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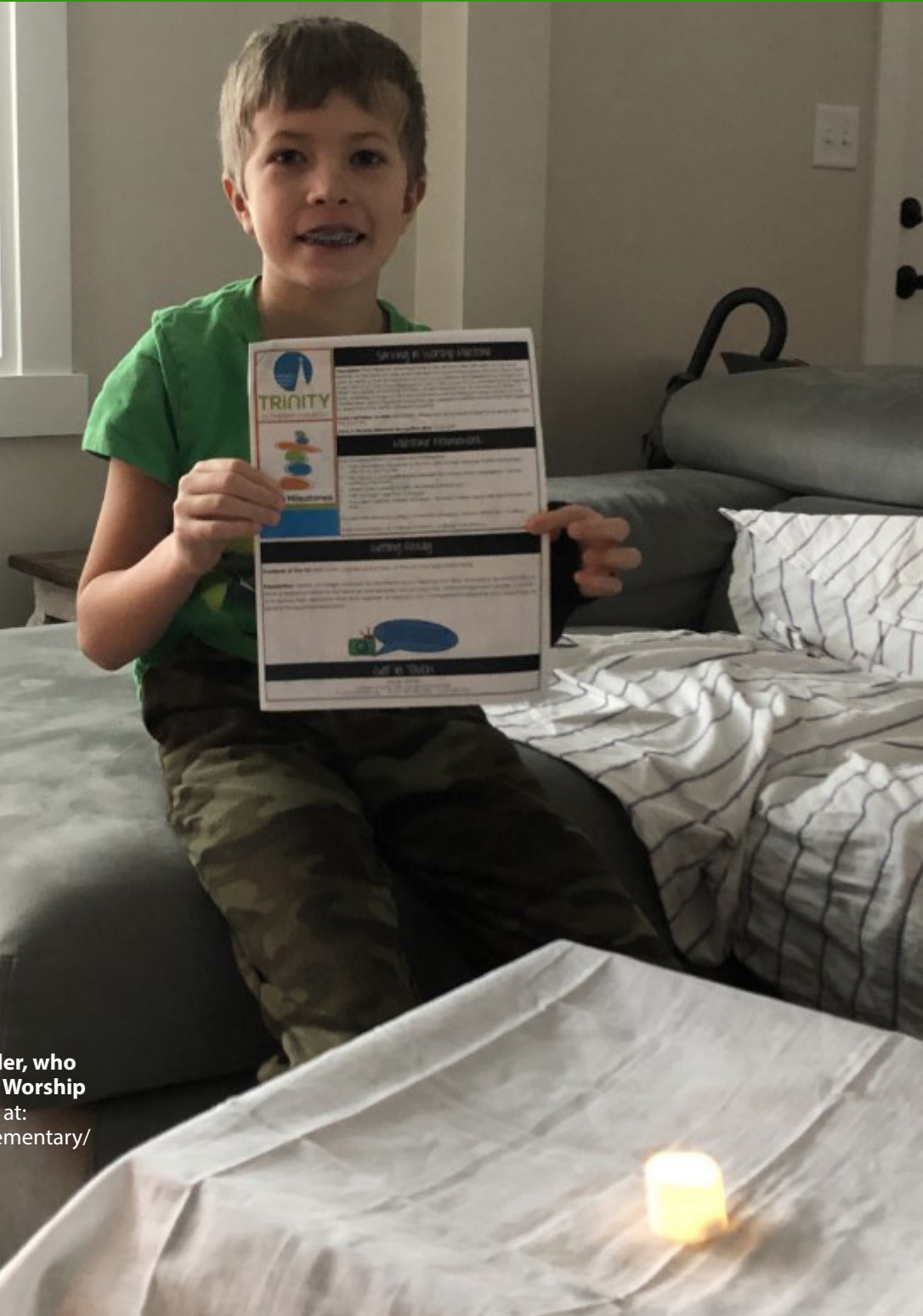
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# trinity TODAY

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

“Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense God’s grace.

– Matthew 6:6 (MSG)



**“Way to go!” to Noah Benson, 3rd grader, who completed Faith Milestone: Serving In Worship**  
Details about Trinity’s Milestone Ministry at:  
<https://trinitylc.org/learning/children/elementary/>



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



## **Building is closed, contact Trinity to arrange access when needed**

While the governor has eased gathering restrictions in our state, in the interest of safety and security for our staff and our LADC preschool partner, Trinity's building remains closed. Small groups scheduled in advance and following all guidelines are meeting at Trinity.

If you have a need to access the building for any reason, please contact the office Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Or reach out to Bob Eiselt, Parish Administrator, to make arrangements. Call us at 651-439-7400.

Please note LADC staff is not authorized to let anyone into the building, thank you for not putting them in an uncomfortable position by asking them for entrance.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and consideration during this still difficult time. We are the church in all circumstances.

## **A Love Letter**

Dear Trinity,

As is the tradition when Valentine's Day rolls around, I thought I might take a moment to tell you that I love you.

Before we met, I had heard of you through friends. Not much more than what a fine church you were, way out here in Stillwater. Then the bishop called and asked if I might want to meet you, see if we liked each other.

So, I asked around a bit, spoke to a few folks who were familiar with you. Sure, things weren't perfect, you had been through some rough times, but you had a good heart and did good things. So, I called the bishop back: "Sure, why not. What could one date hurt?"

We met on a cold, dreary, rainy day in August. Did you know that I bought a new outfit especially for our first date? I mean, I told myself I was just coming to meet you but maybe deep down inside I wanted to make a good first impression.

Imagine my delight and surprise when you called me for a second date! I was so nervous! Was this getting serious?

That second date was intense. We talked about everything! Got it all out there on the table. Honestly, I figured I would never hear from you again. I even called my husband on the phone after that second date and said: "I don't think they will call."

Thirteen days I waited – but who's counting. You said it would be two weeks. Who knew two weeks could be so long! And then the call came.

You wanted to make it serious! I could hardly believe it. Such joy! My husband was so happy, we celebrated you with champagne, chocolate, and flowers!

