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# trinity TODAY

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



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He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

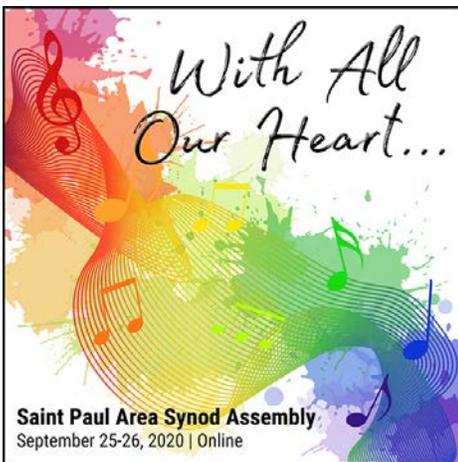
– Matthew 14: 29-30



LEAD PASTOR THE REV. DR. CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE

**Synod Assembly: Call for voting members!**  
**Friday, Sept. 25 – Saturday, Sept. 26**  
**Meeting Online through Zoom**  
**Registration deadline is Aug. 11**

Our Saint Paul Area Synod is planning to have the 2020 Synod Assembly by Zoom, convening for several hours on Friday afternoon, Sept. 25, and then again on Saturday morning, Sept. 26. For more information visit: <https://www.spas-elca.org/events/synod-assembly/>. If you are interested in participating as a voting member on behalf of Trinity, please contact Pastor Chris at [cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org](mailto:cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org).



# Christ Victorious

Christ Victorious.

Friends and fellow journeyers.

Sitting with a friend (safely distanced!) at Carver Lake Park in Woodbury on a hot, sunny afternoon, we began to reflect on worship: when does a church reopen, what has the online experience been like, what about the churches that have reopened.

We remarked on the richness of in-person worship in more normal times and on how deeply community is connected to faith and religious practice. And we thought about how sterile a worship experience would be when stripped of all the elements that we do together, all the shared acts of faith, and the give and take of hospitality: singing, shaking hands, communion, bulletins, hymnals, coffee, gathering before and after to visit with friends.

Trinity, we miss each other so much. And we remind each other often that we are still the church. Nothing has changed that. **We are not shut down. We are not cowering in fear.** We are boldly finding ways to be the church and to worship the God who stands with us in pandemic and racial awakening and confusion and fear. We are faithfully and hopefully gathering around Word, wine and wheat. We are praying together and singing in our homes. (And at the Drive In!)

It has been said that to wear a mask or not open our church building is to fail to trust in God and to live in fear.

The Apostle Paul's second letter to Timothy opens with the recollection that Timothy learned the faith from his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. And so Paul writes: *"For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you... for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."*

As the people of God, the body of Christ in the world, we do not act in fear. We act in the *power* granted us in Christ to *love* our neighbor and we exercise the *self-discipline* necessary to do just that.

We too have ancestors in the faith who endured hardships. Some watched as churches failed their members, closed their doors or gave into destructive infighting. And still they passed on to us the faith and hope that the body of Christ emerges victorious in new places, new buildings, new people and new expressions.

The day will come when we are gathered back in our sanctuary with the Resurrection Wall framing the band and choir, when we can pass bread from hand to hand and sing until our hearts are full. Until that time, we celebrate Christ alive in the world, emerging victorious through Zoom and Facebook and YouTube and Love Drop bags and hand-written notes and safely-distanced visits.

I celebrate Christ alive in you.

In gratitude and hope,

*Pastor Chris*

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



# Life Faith Formation For Such A Time As This

Uncertain. Unknown. Upended.  
Exhausted. Lose-Lose.

Planning for anything right now is so difficult. Strategizing for this future is so stressful.

This time of year, like most schools, the church is typically in full-on visioning mode. We take stock of the last programmatic year, listen to key stakeholders in different age groups, and pray for how God's dream continues to unfold for us and through us.

The church was already immersed in a pretty strong spiritual migration and existential intersection, even before the surge of the coronavirus and call for defending black lives circles again around the globe—hitting really close to home with the horrifying death of George Floyd.

Our expression as Christians was already feeling disrupted before it felt like we had been dropped to the floor.

But, Christians in general and Lutherans in particular have arisen out of crisis. Out of the movement of God to be fully present with a spiraling humanity in Christ, and for God's grace to reform us and guide us.

I'm thankful for the ways God continues to work through us at Trinity, responding to this threshold time with faith and trust, knowing that God's love is always preparing us—not to fix the past or even change the future—to witness to Jesus in the present.

