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# trinity TODAY

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

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. — Mark 4:39



GLOW/AWE kicks off the season at Rustic Roots Winery. Please see page 8 for details on the upcoming June event!



Thank you for your donations to Trinity's Quilting Ministry during April and May! Recently 22 quilts were delivered to the local Sleep in Heavenly Peace (quilts for kids) ministry, and 20 quilts to Lutheran World Relief.





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

## ONE & DONE BOOK GROUP

By Ann Wolff, Book Group Coordinator

***Transcendent Kingdom*  
by Yaa Gyasi  
June 7 at 6:30 pm on Zoom**

Reading opens my eyes and my heart to better understand people. Discussing a thought-provoking book broadens my world view even more. It inspires me greatly to gather every couple of months with Pastor Chris and a host of Trinity members whom I have gotten to know through One and Done book discussions. I have learned and grown as we have shared thoughts, experiences and faith and discussed how we are called to care for each other and for the world. Warmest thanks to all of you.

*Transcendent Kingdom* is a deeply moving story of grief, depression and addiction, in the context of faith, science, religion and love. I invite you to meet the author, Yaa Gyasi, on YouTube as she introduces herself and her first book, *Homegoing*. I also invite you to join our discussion on Monday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, which has been so helpful for bringing together people who are at their cabin or their winter home. Contact me at wolff701@msn.com for the Zoom link. All are welcome! I also have many books from the Trinity Library that have been discussed or recommended. I would love to get them to you. Call 651-260-3855 and I will happily deliver.

## Peace! Be still!

‘Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.’ – Mark 4:39

“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.”  
– Victor Frankl, Austrian neurologist, psychiatrist, philosopher, author, and Holocaust survivor

‘...do not worry in advance about how you are to speak or what you are to say (to your enemies); for what you are to say will be given to you at that time;’ – Matthew 10:19

These three quotes showed up in my life in the space of a few days. Each from a different source: first the theme for this newsletter, the second was in daily email devotional, the last in a devotional app on my phone. I don’t usually think God is speaking to me through emails or billboards, but sometimes one has to wonder.

These simple statements beckon us with peace, space, and waiting. Each statement—two from Jesus and one from a Holocaust survivor—is an invitation to pause a moment before response, to refrain from worry about what might be before it is here, to breathe in God’s peace, and trust that God is present to soothe, inspire or guide.

We have lived through a period ripe with urgent calls to action and a sense of hurry. Quickly! Respond, fix, act, write, vote, protest, mask, argue, vaccinate, decide, decide, decide. And do it NOW! So, we hurry up as fast as we can, we read as much as we can, we consult the experts, we fix, act, write, vote and so on. And we reach the end of the day exhausted, confused, dissatisfied.

Certainly, urgency is needed to respond to gun violence and racism, to carve an equitable way forward, to

heal the wounds of the past. Even so, there is room to hear Jesus say, “Peace! Be still!” Room for a single breath to invoke that holy peace, to calm our minds, slow our hearts, steady our hands. A single breath to measure our responses and pray for wisdom and discernment. A single breath to allow space to feel the boat steady and the waters calm.

I invite you to try this at home. Turn off everything. Silence your phone. Find a comfortable place to sit with your feet on the floor. Set a timer for five minutes. Then close your eyes and breathe slowly in to a count of three, slowly out to a count of five. If an intrusive thought comes, let it go—like a cloud moving across a crystal blue sky. And focus on your breath. Some people like to use a “mantra” to keep their thoughts from wandering. For example: you could think “God’s peace” as you breathe in, “God’s love” as you breathe out. Use any short phrases that calm you.

Five minutes will calm the reactivity within you. Your blood pressure will settle, your heart slow, your brain clear. Five minutes in the peace of God’s companionship. Done as a regular practice, you will be able to access that calm in moments you feel compelled to RESPOND RIGHT NOW, when waiting a breath might be wiser.

God’s peace is not a theoretical idea. God’s peace is the ground of our being. It was the first gift of the resurrection. Peace that gives us space to access our own humanity and remember the humanity of the other, before we act, speak or decide. Peace that reminds us of God’s abiding presence even in the hurry up times, the scary times, the reactive times. Peace that shepherds, nourishes, and comforts.

May you hear Jesus’ words: Peace, be still.

Embraced by that peace,  
*Pastor Chris*

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



NOTE FROM PASTOR PETER: We have had been able to celebrate lots of baptisms this year. It's always a delight to see who will accompany these young ones in their faith journey. In reflecting on the call of Godparents/Sponsors, Sarah Olson (Children & Family Faith Formation Coordinator) and I crafted a letter and FAQ for all families entering the Baptism Milestone. We are so grateful for ALL OF OUR AMAZING IMPACT GODPARENTS/SPONSORS!