And now, here we are, over four years in. You have been everything you said you would be and more. You are a willing learner. You care about other people. You love God and are willing to work on that relationship every day. You are striving to be more open, more welcoming, more creative, more expansive. You love to learn, sing, laugh, gather for worship, and drink coffee together. You are curious about how to creatively meet the lived needs of the people in our community and in the world. You have stretched yourselves and deepened your understanding of what it means to be the body of Christ. You have been very, very brave. You have admitted what you don't understand and what you need to learn. You are willing to let people that don't look or think like you be your teachers. You are astoundingly generous. You withstood subzero wind chills to sing Silent Night with battery-powered candles. You have learned to Zoom, record on your phones and worship from home.

I could go on and on. You have been all I dreamed of and more. God gave me a great gift when he brought you into my life. And I just thought you ought to know.

I love you, Trinity. Happy Valentine's Day.

Yours,

*Pastor Chris*



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



## Who is Jesus Christ for us today?

Who is Jesus Christ for us today?  
What a great question.

Like so many that can take you beyond. Or back. The way they make you stop. Legs cemented. Mind spinning.

Maybe not unlike the one that Martin Luther once framed in the catechism: "What Does This Mean?"

I remember being frozen by the Rev. Dr. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's question from an Nazi prison in 1944: "Who is Jesus Christ for us today?"<sup>1</sup>

I read it over and over.

Bonhoeffer's central bother, his primary wonder, and his greatest concern summed: "who Christ really is, for us today...."

That is: How does Jesus' for-us-ness really take on our lives and our neighbors? How does Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension matter for a particular twinkling of existence. For the light and mass that we inhabit. Right here and right now.

When Bonhoeffer penned these words from his cell, he had been incarcerated for just over a year, arrested in a plot of resistance to the Third Reich. The theologian and pastor had been an outspoken critic of the genocide of the Jews and the church that mostly

approved of this appalling distorted theocracy that had spawned in his homeland.

But what emerges from his writings, his notes, and letters is this challenging clarity about the gospel.

Not fanatic. Not extreme. Not Otherworldly.

But laser focused. Measured. Thoughtful. Honest wrestling.

Who is Jesus Christ for us today?

Who is Jesus Christ for us today---especially when today looks terrible. When the world is suspended by cascading global, civil, and inter-personal wars. When there is incredible suffering and loss of life and the complete disregard for law, or justice, or dignity, or mercy, or truth. Much of it sanctioned in the name of Jesus.

This was Bonhoeffer's time. A moment that lives now as one of the worst of the worst of what we can do to our human family.

And it is also what allowed Bonhoeffer's view of post-modernity and "Jesus' for-us-ness" to take on new depth and meaning, as he was moved from prison to multiple concentration camps. He saw Christ's cross in opposition to the unspeakable

evil of the world in his own experience and he also saw God's embrace to suffer alongside us in Jesus.

Bonhoeffer lived this in his opposition to the Nazis and saw this as our never-ending journey of discipleship.

To stand with and alongside the suffer-ers of the world. To take on God's suffering too.

Bonhoeffer's question, of course, continues to point us forward. Wherever suffering still lingers, God is there. And so too will we find our clarity.

I invite you to journey with us through February as we lift up one of the great Lutheran martyrs of modern history in our Adult Faith Forum on Sundays at 11 a.m. on Zoom (see Pages 6-7). We will also be lifting up a variety of resources for deeper study.

May you ponder Bonhoeffer's over and over and anew:

Who is Jesus Christ for you and for us, today?

*Pastor Peter*

<sup>1</sup> Letter to Eberhard Bethge, April 30, 1944

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

### Congregational Council

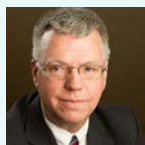


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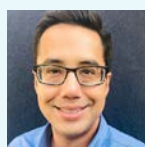
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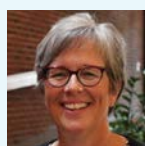
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## Yes! Keep Trinity financially strong!



### GIVE ONLINE

Visit [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) then GIVING to make a secure one-time or recurring donation.



### GIVE BY TEXT

Text 651-383-1911 with the amount you would like to contribute, include the dollar sign.



### GIVE+ APP

Download the Give Plus Church (Give+) app to your smartphone. Under Find Church, enter: Trinity Lutheran Church.



## TOOL KIT for congregational leaders

Saturday, February 27, 2021 | Online

Registration is Open!  
**Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders**  
**Saturday, Feb. 27**  
**9-11:45 a.m. | Online**

Registration is now open for Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders, happening on Zoom Saturday, Feb. 27. This free event is geared toward council and committee members, staff, volunteers or others who are interested in topics related to congregational life.

We'll begin with a keynote by Dr. Michael Osterholm, who will assess where we're at with the pandemic and what the future might hold for churches. After his keynote, we'll break off into these seven workshop offerings (choose one):

- Presidents/Vice-Presidents Forum
- How to Become an Effective Treasurer
- Navigating Differences That Make a Difference - The IDI as Tool & Guide
- Standing With Immigrants: From Resolution to Action
- The Digital Opportunity: Evangelism in a Screen Dependent World
- Evaluating Your Building for Ministry
- Kairos Time, Chronos Time, COVID Time: Reimagining Sabbath-Keeping in This Unusual Season

Read more and register at: <https://spas-elca.org/event/2021-tool-kit-for-congregational-leaders/>

## Trinity Financial Update

### December Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2021

	This Year	Last Year	'21 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	464,401	443,790	1,326,000	35%
Other Income	92,723	124,889	422,761	22%
Total Income	<u>\$ 557,124</u>	<u>\$ 568,679</u>	<u>\$ 1,748,761</u>	
less: Expenses	555,798	531,703	1,747,358	32%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ 1,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,976</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,403</u></u>	

### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,346,629	3,410,152
Increase (Decrease)	(28,888)	(27,983)
Long-Term Debt - End of December	<u><u>\$ 3,317,741</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,382,169</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance - December 31	\$ -	\$ -

## Financial Highlights December 31, 2020

Financial results for December 2020 show a marked improvement over last month YTD. Contribution Income YTD is \$21K ahead of last year. The timing of receipt of some annual Contribution gifts fluctuates every year. December's Contributions reflect an uptick in year-end gifts vs. last December. December results, while strong, place us behind last year at this time, showing a small surplus YTD of \$1K, v. a surplus of \$36K in 2019. Contribution Income of \$209K for the month of December 2020 is \$31K higher than December 2019, reflective of the timing of annual gifts I referred to earlier, allowing us to completely erase the \$63K Nov. 30, 2020 YTD deficit and then some! Total Income for the month is \$44K greater than December 2019. YTD, Program Registrations, Fees & Payments and Building Rental Income are off a combined \$43K vs. last year, showing the continuing effects of the pandemic and reduced activity in our building. Learning programs expenses are correspondingly down by \$22K YTD compared to 2019. Overall YTD Operating Expenses are \$12K higher than YTD December 2019, reflective of a 3rd pay-period this December, partially offset by lower insurance costs and reduced programming costs. The strong Contribution Income in December also enabled us to reduce our Line of Credit Balance to zero! Last year we also had a zero balance against the line at this time.