For such a time as this.

No matter what model of Faith Formation we continue in the Fall, what Sunday and Wednesday Learning involves for all ages, we lean into God's grace and hope and love.

It's not going to be perfect.

It's not going to feel the same.

It will still feel uncertain and exhausting.

It will likely feel like a lose-lose for everyone.

But we do know that God promises to join us along the way—for the church, for our families, for schools, for rebuilding our community.

My hope is that we become more of who God has made us to be.

For such a time as this.

In Christ,

*Pastor Peter*

## Update on Children's Ministry (Birth-Grade 5) Position: **Welcome Sarah Olson!**

On behalf of the Trinity Transition Team, The CYF Team is super excited to share, that through your faithful leading, staff support, and the discernment of the Holy Spirit, Trinity has offered and Sarah Olson has accepted as our new permanent hire for Trinity's Children, Youth and Family Team.

Sarah is a former Trinity Staffer (Youth 2011-2013) and brings a wealth of theological experience and a deep heart for ministry.

More details to come and a fuller bio, but please join me in welcoming Sarah and giving thanks and praise to God—for such a time as this.





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# 50 Years of Ordained Women

On June 29 in 1970, the Lutheran Church in America opened the door for the ordination of women by voting to change the word “man” to “person” in its bylaws. Fifty years later, we celebrate this anniversary, grateful for the many ways that women pastors have served and strengthened our church.

As the ELCA celebrates the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women, we celebrate those that have served Trinity!

- Betsy Dartt (Dolmar) \_\_\_\_\_ March 1981 - Oct. 1995
- Lynn Pagliarini \_\_\_\_\_ May 1996 - Dec. 2004
- Chris Berthelsen \_\_\_\_\_ Feb. 2001 - Dec. 2004
- Siri Erickson \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 2004 - Aug. 2013
- Kris Linner \_\_\_\_\_ July 2006 - Dec. 2010
- Candace Moser \_\_\_\_\_ May 2011 - Feb. 2014
- Stephanie Vos \_\_\_\_\_ Dec. 2013 - Sept. 2015
- Deb Ost \_\_\_\_\_ Nov. 2014 - June 2018
- Stefanie Fauth \_\_\_\_\_ Sept. 2015 - Oct. 2016
- Karri Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ Dec. 2016 - Nov. 2017
- Chris Bellefeuille \_\_\_\_\_ Dec. 2016 - present



FROM THE ELCA:  
“With gratitude for those who have gone before and hope for the future, the ELCA gives thanks to God for the ministry of women. In 2019 and 2020 we celebrate 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely.

As part of this anniversary year, we lament that women have been barred from serving and have been bullied, dismissed and excluded. We also celebrate the gifts and service that women have brought to our church and our world as pastors.”

For a video from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and more information, visit: <https://www.elca.org/50yearsofordainedwomen>



## REOPENING: Trinity's COVID-19 Re-Entry Team

*By Fred Anderson & Matt Simcik, Re-Entry Team*

As some of you are aware, Trinity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has established a COVID-19 Re-Entry Team to assist staff on the development and implementation of a phased reopening plan. The team is made up of the following Trinity staff and members.

- Fred Anderson – Retired Washington County Epidemiologist, Co-Chair
- Pastor Chris Bellefeuille
- Bob Eiselt – Parish Administrator
- Tom Hosek – Head Custodian
- Matt Simcik – Professor, School of Public Health – U of M, Co-Chair
- Denise Swager – BSN, RN
- Mel Sullivan – Council Secretary, Sr. VP/CPO at Ecumen

The purpose of the Team is to ensure we implement strategies and procedures to protect and maintain the health of our staff, members, and guests without disruption of our mission. We expect the entire church will have a role in implementing this plan. Obviously, our intent is to prevent and reduce transmission of COVID-19 within our church, both indoor and outdoor activities, and in our community. That doesn't mean we can't still be the hands and feet of Jesus in our congregation, the St. Croix Valley, Minnesota and beyond.

The Re-Entry Team will be addressing COVID-19 related items such as:

- Staff and volunteer health
- Traffic flow, social distancing and face mask expectations
- Staff, volunteer, member and guest hygiene expectations
- Building cleaning and disinfection practices
- Occupancy and activity limitations for each space in our building
- Drive-in worship practices
- Communications and training

What we are asking of you during this time is your prayerful support of our efforts and patience as we navigate this ever evolving landscape.