## *Dear Beloved Godparents,*

I just wanted to take a little time to say thank you for taking on this responsibility and to share some of my hopes for you as my sponsors.

First of all, I want to thank you for your prayerful willingness and commitment to this holy relationship. Your presence means everything. Not just at the Baptism ceremony, but walking with me as I grow spiritually, with God and in partnership with Christ's church.

Being so new and young in this world, I know that I am going to need others and depend on a community to help me learn and live in the fullness of God's love in Jesus. I hope and trust that you will help me to keep finding myself in God's ancient and still unfolding story.

Also, it means everything to me to know that I will never be alone in this journey, that you are going to be there and have my back, even as I wrestle and wonder and have questions. Like where God lives now. Why there aren't dinosaurs in the Creation story in the Bible. And why church is sooo boring sometimes. I'm going to have a lot of why questions. Lots of why questions.

And even if we can't always find the answers to some of these great mysteries, I know that you'll hold space with me as I wonder and be praying. Lifting me up to God and helping me to become the person God has created me to be. I know it's a lot to ask and I know you are busy, but please keep me at the top of your prayer list.

Right now, I'm not going to be able to read or talk in full sentences, but I LOVE colorful books. Will you promise to read the Spark Story Bible to me? Even before I know all the characters, I want to hear your voice as part of God's voice in the world.

Your faith and your life will also show me Jesus in you. My parents were so wise to ask you to be my sponsors! They knew it was your faith and love, not your perfection, that made you such a good choice for me. I'm excited to see how you will be an example for me in what it means to live a faithful life. To love others. To eat and drink at Christ's table. To be a servant leader. To sing praises (or whatever joyful noise you like to make). To strive for peace and justice. To be nourished by God's word.

I also want to celebrate and remember this day and the promises that you and my family made. Maybe on my Baptism Anniversary, you can come over for dinner? We can light the Christ candle again and look at the pictures. We can drape the shawl over my shoulders and say a prayer of thanksgiving for this wild precious life that God gifts to us. No pressure, but cake would also be nice.

Mostly, I just want to say I love you. I'm so grateful for you. You show me that God's family isn't just shared through blood, but also through water. Who knows, maybe I'll be a Godparent someday too. I hope so. That would be awesome.

In the Promise of New Life Everlasting,

*Your Godchild*

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# *baptism*



## AT TRINITY

### *frequently asked* QUESTIONS

**Is a sponsor and godparent the same thing?** Yes! The titles are one and of the same, and Trinity often uses the words interchangeably to recognize the person(s) who help nurture the faith of the baptized one.

**Does a sponsor need to be a member of Trinity?** No. For the sake of feeding your own faith, we hope that you are active in a church community somewhere. And, if you need a church home, we welcome you to join us at Trinity!

**Does a sponsor need to be baptized?** Yes, but don't let that stop someone from being a sponsor. Jesus' command to his followers is to baptize, but thankfully water is everywhere (see the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts)! The call of the baptized often comes far sooner than the water is poured. If for some reason a sponsor hasn't been baptized, we would love to make that happen in anticipation of their role as a Godparent/Sponsor.

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## Community Ice Cream Social Celebrating Trinity's 150th Birthday

**Monday, July 19, 2021**

**7 pm on the Trinity Green Space**

You're invited! And so are all our neighbors and friends! Save the date and watch for more details coming soon. Also save Sept. 19 for a TrinityFEST-style celebration. Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/history/>

## Story Cookbook

Help Trinity celebrate our 150th anniversary through the lens of food. We are creating a story book/cookbook(let) and would love for you to share stories of Trinity and how they are tied to food. We will be including a spread on the Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner, for example, so any stories you have about your involvement with that long-loved tradition would be so appreciated!

And if you have a signature food item that you may have served at your circle meetings, or small group meeting, or Advent Pause...and a story or photo that may go with that food item, please let us know. Again, telling the story of Trinity through food.

Contact Zanny Johnson at [zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org) or Linda Flood at [lflood@trinitylc.org](mailto:lflood@trinitylc.org) to submit your food story—photos appreciated, and the recipe, too!

# What is Stewardship?

By Mark Nelson, Stewardship Team

What is stewardship? That's not a rhetorical question. I want to understand what stewardship means. As a new member of the Trinity Lutheran Church Stewardship Team, I figured that I should know this. But I don't. So I turned to the dictionary and found a definition of stewardship: "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care" (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stewardship>). I like that.

