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

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." - John 6:51

The Retired Men's Group (and some special guests) enjoyed paddling the St. Croix River in June. More photos on Page 12.

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

# God's Assurance in Transition

Friends,

Are you finding time this summer to rest, re-create, refresh? Time away from the normal routine? Time to listen to the birds, watch the river or a baseball game?

Summer is an evocative season. Rhubarb crisp stirs up childhood memories of finding shapes in the clouds and holding beauty pageants on the front sidewalk. The breeze through the window harkens back to evenings at the beach after Dad got home from work. Falling asleep to the crack of a bat from the Twins game on television. Days when change came slowly, like a fat fly finding its way up the screen door.

We need the summer slowdown. This past year has been one of nearly constant change and perpetual uncertainty spiced with fear. We have pivoted, veered, tottered, corrected, and rebalanced—our own version of a continually rescheduled "respondingto-pandemic Olympics!"

And through it all, we have reminded one another of God's steadfast presence. The unexpected generosity and full-hearted participation of so many have affirmed that God has a vision for the Body of Christ as we look to the future.

By now most of you will have learned of Phil Kadidlo's decision to step down from his role as worship director and band director. (See page 7 for full announcement.) He will remain on staff as our AV Tech Director, so we will continue to be blessed by him, Robin, or their family. (Ash is also on staff as sound tech.) Phil is looking forward to this next chapter and the new learning it represents.

Still. After 35 years of thoughtful, innovative, theologically grounded, faithful, and enormously talented worship and musical leadership, it's hard to imagine our 10:30 a.m. worship without him. So, we transition with him in deep gratitude and love, with tears in our eyes and uncertainty in our hearts.

<u>And</u> we still have Phil to shepherd our technological future at a time when the church is more reliant on tech than ever imagined. <u>And</u> we have a talented interim band director in Kirby Smith, who has agreed to walk the journey with us through Christmas. <u>And</u> our band members and song leaders are still with us, eager to bring back our 10:30 a.m. sound. <u>And</u> Carol is shouldering extra tasks to ease the transition.

And God's Spirit has been poured out upon us with the clear assurance that we are loved and there is loving work for us to do in the Valley. There are songs to be sung, prayers to be prayed, good words to be preached, neighbors to be loved, children to be cherished, seniors to be visited, bread to be broken. We will enter a time of prayerful discernment, listening deeply to the Spirit as we discern our next steps. And we come back together in worship next month to rejoice that we are still church in all circumstances-whether we worship with organ, drums, or even vultures posted on top of a tumbledown drivein screen!

In the meantime, I know you will join me in prayers and good wishes for Phil and Robin. Please hold Pastor Peter, Carol, the council and me in prayer as we determine our most faithful and hopeful next steps. Hold Kirby in prayer as he ably and faithfully comes alongside us.

We always look forward to hearing your questions and ideas for moving Trinity into alignment with God's dream. "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." – Jerimiah 29:11

In peace, Pastor Chris

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



# Fully Formed Faith at All Ages

A couple years back—in the before times—when church staff would occasionally attend learning gatherings in person, our team from Trinity was prompted to ask the question: What does a fully formed faith life look like for all ages?

In worship? In faith formation? In building community? In acting on behalf of the needs of the world?

In a nutshell, the point that they were trying to make was that each of us at different stages have different faith capacity. That there needs to be an appreciation and understanding of the expectations that we bring to faith at different points throughout our God-given lives.

How does is a baby's fully formed faith display our dependence on God? Our need for others and community? Our reaching out to experience the wide beauty of our physical surroundings.

How does a teenagers developing autonomy create an invitation to leadership? To read scripture? To teach their favorite camp songs to others?

With VBS and summer Bible Camp and Summer Stretch in season, I've loved watching our youth build relationships and live out their fully formed faith experiences together. It's been cool to see how our young people interact with their peers and adult leaders and little ones all together.



We have so much to be grateful for and so much to learn from each other.

We continue to be a fully formed Body of Christ, with gifts to share and wisdom to bear at each milestone. I'm thankful for all the ways that we encourage fully formed faith right where we are at.