### UPDATE: PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP 2021

Our Puerto Rico Mission trip is in a hopeful holding pattern as we await more information on vaccines. We have moved the trip back another month to the week of July 24 – 31, 2021. We are very thankful to all who have supported and sponsored this important mission trip. All sponsorship and fundraising money is held in a secure account as trip preparations begin again.

We do have space for any 9-12 graders who would like to join this trip. Youth Coordinator Monty Lysne will be in touch with the entire 2020-2021 9th grade class as conditions become clearer. For more information visit: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/youth/high-school/>.



## ONE & DONE BOOK GROUP

Dear Readers: The One & Done Book Group invites you to an engaging discussion of a beloved classic: *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell, Monday Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

One and Done includes men and women of all ages interested in a thought-provoking, challenging, faith-based discussion of a chosen book. The last three choices were from the Trinity Library's substantial collection of books on racism. What we read, learned, and discussed was eye-opening and painful. Where is the light in these stories of darkness? The light shines today in you and in me.

Contact Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com or (651) 260-3855 for the Zoom Link, for more information, or to borrow books from the Trinity Library.



ADULT FAITH FORUM

Sundays at 11 am  
Join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83989674185>

## Community, Grace and Discipleship: A Look at the Theology and Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

By Penny Catlin, Faith Forum Coordinator

Many of us have heard of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran Minister who worked with others in a conspiracy against Hitler during World War II. See the timeline of his life on the next page. But what do we know about his life and theology and how they might be relevant today? During our February Adult Faith Forums we will look at Bonhoeffer's life, his emphasis of the importance of community, costly grace and discipleship, and if or how his teachings are relevant today. We will have speakers from Young Adult Global Missions in Jerusalem and the West Bank, Luther Seminary and Trinity.

Please join us Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. on Zoom. Questions? Contact Pastor Peter at [pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org](mailto:pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org) or Penny Catlin at [pccatlin@juno.com](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com) or 651-485-8319.

### February 2021 Adult Faith Forum

**FEB 7** Speakers: Missionaries Gabi and Meghan Aelabouni, ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Country Coordinators for Jerusalem and the West Bank. They will share their story of mission and discipleship with the Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land.

**FEB 14** The life and history of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Learn more about what influenced his vocation and theology through experiences of family, community, travel and world events.

**FEB 21** Bonhoeffer was a prolific writer and revolutionary in his theology during a time when the church was intertwined with the German government. Pastor Peter will discuss Five Theological Takeaways of his writings.

**FEB 28** Dr. Andy Root from Luther Seminary will lead discussion on Bonhoeffer's relevance and cultural significance for today. Root is known as a leading thinker on the thought of Charles Taylor, secularity, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, modernity, science and ministry, pastoral theology, practical theology, and youth ministry.

### Looking Ahead to March

Our God stories aren't just fluffy clouds and kittens filled with perfect people. They aren't all happy endings where everything happens for a reason.

Instead, our true God stories are often much more messy, raw, and unvarnished. These stories might even include some swear words.

But that doesn't mean they aren't full with holy realizations, profound beauty, gracious truth, and work of the holy Spirit.

In this series, held during our Sunday Adult Faith Forum at 11 a.m. on Zoom, we will explore our God stories together with some prompts, examples from scripture, and the courage of each other. Please join us!

Please join us in Adult Faith Forum on Sundays this winter. Questions? Contact Penny Catlin at [pccatlin@juno.com](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com). For more information and to view recent sessions visit: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>.



## TIMELINE – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

CREDIT: Timeline from pbs.org, see the timeline with photos at: <https://www.pbs.org/bonhoeffer/timeline.html>.

**1906** – Dietrich and his twin sister Sabine are born on February 4. Six years later the Bonhoeffers move to Berlin where Dr. Karl Bonhoeffer begins teaching neurology and psychiatry. Dietrich enjoys a comfortable, privileged childhood there.

**1923** – The young Bonhoeffer begins theological studies at Tübingen University. Within four years he successfully defends his brilliant and groundbreaking doctoral thesis, *Sanctorum Communio* (Communion of Saints), a significantly new way of looking at the nature of the Christian church.

**1930** – Bonhoeffer sails to New York and begins a teaching fellowship at Union Theological Seminary. There he meets, among others, Frank Fisher, a Black fellow seminarian who introduces him to Abyssinian Baptist Church and the African American church experience. Bonhoeffer hears Adam Clayton Powell preach the Gospel of Social Justice there and he forms a life-long love for Black Gospel music.

**1931** – Bonhoeffer returns to Germany.

**1933** – Hitler is installed as Chancellor. Two days later, Bonhoeffer delivers a radio address on leadership attacking Hitler. He is cut off the air. In November, Bonhoeffer is ordained at St. Matthias Church, Berlin.

By April the Aryan Civil Service legislation bans Jews from public employment. Ludwig Müller is appointed Hitler's representative for the Protestant churches and installed as Reich Bishop of the first-ever national church of Germany. The Pope, Pius XI, signs the Concordat, an agreement with the Third Reich not to interfere, in exchange for assurances that Catholic church will not be attacked.

**1934** – The Confessing Church is organized at Barmen, Germany, and the Barmen Declaration is adopted, insisting that Christ, not the Führer, is the head of the church. Bonhoeffer leaves for England to head a church for Germans.

On August 2, German President Paul von Hindenburg dies. Hitler proclaimed as both Chancellor and President.

