aside for us to intentionally reflect on our relationship with God, my neighbor, and ourselves. It is a time to reflect on those things that bring us closer to God and others, and those things that keep us alienated from God and others.**

Faithful stewardship, by comparison, are all the *actions* we take using our time, capabilities, and financial resources to bring us closer and in right relationship to God and my neighbor.

So, this Lent I have been trying to use the results of my Lenten reflections on what brings me closer to or alienated from God and neighbor to inform my stewardship actions.

Let's start with money. I've been asking myself if the way I use my financial resources—spending, acquiring, saving, investing, giving—bring me closer to or alienate me from God and my neighbor? If the latter, what changes might I make in my stewardship around money.

Let's say I give 10 percent of my income, with joy and gratitude, to support Trinity's ministries and other charities. This use of my money serves my neighbor and supports God's work in the world. But what about the other 90 percent? God surely cares as much about how I steward these resources, which has implications for my relationship with God and neighbor.

During Lent then, I have been paying closer attention to the following in no particular order:

- Where do the products I buy come from? Are the working conditions humane and just for the people producing those products?
- Are my tips sufficiently generous for the hard-working, minimum wage paid worker providing me service?
- Can God get up to good work in the world through my investments?
- If I buy myself a "luxury" item like a winter get-away should I make another tithe?

- Can I see the power of the Holy Spirit at work in my weekly spending at the grocery store, the gas station, and other local businesses?
- What material things that I love can I do without to create more room for God in my life?
- How can I adjust my family budget to align more closely with my faith in Christ and love for neighbor?

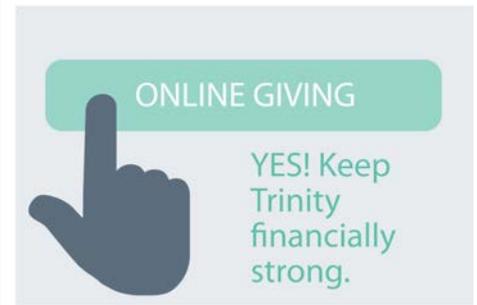
Likewise, I've been reflecting on what affect the use of my time and capabilities have on my relationship with God and neighbor. Are there changes I can make to draw me closer?

In my Lenten reflections I've recalled that Martin Luther sparked renewed interest in reconnecting faith and everyday life, seeing all we do with our time—domestic duties, civic duties, paid and volunteer work—as essential to carrying out what Jesus called the greatest commandments: **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** (Matthew 22:37-39).

According to Luther, then, we respond to the call to love God and our neighbor by fulfilling all of the duties associated with our everyday life for the glory of God—from the banal to the sublime. Still there are some "duties" that seem to nourish my relationship with God and neighbor more than others. Prayer, for example. During Lent I've tried to pray regularly for persons with whom I strongly disagree and even dislike—which I've found hard to do. I've also been spending time reaching out to friends with whom I've lost contact to see how they are. Sadly, some have died. I should have reached out sooner.

I hope my reflections on Lent and stewardship provide ideas to fuel your own thinking about deepening your relationship with God and neighbor.

**Editor's Note:** Claudia's article was written prior to in person worship and gatherings at Trinity being suspended. I felt it important to include as a reminder that we are in Lent. Below is an excerpt from the Stewardship Team that was included in the Easter letter that was mailed to all Trinity members and friends.



There are concerns about what not having community worship will mean to the gathering of financial resources via the offering plate. The staff's salaries, the cost of continuing vibrant ministry and the ongoing expenses related to our facilities still need real dollars to operate and Covid-19 doesn't stop the bills from coming! Fortunately, 50 percent of our givers do so via automated giving from a bank account or credit card, through payroll deduction or donor advised giving. If you are not yet engaged in some sort of electronic giving option, consider starting now. To sign-up, go to Trinity's website at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > GIVING. You will also find details on other electronic options including giving by text or using a smart phone giving app.