The team will be working diligently to address the many concerns of being able to return to indoor worship and allowing others to utilize our space while being protective of the health of everyone involved. The timing and any restrictions will be determined with the best available scientific information in a timely manner, knowing full well that the information may change and our strategies will be flexible to accommodate those changes. It is clear to the team that things such as distributing bulletins, following along in the Bibles during the Gospel, using hymnals and

singing, and passing of the offering plate will need to change. We are fortunate to have a large screen for the order of service and prerecorded music, as well as an established drive-in church ritual.

Strategies to reopen a business or house of worship requires thoughtful planning. They need to be practical, quantifiable, and dynamic. A myriad of contingencies and preventative measures must be carefully considered and implemented. Please be patient as the staff and council plan for our safe return to Trinity spaces.

# Prayer & Devotion, Service, Gratitude

By Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team

## Give Me Jesus

– Traditional African American Spiritual dating to the 1800s; lyrics interpreted by Fernando Ortega, 1999.

In the morning, when I rise

In the morning, when I rise

In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

You can have all this world

But give me Jesus

And when I am alone

Oh, and when I am alone

And when I am alone, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

You can have all this world

But give me Jesus

And when I come to die

Oh, and when I come to die

And when I come to die, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

You can have all this world

You can have all this world

You can have all this world

But give me Jesus

## Ending the fiscal year strong.

We are living in very interesting times, yet as always, summer is a challenging time for church budgets and this year is no different. If you are current on your pledge or giving plan, thank you! If you have some catching up to do, we encourage you to do so by the end of the month. Our fiscal year ends Aug. 31 and having everyone current on pledges and giving plans will help us end strong! There is an update on our church family finances on page 7. Although our finances are very stable at present, our operating and benevolence expenses continue. Thank you!

As we continue to live in a Covid-19 world, I've been reflecting on how this experience is connecting my faith to my life of stewardship. I've been curious, too, about how other Trinity members are answering this question. So, I asked them, "How has your experience of Covid-19 connected your faith to your stewardship?" Here's a summary of what they said.

**Prayer and Devotion.** Some Trinity members have found more time for prayer and centering in God.

- The void of social contact caused by the pandemic is really difficult. I have found this void best filled by embracing the silence, and within that silence seeking God. Peace within faith has been my personal experience during the pandemic. Being still, allowing the solitude to wash over me and soak me with the confidence of God's presence. During this pandemic, I have rediscovered the value of taking refuge in stillness with God.
- I've tried to be a good steward of the resource of time that has come from this enforced slow-down in the pace of my life. I've spent more time reading the Bible and trying to understand what God's word means for this time, deepening my spiritual life.
- In my house we have designated a "sacred space" where we go to pray and devote time to God. During this pandemic we have spent more time in this space doing bible readings, praying, and just coming together as a family. It's how we try to find peace throughout all of this and stay connected with God.

**Generosity.** Many Trinity members have increased their financial gifts to Trinity and other area organizations serving people in need.

- We have increased our support to organizations that serve others in need—i.e., Family Means, Valley Outreach, Solid Ground.
- We have used stimulus checks of any kind to contribute to Trinity and to other local needs—food shelves, homeless, and general funds for those who are hurting.

We've increased some of our giving to these places beyond the stimulus checks too. We are not financially strained by the poor economy and have seen this time as one when our faith leads us to give more.

- When the stay-at-home order took effect, I increased my giving, knowing there are some people who would not be able to give during this time.

**Service.** Trinity members continue to find ways to serve and love their neighbor, despite social distancing requirements.

- Social distancing rules have disrupted my prior volunteer activities. But there are lots of ways that I can still serve—like virtual tutoring; making phone calls to connect to older persons who are even more "shut-in" than I am; and writing letters to state and federal representatives to support just and equitable policies such as more housing support for families experiencing homelessness and expanding access to affordable health care.
- We have both been involved with outreach ministry to low income and other disadvantaged families. The current crises only reinforce the need for us to continue in our faithful response.
- I've always enjoyed sewing, so I've used this gift to make hundreds of masks and given them to family and friends and local charities to hand out.

**Gratitude.** The suffering caused by the current pandemic is real and vast and includes the death of too many persons whom we loved. Still Trinity members express gratitude.