**1935** – Bonhoeffer returns from England to direct the seminary for the Confessing Church in Finkenwalde, Germany. By December, Himmler declares all examinations for the Confessing Church invalid, all training there invalid and all participants liable to arrest.

In September, the Nuremberg Laws are passed, canceling citizenship for German Jews.

**1936** – In July, the Confessing Church leader and WWI hero Martin Niemöller is arrested. In August, Bonhoeffer's authorization to teach at Berlin University is withdrawn.

The August Olympic Games in Berlin begin. Hitler is quoted as saying of 4-time gold medal champion Jesse Owens "The Americans should be ashamed of themselves, letting Negroes win their medals for them." He refuses to shake Owen's hand.

**1937** – In September the seminary at Finkenwalde is closed by the Gestapo. By November, 27 pastors and former Finkenwalde



students are arrested. Also in November, Bonhoeffer publishes *The Cost of Discipleship*.

Pope Pius XI issues "With Burning Anxiety," protesting Hitler's infractions of their earlier agreement, the Concordat of 1933.

**1938** – In February Bonhoeffer makes his initial contact with members of the German Resistance. In September he writes *Life Together*. Bonhoeffer's sister Sabine, her Jewish husband Gerhard Leibholz and two daughters escape to England by way of Switzerland.

On March 12 Austria is annexed by Germany. In April all German pastors are ordered to take an oath of allegiance to Hitler in recognition of his 50th birthday. On November 9 a nationwide, organized riot called Kristallnacht takes place, bringing the destruction of nearly 300 synagogues across Germany, the looting of 7,500 Jewish-owned shops, and the arrest of 30,000 Jewish men.

**1939** – In June Bonhoeffer returns to the United States for second time. He realizes almost immediately that this was a mistake and he returns to Germany on the last scheduled steamer to cross the Atlantic.

On January 1 all Jewish-owned businesses are liquidated by order of Hermann Göring. In March German troops invade Czechoslovakia. On September 1 Germany invades Poland. Great Britain and France declare war on Germany.

**1940** – Bonhoeffer is forbidden to speak in public and is required to report regularly to the police. He spends September and October working on *Ethics*.

On April 9 German troops invade Denmark and Norway. In May German troops invade Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France. By August the Battle of Britain begins; German Luftwaffe bombs London.

**1941** – Bonhoeffer is forbidden to print or to publish. He makes two trips to Switzerland on behalf of the Resistance.

Hitler shaking hands with Reich Bishop Ludwig Müller In April German troops invade Yugoslavia and Greece. In June they invade the Soviet Union. By September a decree requires all German Jews to wear a yellow star stitched to their clothing. In October the first deportations of Jews from Berlin begin and the first gas chambers are installed at Auschwitz, Poland. On December 7 Japan attacks Pearl Harbor and the United States joins the war effort.

**1942** – In April Bonhoeffer visits Norway and Sweden. In May he meets in Sweden with the British Bishop Bell, a member of Parliament, on behalf of the Resistance.

**1943** – In January Bonhoeffer proposes and becomes engaged to Maria von Wedemeyer. On April 5 he is arrested and incarcerated at Tegel Prison, Berlin. Beginning in July Bonhoeffer is intensively interrogated in prison. In December Bonhoeffer writes his Christmas essay, "After Ten Years."

In January the Casablanca talks begin between US President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. On May 19 Joseph Goebbels, the German minister of propaganda, declares that Germany is now Judenfrei (free of Jews). From November 28 to December 1 Joseph Stalin of the USSR, Roosevelt and Churchill meet at Teheran.

**1944** – In October the Gestapo arrests Bonhoeffer's brother Klaus and Rüdiger Schleicher, Bonhoeffer's brother-in-law. Bonhoeffer is moved from Tegel prison to the Gestapo prison at Prinz-Albrecht-Strasse, Berlin. In December 19 Bonhoeffer writes his last letter to Maria von Wedemeyer.

In January Allied military forces land at Anzio, Italy. In Hungary 437,000 Jews are shipped to Auschwitz. In June Allied military forces land on Normandy coast, France (D-Day). On July 20 Klaus von Stauffenberg attempts to assassinate Hitler at Rastenburg, East Prussia.

**1945** – On April 3 Bonhoeffer is moved from Buchenwald to Regensburg. Five days later his is moved to the Flossenbürg concentration camp during the night. The next day, April 9, Bonhoeffer is executed at Flossenbürg together with other key figures of the resistance. On April 23 Klaus Bonhoeffer and Rüdiger Schleicher are killed in Berlin.

February 4-7. An Allied conference is held at Yalta from February 4th to 7th to discuss post-war settlements. On March 7 American forces cross Rhine River at Remagen. On April 12 President Franklin Roosevelt dies; Harry Truman is sworn in as president. On April 30 Adolf Hitler commits suicide in his Berlin bunker. By May 2 Berlin falls. On May 7 the German forces make an unconditional surrender.

On August 6 through 9 United States drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. By August 15 hostilities end in the Pacific. On November 20 major war criminal trials begin in Nuremberg.

# NEW MEMBER PROCESS!

If you have been considering joining Trinity and have been waiting for...something... the pandemic to be over? Wait no longer! We have a robust lineup of opportunities for you as visitors and/or new members, all available online. As one new member said recently "it seems like a funny time to be joining a church," and that is true, but it's also a perfect time—time to learn, meet others, be spiritually fed and supported and join with others in God's work in the world.

## STRENGTHS CLASS:

Naming, Claiming & Aiming Your God-given Talents & Strengths!

### Sunday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. on Zoom

God created you in God's image, unique and gifted differently than anyone else! As a Beloved Child of God, you are invited to discover and explore your God-given talents, using the Clifton Strengths assessment as a tool to help you describe you and your talents! Once you have named your talents, we will explore together how to claim and steward your time and energy; how to move your talents to the place of being a strength; how to thoughtfully reflect on managing one's weaknesses, and ideas on how to aim your strengths for God's work in the world, in whatever places God has called you to!

You will need the *Living Your Strengths* book that provides a code to take the online strengths assessment. Books are available for \$20 in the church office by appointment, as our building is still closed because of COVID-19. Please call 651-439-7400 to arrange a time. Please plan to get the book and take the assessment before class on Feb. 21. Email Zanny at [zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org) to register for the class and get the Zoom link.