Of course, the mail is still operating, so instead of dropping your offering check and envelope into the plate at Sunday worship, drop it in your nearest post office box to: Trinity Lutheran Church  
PO Box 339  
Stillwater, MN 55082

Honestly, there are also people among us, including members of our congregation, who are being hurt by the rapidly changing economic circumstances Covid-19 is creating. Service, leisure, and entertainment sectors in particular will see dramatic drop-offs. For those of us who aren't so affected, this is the time to step-up financially in service to our common life together, within our capacity, as we follow Jesus for the sake of the world. For some of you, sheltering at home means not spending money traveling, dining out or enjoying the arts. Perhaps you find yourselves in a position to do more during this challenge. We invite you to do so.



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# Devotion on Lifelong Faith Formation

By Krista Gossai, Congregational Council Vice President

March 16, 2020

It's March, and we are eager to look forward to the newness and renaissance of Spring. Yet, we find ourselves in the season of Lent with much to contemplate.

When I first thought about this devotion at the time of the new year in January I imagined that we would talk about resolutions and the ripple effects of our decisions. I intended to reflect upon the verse from Ecclesiastes (1:7) – *All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full.*

The notion that we are part of a community so much larger than ourselves—that we could never know the full effects of our actions and decisions—was important then, but is all the more timely now.

As we have all been guided into flattening the curve and social distancing, we do so with the knowledge that in the best of circumstances, if all goes well, we will never see the benefits of our isolation.

We see the motivational encouragement of distancing:

- In 1665 when Cambridge University was closed to prevent spread of the plaque a young scientist, Sir Isaac Newton, confined himself to his studies and developed the theories of gravity, motion and calculus
- In 1606 during a plague-driven closure of English theatres—Shakespeare is thought to have written the masterpieces King Lear, Antony and Cleopatra and Macbeth.
- We see present day Italians—in-quarantine on their balconies joining in song and dance to raise their collective spirits

Yet, we find ourselves worried about the health and well-being of our community, most notably those most vulnerable among us. And, we fear the worsening of social isolation brought on by our electronic only interactions. Of course, there are biblical approximations of this scenario. Whether it is Jesus off in the wilderness in a weakened state as Peter preached to about a few weeks ago, or the Israelites spending 40 years

in exile from Egypt, there is many an example of the discomfort of being strangers in a foreign land, where nothing feels normal, and that where the return to normal is beyond the horizon.

This Lent as we contemplate in the time of corona virus we do so with the notion that this event may challenge our faith, it may reinforce our faith and it may change our faith in ways we cannot yet imagine.

So, in January I would have asked for you to consider your sign posts along your faith journey, the people and events that have shaped your faith in ways that could not have understood at the time.

But today, I would ask you to keep in mind in these new and heavy and worrisome days that you work to live out your faith, the faith that we all aspire to, the faith of action, the faith of shared community and shared humanity and so I look back at the verse from Ecclesiastes: *All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full.*

It is such a simple verse, yet profound in its depth. Take the waters of the St. Croix—they are flowing just down the hill from our Trinity home—those waters have just over 1,200 miles on their journey to the Gulf of Mexico. Of course, we could explain away the seas' capacity with a complex outlining of the hydrologic cycle, but the meaning is so much more than that. Figuratively—the verse illuminates that those things in our lives that seem to be in perpetual motion can and do directly contribute to those that have permanence.

As we join distantly today and contemplate the decisions that shape this congregation, we do so with the knowledge that generations have done so before us and if we are wise and thoughtful, generations will follow. We may not see the longitudinal effects of our time here, but nonetheless, we ought to assume the presence of that permanence as we share our gifts and form our faith.

# STILLWATER EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped provide daytime warming space and emergency overnight winter shelter at Trinity from Feb. 2 to March 7

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors that enabled the Stillwater Community Daytime Warming Space and Emergency Overnight shelter to serve our neighbors in the St. Croix Valley community.

The Stillwater Community Daytime Warming Space hosted numerous guests that included a mother and small child seeking a warm space and lunch, a family's father that previously had avoided entering any building that provided services, folks that spent the previous night sleeping outside, and guests that wanted a meal and someone to talk to, or more importantly, someone to just listen to them.

Regardless of the guest . . . a volunteer observed that "connections were made . . . helping our guests find a warm spot to rest, a meal, a place to talk to people, a smile, and a Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) social worker that offered additional services; services that ranged from gas cards for travel, housing, health care, to overnight shelter resources. All the things that we as individuals, living in a privileged place . . . enjoy."