- The pandemic has made us much more aware of how fortunate we are through no effort of our own—just the good fortune to have jobs that weren't vulnerable. It has made us look at our priorities.
- I am so appreciative of spending hours outside. Sitting in my backyard, I said to my husband, we have so many more birds in

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## Trinity Financial Update

### June Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2020

	This Year	Last Year	'20 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	1,095,077	1,059,560	1,350,000	81%
Other Income	252,046	491,531	342,550	74%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,347,123</b>	<b>\$ 1,551,092</b>	<b>\$ 1,692,550</b>	
less: Expenses	1,289,884	1,542,453	1,691,330	76%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 57,239</b>	<b>\$ 8,638</b>	<b>\$ 1,220</b>	

### **Long-Term Debt Summary:**

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,410,152	3,598,306
Increase (Decrease)	(56,365) *	(173,183)
<b>Long-Term Debt - End of June</b>	<b>\$ 3,353,787</b>	<b>\$ 3,425,124</b>
Line of Credit Balance - June 30	\$ -	\$ 21,000

\* 2020 Thrivent Temporary Loan Relief to Congregations - 3 mos. Interest Only Mortgage Pymts (May - July)

our yard this year. To which he replied, no, they've always been there. We're just spending so much more time noticing them.

### Still Trinity members express gratitude.

- I used to tell my kids that they would lose their ability to connect in-person given their constant use of smart phones and social media. But, this stay-at-home experience has proven me wrong. I'm now using technology all of the time to stay in contact with friends, family, worship, book club, everything. I'm newly grateful for technology that enables connectedness!
- Watching the global community come together to fight this pandemic, gives me hope, as a teenager, that in the future we can use this cooperation to combat climate change and other catastrophes.
- In the midst of a focus on how

much is lost, I keep noticing all the blessings that remain to me: phones, electricity, showers, natural beauty, my mom's patio, walking, adaptations that keep me safe like grocery delivery, curbside services and people who wear masks.

- Due to Covid-19, our family worships at home. We definitely miss going to church on Sunday and being with our church family to celebrate communion. But we are grateful for the much more intimate worship time at home.
- I finally signed up for automated giving. I'm so glad I did. Why did it take Covid19 to get me to make this change?

Perhaps the most succinct response I received was this: I need Jesus more than ever. Yup, don't we all, give me Jesus. (See the lyrics on Page 6.) So, how has your experience of Covid-19 connected your faith to your stewardship?

**Financial Note:** Financially, we remain in a stable position at present! Thanks to the faithful, generous response of our faith community to God's call for financial stewardship. YTD June 2020 results place us ahead of last year at this time, showing a total surplus of \$57K, v. an \$9K surplus in 2019. We ran at an overall deficit of \$9K for the month of June this year, compared to an overall break-even for the month of June 2019. Contribution Income of \$91K for the month of June 2020 is \$1K more than June 2019. YTD our Contribution Income is \$36K higher than a year ago at this time. Total Income is \$19K ahead of YTD June 2019. June 2019 includes \$11K of Endowment Funds released whereas, we have not applied any Endowment Funds in FY2020. Fees & Payments are \$18K less YTD than 2019. Learning programs expense are also down by \$13K compared to 2019. Overall Operating Expenses are \$10K less YTD v. June 2019. Personnel Expense is \$14K higher YTD than last year (2% Staff pay increase effective February 1). Our Line of Credit Balance still stands at \$0 as of today! Last year we were into the Line in May.



In mid-July nearly 100 goodie bags were dropped at the doors of Trinity members. The Love Drop ministry was started as a way to spread love to those who may be feeling isolated due to this global pandemic. Thank you to all who participated—volunteers, staff, love droppers and receivers—in this show of love. Our shared ministry continues!



From a love drop recipient: Thank you very much for the LOVE DROP bag. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Like everyone, we are waiting out the virus. Thankfully we are still healthy.



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On July 19 we welcomed these members into our Trinity family.

We asked them to share three descriptors so we can get to know them.

Not pictured: Jordan Bauer and Brian Toby



**Meryl and John Downing family, William and Genevieve**  
Fishing, gardening, Stonebridge School



**Rita Friesen**  
Curious learner/teacher  
Travel-loving home-body  
Knitter/quilter



**Lisa Kehe**  
Math teacher, dog lover, and Ole (as in St. Olaf alum)



**Deb Novak**  
From Stillwater, retired, nature lover  
**Sandra Garbers**  
From Stillwater, Digital Cutter, loves building and creating things



**Sue and Hank Tejada**  
One-year residents of Lake Elmo, Outdoor Lovers, Home Renovation Crazy's



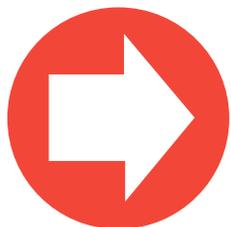
## ADULT FAITH FORUM: LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL I was wondering....?