## LUTHERANISM & INTRO TO TRINITY:

Lutheranism 101 & Introduction to Trinity

### Sunday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. on Zoom

Join us as we learn about what it is to be a Lutheran and what it means to be a part of our ELCA denomination—AND get a feel for what life at Trinity is like—our particular culture and story. Email Zanny at [zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org) to register for the class and get the Zoom link.

## TELLING YOUR (UNVARNISHED) GOD STORY:

As Part of Adult Faith Forum

### Sundays in March at 11 am on Zoom

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## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION:

During Sunday Worship

### Sunday, March 21 at 9 am Online Worship &

### 10 am Drive-in Worship

We will be receiving new members in worship this day—with pre-submitted photos during online worship at 9 a.m. and in person at the Drive-in (in Houlton, WI) at 10 a.m.! More details to follow.



### Drive-in Worship UPDATE!

Drive-in worship continues, weather permitting. Please check [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) each week for updates.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

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

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

#### 10 a.m.—Outdoor Drive-in Worship in Houlton, WI weather permitting and with safe worship restrictions

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

#### 11 a.m.—Watch on TV channel 18

Worship from our sanctuary is rebroadcast on channel 18 through Valley Access Channels. Also available at these times throughout the week:

**Sunday** 11 a.m.

**Wednesday** Noon & 6 p.m.

**Thursday** Midnight & 6 a.m.

**Saturday** 11 p.m.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

# WE WISH TO SEE JESUS

## 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.

Feb. 7	<b>Mark 1:29-39</b>
Feb. 14	<b>Mark 9:2-9</b>
Feb. 21	<b>Mark 1:9-15</b>
Feb. 28	<b>Mark 8:31-38</b>

## LENT 2021 – WE WISH TO SEE JESUS

Join us for a truly unique Lenten experience (mystical vision not required).

How *do* we see Jesus and his glory in 2021?

And what difference will this make in our lives?

Here's a hint: wherever there is giving, wherever there is forgiving, there is Jesus.

### ASH WEDNESDAY – FEB. 17

You are invited to drive through Trinity's 4th St. small parking lot to receive ashes and pick up your Lenten packet. Three times throughout the day: between 8–9 a.m., noon – 1 p.m. or 5–6 p.m. If you desire to receive ashes from a pastor, you must wear a mask. Pick up a Lenten packet which will include ashes for your use at home (if you prefer imposing ashes yourself—with enough for your family), Lenten stickers and devotional.

### ONLINE WORSHIP AT NOON

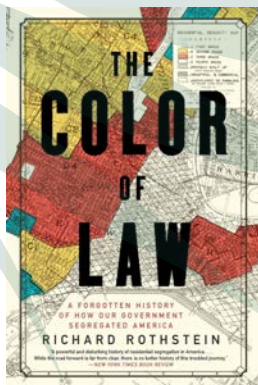
Ash Wednesday Worship will be available on Trinity's Facebook page and website any time after noon. On this day we begin our Lenten pilgrimage with the signs of Lent—remembering that we are dust, and to dust we shall return—and a willingness to learn the way of forgiveness through Jesus. For this service we will collaborate with our neighbors from Ascension Episcopal Church.

### WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP AT 6:30 P.M. ON ZOOM

Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 & March 24

Tune-in to Zoom each Wednesday in Lent for a short meditative service for all ages.

Stay online after worship for discussions. Watch for more information prior to Feb. 24 on how to connect.



### LENTEN BOOK STUDY: The Color of Law

Trinity's Racial Justice Ministry Team is coordinating a Lenten book study that will include online discussion groups, a speaker and action items. Please join us in reading *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. Books are available at The Valley Bookseller with a generous 15 percent book club discount. Pick yours up today! Please stay tuned for discussion details and signup.

If you are interested in joining this newly-formed ministry team, please contact Rachel Schmeltzer at [rachel.schmeltzer@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.schmeltzer@gmail.com).



# SOLO+55+PLUS

**Singles Group  
for Ages 55 & Up**

Come and meet other singles and join this faith-based group where friendship and support are our mission. Each week we send a newsletter to members with fun and valuable information. To receive the newsletter, or if you would like more information, please send an email to: [SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com](mailto:SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com).

## HIGHLIGHT: St. Croix Rive Association



*By Sheila Maybanks, Green Team*

The St. Croix River Association works to “protect, restore and celebrate the St. Croix River” and watershed. SCRA is the official friend group to the National Park Service’s St. Croix Natural Scenic Riverway.

The association works with other agencies, municipalities, private landowners and individuals to protect; and to help people connect with and enjoy the river.

Seventy-five percent of forests in the watershed are privately owned, the SCRA

works with partners to help landowners to better manage their forests.

SCRA, along with MN Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are helping to restore native vegetation and increase habitat for natives such as the Karner Blue butterfly. They are involved with monitoring management of aquatic invasive species such as Asian carp and zebra mussels.

SCRA sponsors workshops for land-owners, for school kids and for everyone else and helps people get out and enjoy the river through hikes and paddles—including the classic Namekagon Three-Day Paddle which is scheduled for June 13-15 or Aug. 1-3, in 2021.

**[stcroixriverassociation.org](http://stcroixriverassociation.org)**

Please go the events page to check out educational and recreational opportunities.

SCRA needs volunteers for stewardship projects—river clean-ups, water monitoring, other citizen science opportunities. These are great opportunities to help the river. Please consider supporting SCRA to help protect our beautiful St. Croix!



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

### Meeting & Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30 am Meeting on Zoom

The Retired Men's Group continues to meet via Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for a one-hour Bible study.

Leaders for this month are:

Feb. 3 – Pastor Peter Weston Miller

Feb. 10 – Pastor Chris Bellefeuille:

Heaven on Earth, or not?

Feb. 17 & 24 – Pastor Steve Hokonson

Zoom.us > Join a meeting

Meeting ID: 872 5512 6414

Password: 964596

More information about this group at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/retired-mens-group-rmg/>

## Women's Retreat: The Soul and the Pandemic Saturday, Feb. 20 9 to 11:30 am on Zoom

As 2020 has passed, we cautiously pin our hopes on 2021 as a promise for healing. Let's explore our collective and individual realities of the COVID-19 pandemic where grief, loss and change are present and real. We will examine our current emotional experiences as well as ways we construct meaning and draw upon our faith. Together, we will create ideas to move us forward in living intentional, meaningful and connected lives.