Does pledging make me a steward? My family began pledging after we became Trinity members about 20 years ago. Previously, we pledged at Roseville Lutheran Church, where my wife Sarah and I were members for a number of years. We decided to join Trinity after moving to Stillwater in 2000 with our young children, Stefan (now 25), and twins Erik and Anya (now 23). We were surprised when a Trinity pastor said, no, we shouldn't simply transfer our membership—and our pledge—from Roseville to Trinity. Even though we had been attending for a while, the pastor encouraged us to learn more about where and how we could serve Trinity's ministries, and then make our decision about membership. And pledging. We learned that membership at Trinity isn't an administrative function, and that pledges are not akin to club dues. I didn't realize it at the time, but that process was really about holistic stewardship.

During my first Stewardship Team meeting I learned that 337 families have pledged to support Trinity's life affirming ministries during 2021. That represents a lot of giving. But it doesn't include financial gifts that weren't pledged. Trinity's ministries are greatly blessed by all gifts, whether pledged (<https://trinitylc.org/giving/>) or not. Pledge numbers do not capture stewardship of all the gifts entrusted to one's care: time,



Mark & Sarah Nelson

talents, treasures—stewardship of all creation! How does that meaning of stewardship align with the "responsible management" definition I found? After all, if you can't measure it, you can't manage it, as they say in the business world. Trinity doesn't track pledges of non-monetary stewardship, although that is an interesting notion. And I'm not aware of a stewardship fitbit that counts daily numbers of *steps* walked in Jesus' path. Hmm, perhaps my "can't measure it" definition of stewardship is insufficient.

So how do I practice stewardship of all God's gifts, entrusted to me, and beyond measure? Trinity introduced me to a holistic understanding of what stewardship means. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America provides additional resources that discuss stewardship in different ways: generosity, creation, financial response, leadership, lifestyle, and a StewardNet newsletter (<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Stewardship>). I'm curious to learn more about what stewardship really means. Will you join me?

## Trinity Financial Update

### April Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2021

|                     | This Year               | Last Year               | '21 Budget             | % of Budget |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Contribution Income | 928,358                 | 913,299                 | 1,326,000              | 70%         |
| Other Income        | 142,512                 | 228,762                 | 422,761                | 34%         |
| Total Income        | <u>\$ 1,070,870</u>     | <u>\$ 1,142,061</u>     | <u>\$ 1,748,761</u>    |             |
| less: Expenses      | 1,022,298               | 1,067,140               | 1,747,358              | 59%         |
| Surplus (Deficit)   | <u><u>\$ 48,572</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 74,921</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)                      | (58,187)                   | (56,365)                   |
| Long-Term Debt - End of April            | <u><u>\$ 3,288,442</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 3,353,787</u></u> |
| Line of Credit Balance - April 30        | \$ -                       | \$ -                       |

## **Financial Highlights April 30, 2021**

Contribution Income for April of \$89K was \$36K less than April of 2020 but, \$4K over last month. Note that April 2020 was the first full month of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown of worship and a correspondingly strong outpouring of generosity from our congregation. Contribution Income YTD is still \$15K ahead of last year. Program Registrations, Fees & Payments and Building Rental Income are off a combined \$56K YTD vs. last year, showing the continuing effects of the pandemic and reduced activity in our building. Learning programs expenses are correspondingly down by \$25K YTD compared to 2020. As discussed, the timing of receipt of some annual Contribution gifts fluctuates every year. Overall, YTD Operating Expenses are \$46K less than YTD April 2020. YTD our Contribution and Total Income continue to exceed expenses, enabling us to maintain our Line of Credit Balance at zero for the fifth straight month! Last year we also had a zero balance against the line at this time.



The Trinity Scholarship Fund was established through the generosity and foresight of Jeanette Johnson, a dear, departed, long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church. It was her desire to provide the means by which Trinity could offer assistance to its young people whose achievement and character have indicated that they possess the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement, good citizenship and active involvement at Trinity.

Special thank you to Jeanette's nephew, Bruce Rydeen for his efforts in seeing to it that Jeanette's wishes continue to be a reality.