One volunteer's experience was summed up this way, "It gave our community the chance to put the Gospel into action; to enter the lives of those who've been pushed to the margins of our society; to offer warmth and kindness - and a nice meal. This experience has opened my mind and my heart to the plight of those experiencing not only homelessness but

also loneliness. It certainly stretched me beyond my normal routine and comfort zone. And I value that!"

None of these positive outcomes could have happened without the overwhelmingly favorable response from 132 volunteers and numerous donors that donated their time, their possessions, and their desire to do positive good for the community. Your actions and donations, regardless of how minor you considered them, produced the following results for the five weeks:

- Number of Daytime Warming Space guests: 116
- Number of Emergency Overnight Winter Shelter guests: 8
- Number of repeat guests visits: 70
- Number of meals (includes 79 to-go lunches) prepared and served to guests: 192
- Number of meals for volunteers: 222

Remember, most of the meaningful connections were made when volunteers and guests shared a meal.

It was you, the volunteer and donor, that made a difference in someone else's life, thank you for your awesome contributions.

John Hodler, Jeff Anderson and Roger Funk



Many Trinity members who sew are working to fill the need for face masks.

TOP PHOTO: Masks made by Carolyn Minor.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Masks and ready-to-sew kits put together by Tara Cadenhead. Tara is using Facebook to post updates, for more information go to Facebook and search: Stillwater Cares.



# EASTER 20+20

He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.



Breakfast, pjs and Pastor Peter

Thank you to Sarah Barts for this photo of her family worshipping from home on a Sunday morning! The response of our Trinity family to embrace online and on TV worship has been life-giving at a difficult time. We are the church in all circumstances. Our shared ministry continues.

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**April 1 Doug Mork** – Twin Cities Social Cohesion

**Why relationships and engagement with neighbor matters.**

The final in our Wednesday evening Lenten learning series: My Neighbor 2020. Together, we have explored how to live as people of faith within the realities of our political system.

Doug Mork will bring the message to worship, available at our Trinity Online page at [trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/trinity-online/](http://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/trinity-online/).

**Palm Sunday April 5**

**9 am Worship** Livestreamed online

**Maundy Thursday April 9**

**Noon Extended Pause & Pray** Livestreamed online

**Good Friday April 10**

**3 pm Worship** Available online

**Easter Sunday April 12**

**9 am Traditional Worship** Livestreamed online and recorded for channel 18 (see below)

**10:30 am Contemporary Worship** Livestreamed online

**Watch Worship on TV**

Worship (a rebroadcast of our livestreamed 9 a.m. Sunday service) is broadcast on channel 18 through Valley Access Channels. Please note times have recently changed.

**Sundays** at 11 am

**Wednesdays** at Noon & 6 pm

**Thursdays** at Midnight & 6 am

**Fridays** at 2 pm & 8 pm

**Saturdays** at 2 am & 8 am



## Lenten Reflections

This year, during Lent, our worship and study are led by our Sunday lectionary readings into thinking about who is our neighbor. There will be many and various ways we will hear how we are called to be neighbors—through scripture, prayer, song, and message in Sunday worship, and on Wednesday evenings with our guest speakers. We also asked if any of you would like to share about when you have been a neighbor, when you have been "neighborhood," when you have had a challenging neighbor, or what neighbors has God shown you. Here are two wonderful stories.

In the late 1970's, my church in northern Minnesota welcomed a Vietnamese refugee family escaping the war. We hired the father of the family (who was an electrician) to help wire our cabin.

Our log cabin had been built by my grandfather, a Finnish underground iron miner who seldom traveled far from northern Minnesota. I knew he had never met anyone from Vietnam, and as he joined us to do the electrical work, I wondered how he would react to this new immigrant from so far away. As it turned out, my grandfather and our Vietnamese friend got along famously, laughing and joking with each other throughout the day.

Afterward, my grandfather said to me – "This guy is just looking for a better life. My father- your great-grandfather- came here from Finland, also to escape a war. We Finns were treated terribly when we first came here. We

were called communists, socialists... drunks with knives. Remember that. Treat others better than we were treated."