Kara Montgomery Johnson, LMFT is a family therapist, grief specialist, and educator helping professionals understand and work within grief frameworks, for themselves and in providing support to others. She provides education and retreat opportunities that focus on living well and intentionally through grief experiences. She also works as a psychotherapist at Park Nicollet, where she counsels patients and families as they learn to cope with a new cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment and difficult prognosis. She has taught human development and counseling courses as an adjunct instructor at St. Mary's University of Minnesota and provided grief counseling at North Memorial Hospice and private practice.



**Together, we will create ideas to move us forward in living intentional, meaningful and connected lives.**

Born and raised in the church (and a PK), Kara is an involved member of her ELCA church, serving on the staff support committee and leading education sessions and groups.

This retreat will be held online via Zoom, and moderated by Pastor Chris and Zanny Johnson, on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Please email Zanny at [zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org) for more details and the Zoom link.



At right: Kara Montgomery Johnson, LMFT



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

**YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class**  
**Thursdays 9 – 10 am | Meeting on Zoom**  
**March 4 – April 22 | \$72 for 8 classes**

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 <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/care/yoga/>  
Questions? Contact Sue Peterson at [todd@sue2@aol.com](mailto:todd@sue2@aol.com).

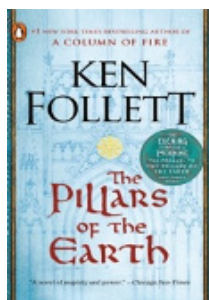




By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

Several Trinity ministry teams were asked to provide titles of books that have been personally meaningful. The books that are in the Trinity Library will have a call number listed. Trinity has its own two *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* FIC RICH to assist you! Personal comment, it's a great book! Families who want books for their children please call or text Melody Schumacher at 651-336-3496. Melody and her girls are happy to deliver a bag of books to your door. Contact Ann Wolff at 651-260-3855 or wolff701@msn.com for a "treasure trove" of books from the Trinity Library. She is happy to send you a list and to deliver books to you. Contact Norma Wilson 651-470-5124 or dwilson804@aol.com to have a library volunteer deliver a book or address questions.

### The Tuesday Guys – Workers and Readers



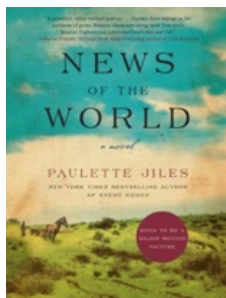
**Paul Fristad:** *Pillars of the Earth* (Follett) "is the first of a series called the Kingsbridge series. It is about the building of a cathedral and is one of the best books I have read." *Column of Fire* "is another in the Kingsbridge series."

*The Perilous Adventures of the Cowboy King: A Novel of Teddy Roosevelt and His Times* (Charyn), "It is an interesting historical novel about his life starting when he was a child. It is an amazing story."

*Love Letters from Montmartre* (Barreau) We had just been to Paris and visited some of the places mentioned in this book so it was fun to read for that reason. It is really a nice story about a man overcoming his grief at the death of his wife."

## Reading in All Circumstances February is "I Love to Read" Month: Member Favorites

*"The Wright Brothers* (McCullough) is an interesting narrative nonfiction book of the lives of these men." Shepherd (Forsyth) begins Christmas Eve, 1957. An RAF pilot's fighter jet begins to fail over the North Sea. His radio contact ends and the compass malfunctions.



**Don Loe** recommends *News of the World* FIC JILE (Jiles) stating "it is such a good book and is now in movie form to be released." A Booklist review states Jiles' style allows "the reader

to become immersed in the dusty Texan landscape, witnessing the anguish, fear, compassion, and joy in the unlikely pair's journey."

**Dick Edstrom:** *Talking to Strangers* (Gladwell) "Because we don't know how to talk to strangers, we are inviting conflict and misunderstanding in ways that have a profound effect on our lives and our world." (Little Brown & Company). *Thinking Fast and Slow* (Kahneman) focuses on decisions, intuition and reasoning. "Kahneman reveals where we can and cannot trust our intuitions and how we can tap into the benefits of slow thinking." (Farrar, Strauss, Giroux). *Beartown* (Backman) hockey sports fiction, is "part coming-of-age novel, part study of moral failure, and an unlikely hero steps forward to save more than one person from self-destruction." Washington Square Press

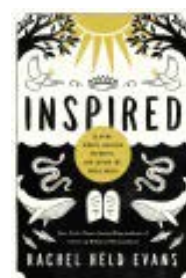
*All American Boys* (Reynolds). "Two teens one black, one white grapple with the repercussions of a single

violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension." (Thorndike Press)

### Anna Circle, Tuesday Morning Book club, One and Done Group

**Jean Groppoli:**

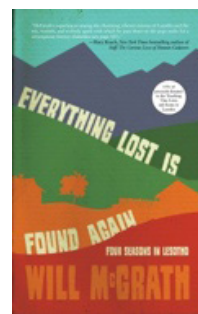
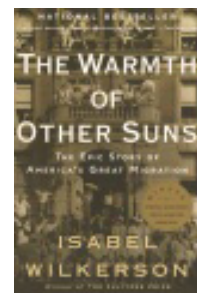
*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* (Evens) 220.9 EVAN "It has inspired me to talk about stories and the Bible with other people." "Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible... is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world." (Tommy Nelson)



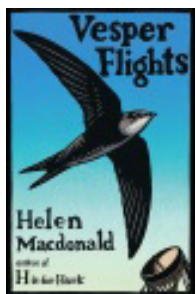
**Sue Broberg:** *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* (Wilkerson), is "the far more comprehensive history of the Great Migration—a part of the past that wasn't covered with

much depth in history classes. This narrative non-fiction book shares the personal stories of four southerners making that trip, their motivations, their struggles, their regrets, their reflections. It opened my eyes wider into understanding the struggles of people of color throughout the decades in our nation."