I'm looking forward to the rest of this summer life, and to celebrating God's still unfolding mission at Trinity. God's love and peace to you!

Pastor Poter

# Living Lutheran



A Message from the Presiding Bishop:

# A Deeply Spiritual Act

In her June/July column for *Living Lutheran*, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton reflects on what we've learned from the Apostle Paul about the deeply spiritual act of stewardship. Reprinted with permission. © ELCA

The first-century church in Corinth must have been a lively place. Its members were competitive, jealous, divided into factions and litigious. The congregation was diverse. There were Jews and gentiles, rich and poor, men and women, young and old, those brand new to the faith and those with more maturity.

Paul spent over 18 months establishing the church in Corinth. He worked with, lived with and loved these people. Paul wanted them to know the risen Christ and the life of love and freedom found in Christ.

While the Corinthians were enthusiastic, they weren't very disciplined. They argued about which of them had the superior spiritual pedigree—those baptized by Paul or those baptized by Apollos. They took each other to court. And when they gathered for the Lord's Supper—neither decently nor in good order—Paul wrote, "When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk" (1 Corinthians 11:20-21).

At his ascension, Jesus told his disciples that they would "receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The church in Jerusalem was the foundation of the Christian movement. It became the parent of the churches founded by the apostles throughout the world.

The decision had been taken at the Council at Jerusalem to welcome gentiles into the way of Jesus. This was a critically important decision and a difficult one. It wasn't universally embraced by everyone. And the saints in Jerusalem had fallen on hard times. Famine threatened the city. Paul organized a massive stewardship campaign among the gentile churches to send aid to the church in Jerusalem.

Stewardship lets us rest in the promise of God's abundance.

Paul would have done well as a development officer. He urged the believers to give generously and cheerfully. He set them up to compete with each other to see which church could be most generous. The enthusiastic Corinthians jumped at the chance, especially if they could do better than the Macedonians! But their lack of discipline was stronger than their zeal, and their stewardship campaign faltered.

Paul wasn't going to have it. In his second letter to the Corinthians, he laid out the spiritual basis for giving: it was about opening the self and the community, it was about glorifying God, it was a new way of thinking about sufficiency.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

The concept of sufficiency had changed over the centuries. In Cynic and Stoic philosophy, true self-sufficiency was attained when a person became completely independent, with no need of anyone or anything else. By the time Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, self-sufficiency meant not just having enough for oneself but having enough to give away to others. One could have all the wealth and power and status in the world, but if one didn't share with others, that person was not self-sufficient. Contrast the rich young man who could give nothing away with the poor widow who gave everything. The rich young man went away grieving. The widow gave freely.

Stewardship is a deeply spiritual act. It moves us out of ourselves and toward the neighbor in need. It glorifies God. It brings freedom from wealth and status. It unclenches our hands and hearts. It lets us rest in the promise of God's abundance. We become cheerful givers.

## **Trinity Financial Update**

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	This Year	Last Year	'21 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	1,099,772	1,095,077	1,326,000	83%
Other Income	177,637	252,046	422,761	42%
Total Income	\$ 1,277,409	\$ 1,347,123	\$ 1,748,761	
less: Expenses	1,269,707	1,289,884	1,747,358	73%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 7,702	\$ 57,239	\$ 1,403	
Long-Term Debt Summary: Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,346,629	3,410,152	1	
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Increase (Decrease)	(75,045)	(56,365) *		
Long-Term Debt - End of June	\$ 3,271,583	\$ 3,353,787		

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

## Financial Highlights June 2021

Contribution Income for June of \$94K was \$3K more than June of 2020. Contribution Income YTD is \$5K ahead of last year. Program Registrations, Fees & Payments and Building Rental Income are off a combined \$47K YTD vs. last year, showing the continuing effects of the pandemic and reduced activity in our building. Learning programs expenses are correspondingly down by \$20K YTD compared to 2020. As discussed, the timing of receipt of some annual Contribution gifts fluctuates every year. Overall, YTD Operating Expenses are \$43K less than YTD June 2020. June of 2020 was also the second of 3 months that we paid interest only on our mortgage with Thrivent, as Thrivent deferred principal payments for a 3-month period to assist congregations with the COVID shutdowns. As we compare the difference in surplus this YTD v. last year, that accounts for over \$20,000 in additional expense in 2021 v. 2020. YTD our Contribution and Total Income continue to exceed expenses, enabling us to maintain our Line of Credit Balance at zero for the seventh straight month! Last year we also had a zero balance against the line at this time.