Being a good neighbor to all people, even if they are poor, speak a different language, or are not like us—is one very simple, powerful lesson that Christ (and my grandfather) have taught me. – Brian Larson

A favorite quote by Max Lucado is, "Hope is ... a zany, unpredictable dependence on a God who loves to surprise us out of our socks!" I've been surprised out of my socks many times; this tale is one of my favorites! A family member lives in subsidized housing in Stillwater where each low-income family has their own apartment. I visit weekly to help out as needed. Whenever I run into one of these neighbors of his—and mine—they offer friendly greetings and hold the door or elevator open. Every Thursday one of his neighbors puts a cart in the hall for him to easily get groceries to his apartment. When his cat was missing, practically everyone inquired about the search. Once following the 4th of July fireworks, when he was walking the long way home, one of his neighbors saw him in the dark and offered him a ride home! These neighbors may need our collective assistance but they in turn and often automatically extend loving Samaritan care to others. This should not be surprising, but it is; people with the least amount of ready resources often share the most! May we be inspired to do the same.

– Kristie Anderson

## 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.

Palm Sunday April 5

**Matthew 26:14-27:66** or

**Matthew 27:11-54**

Maundy Thursday April 9

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

Good Friday April 10

**John 18:1-19:42**

Easter Sunday April 12

**John 20:1-18** or

**Matthew 28:1-10**

April 19 **John 20:19-31**

April 26 **Luke 24:13-35**



## Worship Hospitality

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.

We would love to have your family or small group help with hospitality when we have resumed in person worship.

Stay healthy and have a Blessed day.



# SOLO 55+ PLUS

Singles Group  
for Ages 55 & Up

**HAPPENING ONLINE**  
This group is continuing to meet online through Zoom.



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

### Solo 55 Plus Group is Staying Connected Online

This thriving faith-based social group is continuing to have online gatherings through Zoom. For more information, please send e-mail to: [SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com](mailto:SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com).



PHOTOS ABOVE: In February the Solo 55 Plus group enjoyed a hands-on watercolor painting demonstration by Elaine Frederickson.

PHOTOS ABOVE: This member of the group known now as "T.P. Man" donated two packages of toilet paper to anyone who might need it during the shortage due to Covid-19 pandemic. Contact Kim Dahlgren at [kdahlgren@trinitylc.org](mailto:kdahlgren@trinitylc.org) if you know of a need.



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

**YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class**  
**Thursdays 9 – 10 am | April 30 – June 18 | \$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 [toddinsue2@aol.com](mailto:toddinsue2@aol.com).

**STAY TUNED!**

Currently these events are on the calendar, we will continue to monitor and update you.



**Earth Day at 50**

By Sheila Maybanks, Green Team

April 22, 1970—I remember it so well. I was in grad school at the University of Kentucky; it was thrilling and felt like we were part of something new and incredibly important. Heady days to be young!

It’s hard to believe *ecology* was a new word to most of us, as was “environmental protection.”

In the last 50 years, there has been a greater understanding of humans’ role in the environment and a growing understanding of “how it all fits together.”

In our country, we have had great strides in protecting air, water, and other creatures that share the planet.

And yet—climate change, extinctions, pollution, rising waters and carbon dioxide levels, and incalculable losses and suffering—has increased.

It’s so important to have hope this 50th Earth Day.

The concern and actions so many now have for our environment, new clean technologies, increasing political will to deal with climate change, and new understanding of the rights of all creatures—all good news and reason for some hope—do not make as much “noise” as the bad news.

Listen carefully for the “good news” and keep it in mind!



RETIRED MEN'S GROUP EVENT:

**Spring Kayaking Adventure, Lunch & Arcola Mills Tour**

Monday, May 11 from 9 am to 2 pm

Meet at Arcola Mills  
 12905 Arcola Trail N, Stillwater, MN 55082

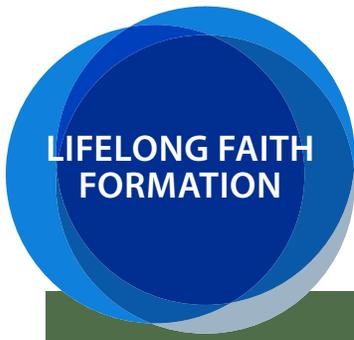
More information about this group at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > CONNECTIONS > GROUPS > RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

Meet at Arcola Mills (seven miles north of Stillwater). You will be transported to William O'Brien State Park where the kayak tour will begin.