**Jerilyn Jackson:** *Everything Lost is Found Again: Four Seasons in Lesotho* "Will McGrath is a Canadian who



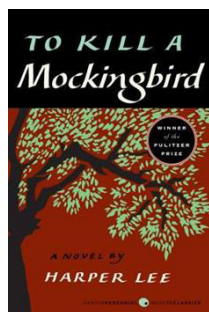
worked as a teacher in Lesotho (in the middle of South Africa) and has written a book of essays about his time there. His story manages to be cleverly humorous and heartwarming in spite of the devastation of the AIDS epidemic across Africa. Lesotho is a world apart due to its isolation among the mountains and the author is amusingly self-deprecating as he describes his culture shocking experiences with the spirited locals along with his growing affection and respect for them."



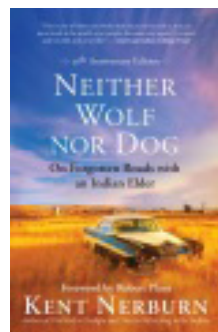
**Sheila Maybanks:** *Vesper Flights* (MacDonald) is a collection of vespers/essays written "by one of this century's most important and insightful nature writers, *Vesper Flights* is a captivating and foundational book

about observation, fascination, time, memory, love and loss and how we make sense of the world around us." (Grove Press) *Deacon King Kong* 813.6 MCBR Bringing "his masterly storytelling skills and his abiding faith in humanity, James McBride has written a novel every bit as involving as *The Good Lord Bird* and as emotionally honest as *The Color of Water*. Told with insight and wit, *Deacon King Kong* demonstrates that love and faith live in all of us. (Riverhead Books) *Valentine* (Wetmore) "is a haunting exploration of the intersections of violence and race, class and region in a story that plumbs the depths of darkness and fear, yet offers a window into beauty and hope." (Harper)

**Ann Wolff:** "This summer, I reread my all-time favorite novel: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Lee)



**FIC LEE** What struck me this time was that when Scout decried the racist words and actions against Tom Robinson, Atticus replied, "No matter how bitter it gets, they're still our friends." He repeated it again, later in the book: "They're still our friends." Good words for today.

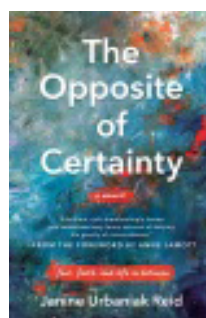


**Kim Hanson:** "Neither Wolf nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder (Nerburn, MN author.) 978 NERB This is a nonfiction account of the author's journey into the heart of Native American

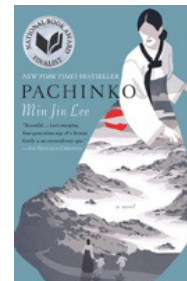
land (ND) and culture. This book opened my mind and heart to Native American history, customs and beliefs. It made me laugh out loud; it reduced me to tears; it shattered my stereotypes; it left me hungry for more. Fortunately, there are two more books in the series: *The Wolf at Twilight* and *The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo*. Read them all! You won't be disappointed."

**Jill Tammen:** *The Opposite of Certainty: Fear, Faith, and Life in Between* (Reid)

"This is an intimate account of the author's struggle with faith (and other personal issues) when her son almost died from an inoperable tumor. It is an honest examination of how she was able to lean into her faith when her world was falling apart. She asks important questions and doesn't offer platitudes or easy answers. But she helps readers know that uncertainty does not need to lead us away from God."



*This Time Next Year We'll be Laughing* by Winspear is a fabulous memoir of her childhood in England in rural England during the 1950s and 60s. Readers of her Maisy Dobbs mysteries will love seeing how her childhood affects her novels. All readers will enjoy this window into her loving family's life. They were scrappy, independent parents who lived very simply. For example, the author never lived with an indoor toilet until 1969—the year we went to the moon! It is a vividly written, great read.



**Joan Fogelberg:** *Pachinko* FIC LEE, a favorite of Joan's, "is a sweeping saga of a Korean family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Its members are bound together by deep roots as

they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity." (Grand Central Publishing)

**Penny Catlin:** *American Harvest – God, Country, and Farming in the Heartland* (Mockett) "An extraordinary evocation of the land and a thoughtful exploration of ingrained beliefs, from evangelical skepticism of evolution to cosmopolitan assumptions about food production and farming." (Graywolf Press)



**Karen Gieseke:** "A recent favorite is *The Book of Longings* (Kidd). A fascinating fiction depiction of Ana, Jesus' wife, and her life as it intersects and accompanies Jesus life,



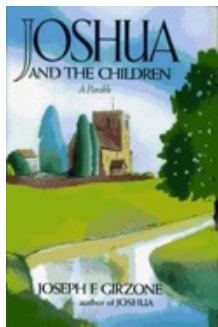
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## Reading in All Circumstances

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while also seeking to live her life fully. The reader walks with Ana on her journey to find her voice and her place amidst a culture where women and their God-given talents are often not valued, and which often leads to a life overshadowed by cultural expectations, and the longing to live into one's gifts. Finding support and encouragement from Jesus, Ana finds herself waiting, wondering and longing. An interesting narrative of life for women during this historical narrative, and the parallels to life for women today. Highly recommend!"

### Trinity Tired Men's Troupe, Retired Men's Group

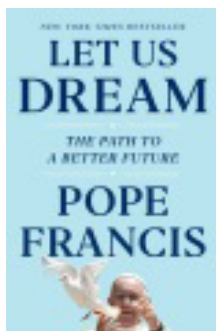


**Rick Stebbins:** *Joshua FIC GIRZ* Since I first read it in college, I've always appreciated the message in the book. It's a quick read with a fairly straightforward message, but it puts the Jesus figure into

a modern day setting and provides some good context.