The 2021 recipients of the Trinity Lutheran Scholarship from this year's graduating class are:

- **Penelope J. Corbett**
- **Ava Rae Nyberg**
- **Charlie Olson**



## 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.

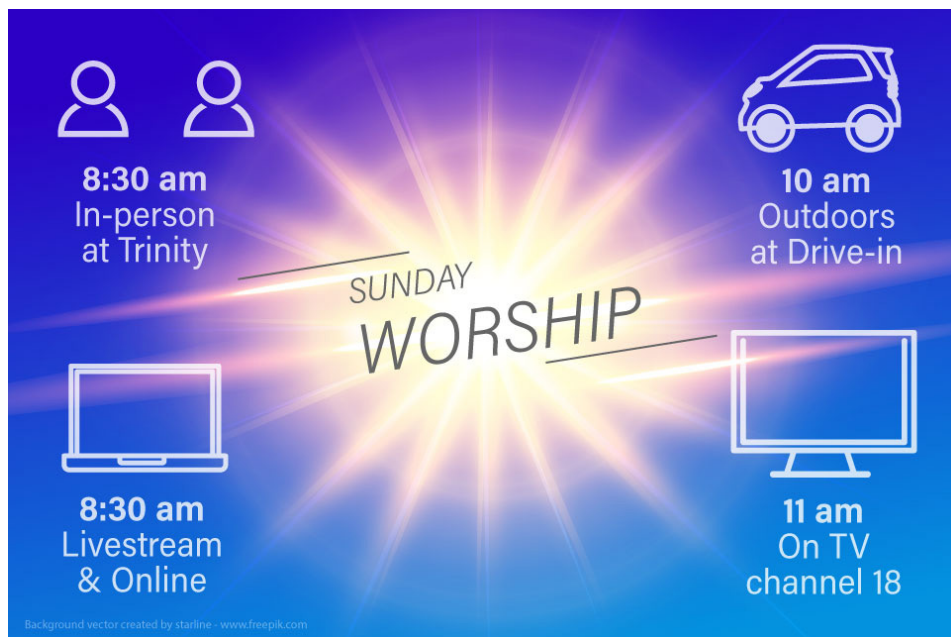
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| June 6  | <b>Mark 3:20-35</b> |
| June 13 | <b>Mark 4:26-34</b> |
| June 20 | <b>Mark 4:35-41</b> |
| June 27 | <b>Mark 5:21-43</b> |



Watch it online!



On Saturday, May 8 the 6th annual Trinity Women's Talk & Tea was held as an online event. Our speaker and special guest for the morning was the Rev. Teresa Blythe, author of *50 Ways to Pray*, *Spiritual Direction 101* and *Incline Your Ear: Cultivating Spiritual Awakening in Congregations*. Please enjoy the video of this memorable Trinity tradition at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/special-event/>.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Below is the worship schedule that will continue through the summer, with adjustments made as required by any changing conditions due to COVID-19.

**8:30 a.m. – In-person at Trinity** (limited capacity, sign up required)  
<https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/sign-up-for-worship/>

**8:30 a.m. – Facebook Livestream & Online on our Web Site**  
[www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/)  
<https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/online-worship/>

**10 a.m. – Outdoor Worship at the Drive-in**  
<https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/drive-in-summer-worship/>

**11 a.m. – Watch on TV local channel 18**  
<https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/>

## WORSHIP HELPS

Download a bulletin (and announcements) for Sunday worship to view on your device or print at home.

<https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/bulletin-helps/>

## UPDATE TO TRINITY GUIDELINES

Below are recent updates to Trinity's worship guidelines during pandemic. And an FYI that staff will continue to work from home this summer. Read the full update at: <https://trinitylc.org/e-news/covid-19/>

- Masked singing will be allowed in the sanctuary. (We will walk this back if things change.)
- We will continue to register for worship to keep a list for contact tracing. (This is in keeping with requirements in the Universal Covid Preparedness Plan addressing isolation and quarantine.)
- Hymnals and bibles are returned to the pews.
- Scones and coffee are available at the drive-in, please distance and mask when speaking to others outside your household—even outside.
- Staff will continue to work primarily from home. State guidelines continue to ask those businesses that can do so without disruption to work from home. We will re-evaluate as September nears.

We ask your prayers for patience and the capacity to prioritize our neighbor in all things. And to remember that God's work continues in and through us. We give thanks for all the ways in which you have helped Trinity vibrantly navigate this experience in cooperation and love.



# SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

## LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

### frequently asked QUESTIONS

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#### **Does a sponsor need to be Lutheran?**

No. While we love the way that Lutherans live and love by God's grace in service to our neighbors, lots of Christians of different denominational stripes (or none at all) do this too.