Oh to wonder! For some of us we love the excitement of curious exploration, for others we feel uncomfortable with doubt that may occur in wondering. How do you feel when you wonder about God, Faith or the Bible? Is it frustrating, exciting, scary, inviting, engaging, lonely, worrisome, comforting? You are not alone! Jacob wrestled with God, Moses questioned why he should lead God's people out of Egypt and even tried hiding, Peter wrestled between his faith and fear, Abraham and Sarah laughed with disbelief at God's promise of children, and Habakkuk had a string of questions about the sickness, strife, and oppression that was rampant in Judah but God "seemingly" did nothing. Any of this sound or feel familiar? Although each of these experiences were different there was one constant throughout. God was present and did not abandon anyone.

As we plan for Adult Faith Forum to start again this fall our team has been working on possible areas of wondering to explore. Some of the topics may include—prayer, who is God?, Faith and Science, Faith and Government, Jesus, worship, salvation and end-life, Christianity, the Bible, and the meaning and practice of faith.

So what is one to do about our wondering? Join us in Adult Faith Forum! We love to hangout and learn with "wondering people"—God's Beloved in all circumstances!

Questions or ideas? Contact Pastor Peter or Penny Catlin at [pccatlin@juno.com](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com) or 651-485-8319 (cell).

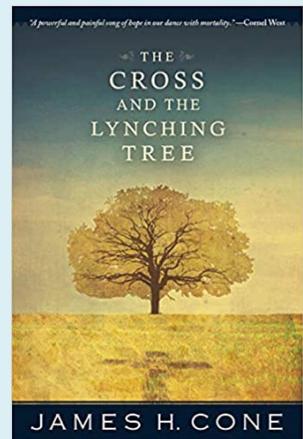


## ADULT FAITH FORUM

### ONE & DONE BOOK GROUP: ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree*** by James H. Cone Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 pm Meeting via Zoom

By Ann Wolff, Coordinator

The One and Done Book Group has been discussing the important issues of poverty and racism. The next discussion will be about *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H. Cone. It's a powerful lesson by a renown theologian and all are welcome. Email me at [wolff701@msn.com](mailto:wolff701@msn.com) for the zoom link.



I have the following books from the Trinity Library on these topics. Contact me by phone (651) 260-3855 or by email and I'll be happy to get them to you. They are eye-opening, enlightening, and poignant.

*I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown

*The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H. Cone

*When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor.., and Yourself* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond

*Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by Lenny Duncan

*How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi

*Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall & and Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent

*Waking Up White: and finding myself in the story of race* by Debby Irving

*Rough Crossings: Britain, the Slaves and the American Revolution* by Simon Schama

*Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh

*Same Family, Different Colors: Confronting Colorism in America's Diverse Families* by Lori L. Tharps

*Love Thy Neighbor: A Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America* by Ayaz Virgil with Alan Eisenstock

### ADULT FAITH FORUM: SUMMER BIBLE STUDY **Where is God in Suffering?**

Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 4 pm

Please join Pastor Chris for the final in the summer series Zoom Bible Study to explore this timeless and timely question. Please contact Penny Catlin at [pccatlin@juno.com](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com) to receive the Zoom link by email.

View on our web site: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>

# Stuff the Bus

Please join the efforts of Community Thread's "Stuff the Bus" campaign this year. Stuff the Bus is a great way to support children who live in District 834 who need school supplies. See details below and note the drop off deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Please note: Trinity will not be sponsoring the school supply drive for children who live in Cimarron this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the past few years, Kristie Anderson has graciously lead this effort on behalf of several Circles and opened her home and garage to store, sort, and organize the distribution.

If anyone has questions contact Outreach Missions team members Renae Oswald-Anderson at stillroa@gmail.com or Glenda Bjorum at bjourumsing@aol.com.



## Tanzania COVID Update

*Information from Mark and Linda Jacobson – June 2020 Newsletter*

Tanzania hasn't issued a summary of their COVID-19 cases since April 29. Two weeks ago [before the Jacobson newsletter was written], the President announced that God has cured Covid in Tanzania and we are free to return to normal. The borders have been opened and schools are open again.