We will be paddling six miles of the St. Croix River. Starting in the park, we will depart on a back channel, enjoy paddling past Marine on St. Croix, and into the St. Croix Islands State Wildlife Area. We will have lunch once we arrive back at Arcola Mills with a spectacular view of the river. A tour of the Arcola Mills Historic Home is included.

Cost is \$40 (cash or check). Includes kayak, life vest, paddle, guided tour, water, snacks, and lunch. No discount for your own gear, but it will be transported to the park. Outfitted by Kerri Kolstad of Wahoo! Adventures. To sign up contact Jerry Herbst at [gwherbst@comcast.net](mailto:gwherbst@comcast.net) or 715-808-0571.





**HAPPENING ONLINE**

Adult Faith Formation continues as we gather on Zoom.

Join meeting here: <https://zoom.us/j/322442337>

Help getting started on Zoom: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>



Adult Faith Forum with Dr. Bob Boyd  
**Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 am**  
Meeting online through Zoom

# THE APOSTLE PAUL

## From Prosecutor to Evangelist

With the exception of Christ, it is difficult to identify anyone who had more influence on early Christianity than did the Apostle Paul. How did this person who was described as “little, bald-headed, bow-legged, highly-strung, and a poor speaker” help change the world? Our discussion will concentrate on Paul, the person—who he was and what made him “tick?”



**All are welcome!**



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**HAPPENING ONLINE**

Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Faith Formation is continuing online through video and Zoom. Please see the Trinity Online page for the worship, faith formation and family resources we have been creating and gathering for you.

PHOTOS BELOW: The kids had so much fun decorating the Alleluias in Faith Formation on Feb. 23. They will never tell where they hid them!

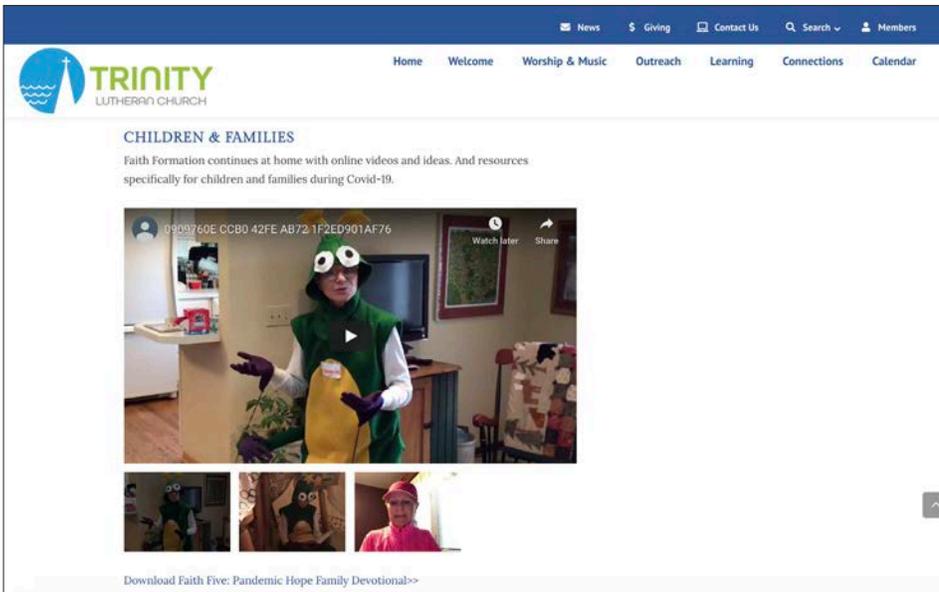
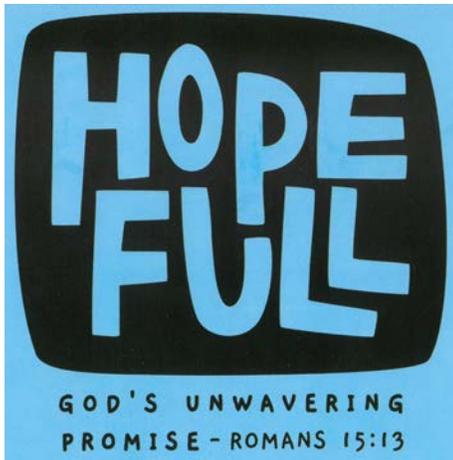


PHOTO BELOW: Faith and fun go together! These 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders had fun roller skating together on Feb. 23.