#### **Does a sponsor need to be a relative?**

No. God's family is big and beautiful, connected by water and God's word. Young people need a lot of grown ups in their corner as they grow and mature in faith. Thank you for being one of their cheerleaders!

#### **Does a sponsor have to do or say anything during the Baptism service?**

Yes. Please stand alongside the parents/caregivers of the one being baptized. When the pastor prompts you to respond, just "follow the leader." You don't need to prepare anything, just come as you are!

#### **Should a sponsor get a gift for the one being baptized?**

Up to you! It's not required, but a small keepsake for the one being baptized is a great treasure for them to have throughout life, and something that you can get out each year to help remember and celebrate on the Baptism anniversary. Gift suggestions: a book of prayers or blessings, a Bible, a cross necklace, a stuffed animal, or a special picture frame to hold a picture from the day of the Baptism.

**Does a Baptism sponsor bear any legal custody responsibility?** No. While parents/caregivers might separately ask you to be a legal guardian of their child, for the sake of being a Baptismal sponsor, your duties are to lead by example a life of faithfulness and love, and to pray for and encourage the one being baptized.

Showing (God's) love to our 2021 seniors! On Sunday, May 16 during worship, Trinity celebrated the milestone of graduation with our class of 2021 high school seniors (see list below). Congratulations, God is with you!

Seniors and their families were recognized in person at the drive-in, and by video tribute at worship at Trinity.

Watch worship to see the video at: <https://youtu.be/enXK5jn0S0k>

Else Anderson  
Kostia Brekke  
Gavin Carlson  
Merritt Cassell  
Anders Coltvet  
Penny Corbett  
Jacob Crain  
Matthew Crain  
Sophie Cronk  
Eliza Darby  
Zach Dillon  
Tomas Doerr  
Sam Elletson  
Ava Engebretson  
Grace Gabriel  
Rachel Gaikowski  
Mason Girling  
Hannah Gray  
Colin Halverson  
Ian Hanlon  
Max Hinger  
Jonah Hoff  
Holly Knowlan  
Henry Lawrence

Ashley Linnell  
Kyle Magnuson  
Joe Manning  
Jayne Mapstone  
Dylan McKellips  
Jasper Moon  
Mylana Nederloe  
Ava Nyberg  
Charlie Olson  
Cameron Parent  
Alaina Riemenschneider  
Sydney Rogness  
Elliot Rorer  
Ethan Rowe  
Riley Sauers  
Ryan Sauers  
Brady Schmiechen  
Megan Schmiechen  
Ava Shelton  
Hannah Sievert-Whaley  
Cole Stebbins  
Elinor Untiedt  
Liv Wooldridge



CONGREGATIONAL  
LIFE &  
CONNECTIONS

# SOLO 55+ PLUS

Singles Group  
for Ages 55 & Up

Solo 55 Plus is a faith-based fellowship group for those single and over 55.

Frequent activities are planned and announced in a weekly newsletter. To receive the newsletter, become a member, or seek information, please send email to: SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com.

## RETIRED MEN'S GROUP EVENT:

**St. Croix Kayak & Lunch led by Kerri from WAHOO! Adventures**  
**Monday, June 21, 9 am to 2 pm**

Meet at: Arcola Mills (5.5 miles north of Stillwater)

Address: 12905 Arcola Trail N, Stillwater, MN 55082

Park in the gravel parking lot. We will transport you to William O' Brien State Park where the kayak tour will begin.

Cost: \$40 (cash or check) includes kayaks, life vests, guided tour, water, snacks, and lunch. No discount for your own gear, but we will transport to the park.

Kayak Route: We will be paddling 6 miles of the St Croix River. Starting in the park, we will depart on a back channel, enjoy paddling past Marine on the St. Croix, and into the St. Croix Islands State Wildlife Area.

To sign up, contact Jerry Herbst at 715-808-0571 or gwherbst@comcast.net.

More information about route, lunch and how to dress at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/retired-mens-group-rmg/>.

Come and join us for an exciting adventure on our beautiful river.



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

June 24 – Aug. 12 | \$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 [toddinsue2@aol.com](mailto:toddinsue2@aol.com).



## PICNIC (BYO) LAWN GAMES CONVERSATION

### Conversation, Lawn Games & Bring Your Own Picnic

Thursday, June 24, 5-7 p.m. at Lakeside Park in Bayport

Join us for lawn games, conversation and fellowship with friends. Please bring your own picnic meal, beverage and a lawn chair. Look forward to seeing you on June 24! Questions? Please contact Jill Longnecker at [jnjlony@msn.com](mailto:jnjlony@msn.com) or text 651-263-6802.