Yet in the background, the hospitals are caring daily for Covid patients and neighbors know who is sick at home and who has died at home. But without statistics, no one is able to get a handle on what is really happening with the pandemic in Tanzania.

Covid seems not to have had as horrific an impact on morbidity and mortality as anticipated. Perhaps because of the young average age of the population with 50% of the population being age 15 or below.

Whatever understanding is eventually learned about Covid in Tanzania, it is already abundantly clear that the greater impact of Covid has been upon the economy. The tourist industry has collapsed and brought about great unemployment. The lost revenues in many industries are bound to lead to struggles with famine, less access to health care, and difficulty for students to remain in schools.

USAID has predicted that the after-effects of Covid may do away with decades of development across the African continent. Our challenge is no longer an epidemic but rather a doubling down for development.

Please remember our Global Partners in your prayers!

## HELP LOCAL KIDS SUCCEED!

**SUPPORT STUFF THE BUS!  
DONATE NEW SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES TODAY.**



### Donation Requests

- Adult/teen backpacks
- Pens
- Black Sharpies
- Clorox wipes
- Headphones
- Twist colored crayons
- Expo markers
- Clip boards
- 3" binders – standard & zip
- Sheet protectors
- Soft pencil cases
- Scissors (pointed)
- Scientific & Graphing calculators (gently used accepted)
- Texas Instruments calculator (TI-30XS)
- Post-Its
- Mechanical pencils
- Ticonderoga Dixon (preferred) pencils
- Plastic, 2-pocket folders
- Planners
- Lunch boxes/bags
- Kleenex
- Masking tape, Scotch tape & double-sided tape
- Elmer's (preferred) glue sticks
- Fun folders
- Graphing paper (notebooks)
- Hand sanitizing wipes & baby wipes
- Divider tabs with pockets
- Divider tabs without pockets
- Ziplock bags
- Notebooks

**Supplies must be dropped off by August 5.**



Learn more at [www.CommunityThreadMN.org](http://www.CommunityThreadMN.org) or [www.uwce.org](http://www.uwce.org)





# SOLO 55+ PLUS

Singles Group  
for Ages 55 & Up

## Weekly meetings online Tuesdays at 4:30 pm on Zoom!

Come meet other singles and join this faith-based social group.

During this time of social distancing we are meeting each Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom.

For information on Solo 55 Plus send an email to SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com.



## Food Choices

By Sheila Maybanks, Green Team

According to the *Tribune*, Americans are eating less meat and more vegetables. Maybe we are bothered by the working conditions at meat processing plants where many workers are getting ill. Maybe we are getting tired of animals suffering. Maybe it is financial—we have less money or are more cautious with what we have. Maybe we are cooking more at home, and certainly eating out less.

Maybe a blessing of this time is a new appreciation of our food and those who plant and process it?

Interfaith Power and Light encourages Christians to make better choices, and to reduce our carbon footprint, including food choices. Consider:

- The carbon footprint of beef is twice that of pork and four times that of chicken. Think about eating less meat and cheese.
- Eating seasonally and regionally as much as possible (a challenge in winter in Minnesota) means our food will travel fewer miles—reducing emissions.
- Use meat for flavor rather than making it the whole meal.
- Meatless Mondays!
- Processed foods have a larger carbon footprint. Cook from scratch and try to use the least processed foods.
- Reduce food waste by planning ahead and storing food correctly.
- Use a compost bin to get rid of your food scraps—and enrich your soil.



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

## End of Summer Mini Session! YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class

Thursdays 9 – 10 am | Meeting on Zoom  
Aug. 13 – Sept. 3 | \$36/4 weeks

End of summer mini session for 4 weeks, starting Aug. 13. We will resume normal 8-week sessions in September. All classes meeting on Zoom. Register to receive the link.

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!

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).

# Sunday Worship

SAFE

Summer  
Worship

- Online worship at 9 a.m.
- Drive-in worship at 9 a.m.
- Watch on TV at 11 a.m. on local channel 18

## 9 a.m.—Livestream and Online Worship from our Sanctuary

Worship led by organ, song leader or instrumentalists, incorporating historical, yet relevant elements of Lutheran worship. We invite you to sing hymns, songs, liturgy and psalms from home and hear music from the Renaissance to the contemporary, from Bach to Gospel and a message relevant to our lives today.