**STAY TUNED!** Currently summer events are on the calendar, we will continue to monitor and update you.



## Summer Camp at WAPO

[www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > Learning > Summer > Camps

### 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](http://www.campwapo.org/camp/wapo#family-camp)

### Sponsor a missionary!

A group of 46 high school kids and 10 adults will be representing Trinity from June 27 – July 3 as they travel to Puerto Rico for service, growing in faith and in relationship with God and each other. Mission trips like this require considerable planning and support! Please consider sponsoring our youth in mission at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > LEARNING > YOUTH > HIGH SCHOOL.

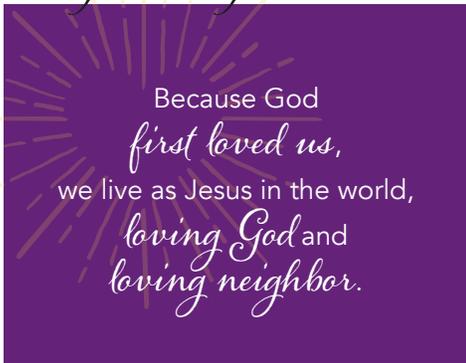
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## why trinity?



## core values

Exceptional Worship  
 Radical Hospitality  
 Authentic Community  
 Lifelong Faith Formation  
 Compassionate Action

## 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.



# THANK YOU!

Marie Liberda and Sandy Wendt, coordinators for donations for Emergency Winter Shelter, would like to THANK all who donated items or money for the Emergency Winter Shelter event that occurred during February and early March at Trinity. Your generosity was HUGE and we are grateful for everyone that contributed to this successful event.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>Feb. 23</b> 9 a.m. ....273 10:30 a.m. ....149	<b>March 8</b> 9 a.m. ....157 10:30 a.m. ....127
<b>Ash Wednesday Feb. 26</b> Noon.....74 7 p.m.....163	<b>March 15</b> In person worship cancelled due to Covid-19
<b>March 1</b> 9 a.m. ....239 10:30 a.m. ....185	All worship moved online and local TV
<b>Lent Wednesday March 4</b> 10 a.m. ....17 7 p.m. ....NA	

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > WELCOME > WHO WE ARE > TRINITY ONLINE

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
Livestreamed at 9 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**  
Available online by 7 p.m. whenever Faith Formation meets online

**Watch Worship on Valley Access Channel 18**  
(Please note new times!)  
**Sunday** 11 a.m.  
**Wednesday** Noon & 6 p.m.  
**Thursday** Midnight & 6 a.m.  
**Friday** 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
**Saturday** 2 a.m. & 8 a.m.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

# WHO IS my neighbor?



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
 Who Is My Neighbor?  
**June 22-24 from 9-11 am**  
 For children 4 years – completed 2nd grade. Stay tuned for details and registration!

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Sign up for Weekly E-Newsletter and Congregational Notices to get updates on any changes due to Covid-19.

**Weekly E-Newsletter:** Sign up for our newsletter that is sent by email each Friday. Includes what is happening at Trinity on Sunday, that week and coming up. Other important information is included to keep you up to date on life in this congregation and the larger church.

**Trinity Today Monthly Newsletter:** Receive an email that links to a downloadable PDF of the *Trinity Today* newsletter which includes all the worship, service and connection opportunities for the coming month; as well as articles from the pastors and ministry teams to tell the story of our faith community. Also included are connections to our ELCA larger church and community.

**Congregational Notices, Announcements & Events:** Email notices are sent as needed and may include all-congregation events, church office/building closings, worship notices, staff changes and anything else we think you might want to know as part of our faith community.

**Sympathy Notices for Members:** With permission of the family, we will notify you by email when a member of Trinity has died. Usually includes a link to the obituary and memorial service details.