**The Backpack Challenge is on!** We have been invited to purchase brand new, large, sturdy backpacks for the students of Stillwater area schools. "Even the kindergartners need large ones," said one Lake Elmo teacher! We're partnering with Community Thread/United Way and Cimarron/FamilyMeans specifically Stuffing the Bus with backpacks. Last year 344 students were assisted with school supplies so the need is real! Watch for more details about collecting them in late July. Contact Kristie Anderson at [jkjsa@hotmail.com](mailto:jkjsa@hotmail.com) for more information.



# Thinking outside the box when planting trees



By Guest Columnist Taylor Stockert –  
Natural Resources Technician, City of  
Stillwater

When I think of the three most popular trees with Stillwater residents, I think of crabapple, with its beautiful flowers and bark; spruce, with its attractive shape and screening abilities; and Autumn Blaze maple, with its amazing fall colors and fast growth. However, before you go out and plant one of these, I feel compelled to say this: these trees have become severely overplanted, threatening the health of the urban forest. And not just that, these trees actually have tons of issues that are rarely noticed until it's too late. Crabapple trees have many minor diseases, but these diseases have become prevalent because, well, so are the trees. Spruce trees will contract an alarmingly common needle disease, causing the branches to die from the bottom up. Autumn Blaze maples actually grow too fast, causing major structural issues, with the end result

often being a blown-apart tree after a bad storm. Consider some of these less-planted alternatives:

## Crabapple alternatives:

- Eastern redbud—native to the Eastern United States, this tree has a brilliant spring display of pink flowers.
- Serviceberry—This vastly underutilized small tree puts on an incredible show of white flowers in the spring and has perhaps the best fruit you've never tasted (if you can beat the birds to it).

## Spruce alternatives:

- White fir—native to the Western United States, this is an extremely hardy evergreen. The needles, when crushed, smell just like lemons or tangerines.
- Swiss stone pine—A dense and narrow pine native to the Alps. It's a beauty.

## Autumn Blaze Maple alternatives:

- Kentucky coffeetree—an underplanted Minnesota native specimen tree. They can look a little underwhelming the first few years, but your patience will be rewarded with explosive growth that is much stronger than Autumn Blaze.
- American elm—elms are back! Dutch elm disease-resistant varieties are dependable and absolutely beautiful. Try the St. Croix elm. The naturally disease-resistant parent tree was found just south of us, in Afton.



## must watch! DOCUMENTARY

If you haven't had a chance to watch the ELCA's newly-released 30-minute documentary on Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson's 38 plus years of ministry in Tanzania and other countries, it is a wonderful, real-life lesson in Accompaniment at work. Mark (who grew up at Trinity) and Linda are amazing people continuing to do outstanding things on God's behalf! Watch on our web site at: <https://trinitylc.org/outreach/ways-to-serve/global/>

## action! ITEMS

Together, we explore the racial inequities and history of unconstitutional policies and prejudices. And we ask ourselves how we can be better neighbors today. Trinity's Racial Justice Ministry Team is continuing the practice of weekly action items that began during Lent. Read more about this ministry at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/racial-justice/>.

**DO:** This is urgent as our legislature prepares for a special session in June. Contact your senator regarding the following issues that disproportionately affect people of color in our state:

- Create a gradual off-ramp to the eviction moratorium that allows the federal assistance program to have time to take place to make renters and landlords whole.
- Follow the lead of the Homes for All Coalition on housing and homelessness concerns. That agenda is detailed and complex, so just say to go with Homes for All proposals. (Homes for all is a coalition of almost 200 organizations statewide, including providers, faith-based organizations, housing developers, and more. Lutheran Advocacy-MN is an active member of Homes for All).

Reference the letter from Lutheran Advocacy-MN and the bishops in your calls or emails that all Minnesota state senators and representatives received. Find the full letter here: <http://www.lutheranadvocacymn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/LAMN-BishopLetter-EnergyHousing-2021-FINAL-2.pdf>

Easily find your representative and contact information at: <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>

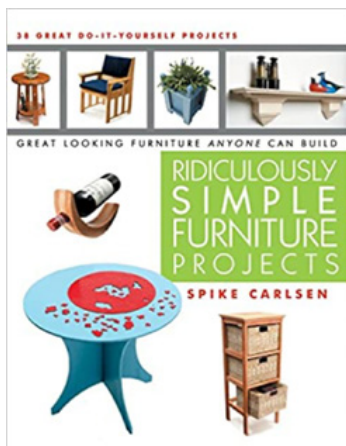
**READ:** Check out the book everyone is talking about—*Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. This book is available from the Trinity library and Ann Wolff is happy to drop it off to you, contact her at 651-260-3855 or [wolff701@msn.com](mailto:wolff701@msn.com). Read more from the Star Tribune's Myron Medcalf: <https://www.startribune.com/book-club-explores-caste-in-america/600057692/?refresh=true>