Facebook Livestream>>  
[facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/](https://facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/)

Online Worship>>  
[trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/online-worship/](https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/online-worship/)

## 9 a.m.—Drive-in Worship in Houlton, WI with safe worship restrictions

Worship led by worship leader incorporating the best of contemporary Lutheran music. The congregation gathers in cars for a time of praise and worship following the historic pattern of Lutheran worship (Gathering, Word, Message, Meal, and Sending.) This year with safe worship restrictions during the pandemic.

Drive-in Worship>>  
[trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/drive-in-summer-worship/](https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/drive-in-summer-worship/)

## 11 a.m.—Watch on TV channel 18

Trinity's traditional Sunday worship service is rebroadcast on channel 18 through Valley Access Channels:

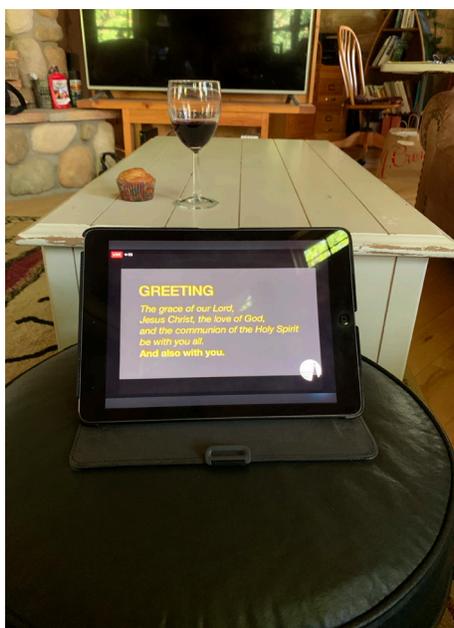
Sunday 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Noon & 6 p.m.  
Thursday Midnight & 6 a.m.  
Friday 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
Saturday 2 a.m. & 8 a.m.

## Worship Helps

Download a bulletin and announcements for Sunday worship to view or print at home.

[trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/bulletin-helps/](https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/bulletin-helps/)

# Sunday Worship



## 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.

Aug. 2 **Matthew 14:13-21**

Aug. 9 **Matthew 14:22-33**

Aug. 16 **Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

Aug. 23 **Matthew 16:13-20**

Aug. 30 **Matthew 16:21-28**

## Sign up online!

To volunteer at Sunday drive-in worship.



## Sign up online! To volunteer to help with drive-in worship

We are excited to offer online signups for Sunday morning volunteers at drive-in worship. Thank you to Chuck & Joan Newman who are the lead ushers. Three additional volunteers are needed—a greeter and two ushers. In the interest of safety when directing cars, volunteers must be at least 18 years of age to volunteer at the drive-in. Sign up online and receive helpful reminders!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044eadab28a1ff2-worship1>



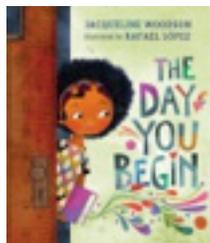
# Reading in All Circumstances

By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

The ELCA has a statement on *Church in Society: Race and Discrimination*, which states in part: "We will model an honest engagement with issues of race, ethnicity and culture, by being a community of mutual conversation, mutual correction and mutual consolation." It also encourages us to help "young people, in order that they might be better equipped to live in a multicultural society."

Trinity is grateful to have received gifts from a family who honors their mother, and gifts to honor the retirement of Julie Jolivette. The families who donated asked that we purchase books that celebrate race, diversity and inclusion. Access to these books will be communicated as the procedure is completed.

*Everybody Picture Books: E*



*The Day You Begin* – Woodson (E W) This is a must-have book about the power of voice and the friendships that emerge when you are yourself. (Kirkus

Review Starred)

*Anti Racist Baby* – Kendi (E K) Includes discussion prompts to help recognize and reflect bias in our lives.

*A Kids Book About Racism* – Memory (E M) Explains what racism is and how you know when you see it, good to read with an adult.