**Jon Fogelberg** likes books on religion and heaven. He recommended *Life After Death: A History of Afterlife in the Religions of the West* (Segal). "Explores concepts of the afterlife as understood in the three main Western religions, examining the views found in sacred and historical writings from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam." (Crown Publishing)

*Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future* "Pope Francis considers the challenges currently facing the world and how those challenges



can be met spiritually and ethically." (Library Journal)

**Jerry and Kay Nelson** recently read *The Splendid and The Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, And Defiance During the Blitz* (Larson)

This narrative non-fiction about Winston Churchill during World War II, "is an inspirational portrait of one of history's finest, most fearless leaders...Larson once again masterfully renders history immediate, suspenseful, and relevant." (Booklist)



### Titles for Families of School-Aged Children

**Melody Schumacher:** Picture Books: *City Dog, Country Frog* (Williams) *Isle of You* (LaRochelle) and *Moo!* (LaRochelle)



*Hair Love* (Cherry) E C African American Fiction and *I Am One* (Verde)

Young

Adult: *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas, an African American fiction story tells the experiences of a poor girl attending a prep school. *On the Come Up* "It is the story of fighting for your dreams, and about how, especially for young black people, freedom of speech isn't always free." (Harper Collins)



Graphic Novels: *Dog Man Series* (Pilkey) and *Smile* (Telgemeier)

**Rachel Klancher:** *Live: Remain Alive, Be Alive at a Specified Time, Have an Exciting or Fulfilling Life* (Robertson). "All the girls (teens) enjoy the author's online talks and have some of her books, but this is their favorite."

"Live is a joyful encouragement to make the most of each moment, to make wise decisions, and to always seek the truth of God's Word." (Tommy Nelson Press)



**Lucinda White** shared books from daughter Lydia's book club. *Bread Crumbs* (Ursu) "brings together fifty years of children's literature in a tale as modern as it is timeless. Hazel's journey to come to terms with her evolving friendship with Jack will deeply resonate with young readers." (Walden Pond) *Refugee* (Gratz) FIC GRAT

"This timely—and timeless—novel tells the powerful story of three different children seeking refuge." It has several starred reviews.

The Trinity Library volunteers look forward to when we can greet you in the person and help you find books because we know you can say, "I Love to Read!"





## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of **Jane Oleson**
- To family and friends of **Verna Raten**
- To family and friends of **Clara Slayhi**
- To family and friends of **Don Simonson**
- To family and friends of **Dwain Cedarbloom**

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b>
Live viewers..... 87	Live viewers.... 103
Views/week..... 294	Views/week..... 368
Drive-in..... 137	(No Drive-in)
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Jan. 10</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Live viewers..... 76
Live viewers..... 46	Views/week..... 413
Views/week..... 698	Drive-in..... 94
Drive-in..... 253	<b>Jan. 17</b>
<b>Dec. 27</b>	Live viewers..... 96
Live viewers..... 81	Views/week..... 426
Views/week..... 534	Drive-in..... 86
(No Drive-in)	

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Livestream on Facebook at 9 a.m.
- At the Drive-in at 10 a.m.
- Watch on TV at 11 a.m.

### Watch Worship on local channel 18 through Valley Access

Sunday 11 a.m.

Wednesday Noon & 6 p.m.

Thursday Midnight & 6 a.m.

Saturday 11 p.m.

## Faith Community NOTES

Christian sympathy to Joann Brown on the death of her brother, **Richard "Dick" Nordvold**, on Jan. 12.

Christian sympathy to Kerry Evensen and family on the death of her mother, **Donna Jones**, on Jan. 17.

## Christmas Garden

IN HONOR OF: GIVEN BY:  
My Family ..... Evie Linner

## Local Benevolences

IN MEMORY OF: GIVEN BY:  
Husband, David Linner & Son, David B. Linner  
..... Evie Linner

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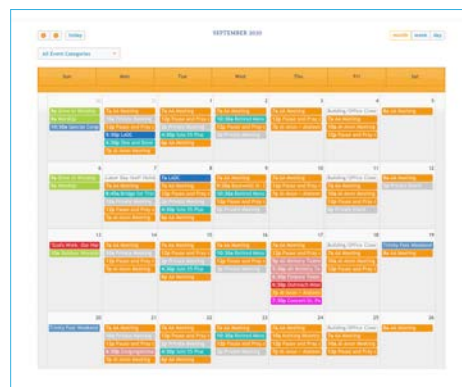
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## why trinity?

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



## CALENDAR

Please see the calendar on our web site for events, meetings and other happenings at Trinity. The calendar has been updated with online events. Thank you for your patience as we keep it up to date in an ever-changing time. Please let us know at [info@trinitylc.org](mailto:info@trinitylc.org) if your group or event is not listed. View the calendar at: <https://trinitylc.org/calendar/>

## core values

Exceptional Worship  
Radical Hospitality  
Authentic Community  
Lifelong Faith Formation  
Compassionate Action

## welcome

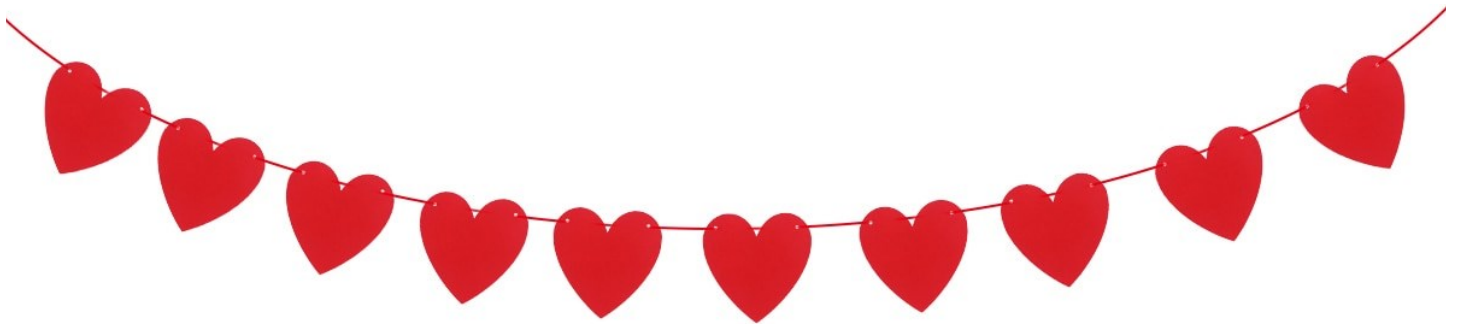
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## SHARE THE LOVE CHALLENGE

### Trinity's February monthly Family Faith event

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

1 John 4:7-8

All are invited to help share the love over the month of February! Whose day can you make with a simple written note? A relative, friend, teacher, neighbor, mail carrier, or cashier? When we share God's love, there's no limit to who can receive it! For more information on how you can participate in this fun and simple Monthly February Family Faith event, visit: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/family/>.