**COMMIT:** You are invited to join our Saint Paul Area Synod's specific initiative called The Road Toward Racial Justice. This work can sometimes feel overwhelming, this call simply asks you to begin where you are and commit to a new awareness and learning. Read more at: <https://spas-elca.org/the-road-toward-racial-justice/>



## Let's Play "Guess the Ministry Team Group" Game

By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer  
The Trinity Library literally provides "Reading in All Circumstances" for all areas of Trinity ministry. Our faith community is fortunate to have volunteers and leaders working in a multitude of ministries to "live as Jesus in the world, loving God and loving neighbor." Look at the book titles below and identify the common nature of the books in Category 1, 2 and 3. The answer is printed below each category. Have fun and request some books! (Send me an email at [dwilson804@aol.com](mailto:dwilson804@aol.com).)



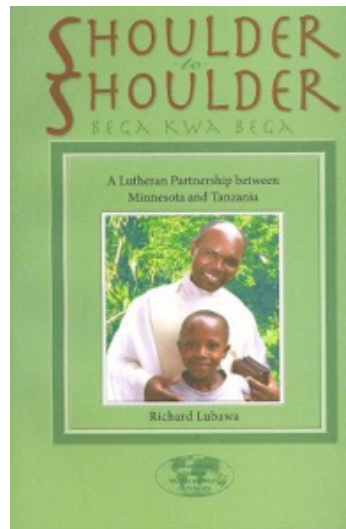
**Category 1:** *Ridiculously Simple Furniture Projects: Great Looking Furniture Anyone Can Build* 684.1 CARL Trinity member Spike Carlsen authored this book which features "ideas for furnishing both the interior and the exterior of the home, this handbook is ideal for weekend woodworkers," or church volunteers!

*Braiding Sweetgrass* 305.8 KIMM "Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, and as a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries

and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass—offer us gifts and lessons..." (Milkweed Press)

*The Giving Heart: Unlocking the Transformative Power of Generosity in Our Lives* 248.6 RYAN "Gratitude and generosity go hand in hand, the more we appreciate our lives, the more we want to give to others." (Conari Press)

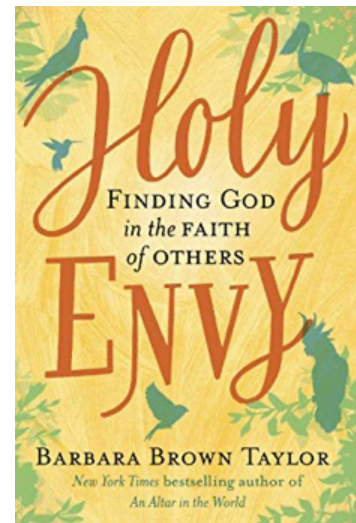
(Answer: Gifts Management: Tuesday Guys, Landscaping & Green Team, Stewardship Team)



**Category 2:** *Shoulder to Shoulder (Bega kwa Bega): A Lutheran Partnership between Minnesota and Tanzania* 248.1 LUBA "The partnership has mushroomed into involving people at the grassroots level reaching sixty congregations, over 900 scholarship recipients ...drilling wells for safe drinking water, and undertaking the expansion of health care facilities." (Lutheran University Press)

*Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* 277.3 MILE Miles "understood her life's mission: to feed the hungry. What her parish needed, she decided, was a food pantry-and within a year ... Not willing to turn anyone away, she raised funds and helped set up other food pantries in impoverished areas..." (Publishers Weekly)

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* 339.4 DESM "Evicted is that rare work that has something genuinely new to say about poverty. (San Francisco Chronicle). Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, New York Times Bestseller, One of time's Ten Best Nonfiction Books of the Decade (Answer: Outreach and Missions Teams)



**Category 3:** *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* 261.2 TAYL Barbara Brown Taylor "contemplates the myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques. (HarperOne Press)

*Finding Faith: A Search for What Makes Sense* 239 MCLA "With logic, passion, and an evenhandedness that the thinking person will appreciate, this book helps you face your obstacles to faith by focusing not on what to believe, but on how to believe." (Zondervan)