*Thunder Boy Jr.* – Alexie (E A) An expertly crafted, soulful, and humorous work that tenderly explores identity, culture, and the bond between father and son. (Kirkus Review Starred)

*One* – Otoshi (E O) Readers learn about numbers, primary secondary colors, and also learn about accepting other's differences. (KO Kids Books)

*Hair Love* – Cherry (E C) *Hair Love* "highlights the relationship between a Black father and daughter." The author "leads

the ranks of new creatives who are telling unique stories of the Black experience." (Jordan Peele)

*A is for Activist* –Naraga (E N) This is a book written about activism, environmental justice, civil rights, LGBTQ rights, and human rights. (Triangle Square Books)

## Middle School and Young Adult



*Just Mercy: Adapted for Young Adults: A True Story of the fight for Justice* – Stevenson (340.09

STEV) "A just mercy would see prisoners as human beings, taking into consideration their often trauma-filled backgrounds, realistic sentences for young teens, and rehabilitative services upon release, among other changes." (Booklist Starred)

## Grades 9-12



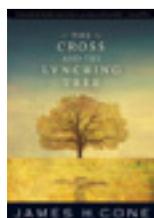
*Piecing Me Together* – Watson (FIC WATS) YA Winner of 8 awards including Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Awards. "She's tired of being singled out as someone who needs help, someone

people want to fix. Maybe there are some things she could show other women about understanding the world and finding ways to be real, to make a difference." (Bloomsbury Pub.)

## Grades 8-11

*Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice* – Chambers (JUV 303.4 CHAM) "... Remarkable figures show us what it means to take a stand and say no to injustice, even when it would be far easier to stay quiet." (Harper Publishers)

## Adult



*The Cross and the Lynching Tree* – Cone (277.3 CONE)

*How To Be An Antiracist* – Kendi (305.8 KEND)

*Waking Up White* – Irving (305.8 IRVI)

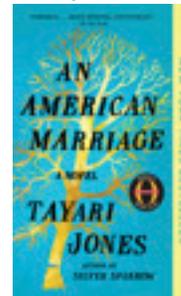
*White Fragility: Why It 's So Hard for White People To Talk About Racism* – DiAngelo (305.8 DIAN)

*Between the World and Me* – Coates 305.8 COAT

*A Good time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* –(305.8 SHIN)

*I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in A World Made for Whiteness* (305.89 BROW)

## Book Review by Jerilyn Johnson (Trinity & Tuesday Bookclub)



The novel, *An American Marriage* (FIC TAYA) by Tayari Jones, looks back on the relationship story of Roy and Celestial. Although a feisty and somewhat unlikely match, they have gotten married and are looking to a

promising future. They are filled with ambition and dreams. Roy is self-made and has the confidence, perhaps even arrogance of many a smart young man, that all is achievable. Celestial, who was born into prosperity, is artistic, ambitious and independent.

This is a love story like any other but with a wild card thrown in that is a reality for so many young black men in this country, that of an unexpected and unjustified accusation. An unremarkable social interaction while visiting Roy's hometown throws everything into doubt and uncertainty for the couple, their families and their community. As the aftermath of this event reverberates through the years, the grief, sorrow and memories that are recounted by the various characters gives the reader valuable insight into the lives of their families and the neighborhoods that have raised them. This is a familiar tragedy for them, one they have witnessed time and again, of a life interrupted.

The alternating first person narrative carries emotional weight and nuance, and the different perspectives make clear that there are often are no simple answers to important questions. Surprises arise as the complexity of life means that expectations will not always be met. The author's skill in arousing empathy and connection makes this book a compelling story for our times.

A few landscaping team members met at Pioneer Park for conversation and shelter when it rained. From left: Pat Reinke, Sandy Weber, Kathy Hagen and Sandy Wendt



## On Facebook?

Looking to connect with others in Trinity CYF programming? Join our Children, Youth and Families group. Search: Trinity Stillwater CYF <https://www.facebook.com/groups/776989392499282/>



## ONLINE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>June 21</b>	<b>July 5</b>
Live viewers..... 64	Live viewers..... 64
Views/week..... 296	Views/week..... 259
Drive-in..... 166	Drive-in..... 90
<b>June 28</b>	<b>July 12</b>
Live viewers..... 56	Live viewers..... 71
Views/week..... 228	Views/week..... 304
Drive-in..... 157	Drive-in..... 134

## BAPTISMS

- **Jack William Goldberg** – Parents, Joshua & Jenna Goldberg
- **Brianna Grace Friday** – Parents, David & Carrie Friday

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of **Gloria Mondor**
- To family and friends of **Greg Peterson**
- To Jeannie Wendorf and all family and friends of **Lloyd Wendorf**.

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Fridays at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
Saturdays at 2 a.m. & 8 a.m.

## 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

## 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.



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Watch for details on how this ELCA and Trinity tradition  
will continue this year!



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