*Enduring Lives: Portraits of Women and Faith in Action* 200.9 FLIN "If Saint Teresa of Avila or Saint Clare of Assisi were alive today, how would they be leading their lives?" Flinders draws "portraits of women who are the spiritual great-granddaughters of the female mystics and saints profiled in Enduring Grace." Flinders connects them to contemporary women who share a similar passion and dedicate their lives to improving the lives of others. (J.P. Tarcher/Penguin)

(Answer: Faith Formation - Adult)

Do you have an interest in other ministry teams? We can match books/devotional ideas to congregational life areas: Retired Men's Group or Trinity Tired Men's Troupe, Women's Circles, Study Groups, Caring Friends, Faith Formation—Families or Youth, or even Basketball and YogaDevotion! Have another interest? The Library Team of Andrea Eckman, Doreen Johnson, Barb Martin, Cynthia Franzen, or Norma Wilson would be happy to help.



## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

- In-person at Trinity & Livestream or Online at 8:30 a.m.
- At the Drive-in at 10 a.m.
- Watch on TV at 11 a.m.

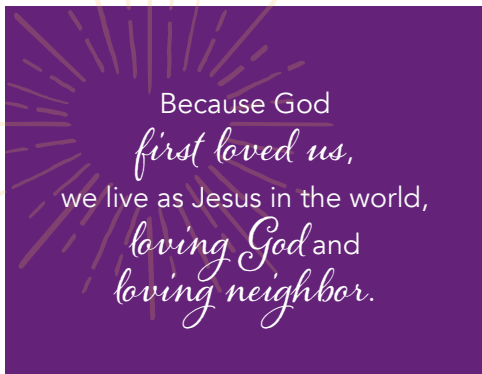
### Watch Worship on local channel 18 through Valley Access

Sunday 11 a.m.

Wednesday Noon & 6 p.m.

Thursday Midnight & 6 a.m.

Saturday 11 p.m.



To read our full welcome statement please visit <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/reconciling-in-christ-process/>.

## BAPTISMS

- **Brooks William Karnuth**, son of Bryan and Stephanie Karnuth
- **Malcolm Michael McAnally**, son of Bill & Pam Quinn

### CORE VALUES

Exceptional Worship

Radical Hospitality

Authentic Community

Lifelong Faith Formation

Compassionate Action



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### April 25

In-person \_\_\_\_\_ 70

Live online viewers \_\_\_\_\_ 55

Online views in one week \_\_\_\_\_ 484

Drive-in \_\_\_\_\_ 118

### May 2

In-person \_\_\_\_\_ 41

Live online viewers \_\_\_\_\_ 62

Online views in one week \_\_\_\_\_ 434

Drive-in \_\_\_\_\_ 135

### May 9

In-person \_\_\_\_\_ Not Available

Live online viewers \_\_\_\_\_ 68

Online views in one week \_\_\_\_\_ 305

Drive-in \_\_\_\_\_ 132

### May 16

In-person \_\_\_\_\_ 51

Live online viewers \_\_\_\_\_ 74

Online views in one week \_\_\_\_\_ 175

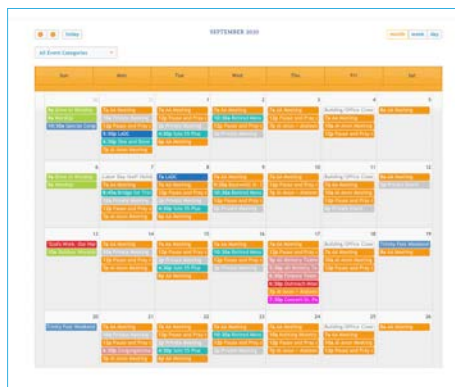
Drive-in \_\_\_\_\_ 181



## Faith Community NOTES

Christian sympathy to Ann Wolff and family on the death of her brother Stephen Parkhurst who grew up attending Trinity.

Read the obituary at: <https://www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Stephen-Parkhurst-3/#!/Obituary>



## 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/>

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Or visit our web site at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/summer/vacation-bible-school/>

### **July 12-15, 6:30-8 pm on Trinity Green Space | Ages 4-9, \$30 per child**

As the world prepares for the Summer Olympics, we are excited to celebrate with our own twist by recognizing all the ways that We're All on God's Team! Ages 4-9 are invited to join us for an all-outdoor Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Green Space, Monday, July 12 – Thursday, July 15 (Friday, July 16 is a flex day in the event of rain). Register at: <https://trinitylc.sportngin.com/register/form/568729947>