#### Let's end our fiscal year strong!

Thank you for your generosity, which has supported God's work through Trinity's ministries throughout the pandemic. As a result, we hope to finish the 2021 fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31, both healthy and strong! Yet as always, summer is a challenging time for church budgets and this year is no different. If you are current on your pledge or giving plan, thank you! If you have some catching up to do, please do so by the end of August. Having all of us current on pledges and giving plans will help Trinity's ministries thrive. We are the church, generous in all circumstances. Thank you!

#### WORSHIP & MUSIC

## **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.

August 1John 6:24-35August 8John 6:35, 41-51August 15John 6:51-58August 22John 6:56-69August 29Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for Sunday worship! There is no need to sign up in advance. Come on in! Below is the worship schedule that will continue through Sunday, Sept. 19, with adjustments made as required by any changing conditions due to COVID-19.

#### 8:30 a.m. – In-person at Trinity

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/ 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/

# re-entry team update

Trinity leadership extends its thanks for all that you have done and continue to do to support and cooperate with the efforts made by the Re-Entry Team and Council to be as agile, responsive, and thoughtful as possible in guiding the congregation through this pandemic.

The Re-Entry Team met on July 21. Here are the updates to our guidelines at this time.

- Sanctuary capacity remains at 300.
- Masks required during singing on Sunday morning. We will not require masks for indoor worship (except for singing) for the remainder of the summer but this may change when we return to two indoor worship services on Sept. 26 when worship numbers increase and children return for faith formation.
- Masks required for weddings, funerals, and concerts.

- All worshippers or concert attendees are encouraged to distance as much as possible while seated in the sanctuary.
- The choir and band will return with appropriate rehearsal spacing and use of singing masks (or clear screens for soloists).
- Children's Sunday Faith Formation will resume in the fall and will follow the lead of the Stillwater Area Public Schools for numbers, masks, and distancing while the kids are in their learning groups.
- The office is not yet open daily as we prepare our space to transition the staff back. However, if you need to stop by, just call the office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to let us know what you need and we can arrange to welcome you in.

Other guidelines have been adjusted for funeral meals and gatherings, worship

leaders, use of nametags, etc. For the full, detailed list of guidelines, please contact the church office. We are mindful that an unrestricted, "no holds barred" opening is ill-advised until we can evaluate the impact of the Delta variant, moving back inside this fall or until children under the age of 12 have access to the vaccine.

The Re-Entry team will meet again at the beginning of September as they continue to evaluate best practices for our entire faith community.

If you have further questions, please call the church office at 651-439-7400 to be in touch with Re-Entry Chair Fred Anderson, Pastor Chris, or Parish Administrator Bob Eiselt.

READ UPDATES TO TRINITY'S COVID-19 GUIDELINES AT: https://trinitylc.org/e-news/covid-19/



#### Dear friends,

2021 marks my 35th year of leading worship at Trinity Lutheran. As for many of you, the Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic has moved me to a different place in life, toward a new season that I am calling "Chapter Three."

As part of beginning this new chapter in life, as of late September 2021 I will be stepping down from my role as Director of Contemporary Worship and music leader for our 10:30 a.m. service at Trinity. I will transition into the position of Director of AV Ministry, an expansion of a secondary role that I've carried in tandem with worship and music throughout most of my three-anda-half decades on staff. I am looking forward to being able to focus on serving Trinity's growing AV needs, and having time to build a team of technical staff and volunteers to help with Sunday worship and more.

Keyboardist Kirby Smith has graciously agreed to fill in as interim worship band coordinator for the 10:30 a.m. service, which will resume on Sunday, September 26. It is the Worship Ministry Team's dream and desire that our current group of musicians—as well as new folks—will partner with and support Kirby and our 10:30 a.m. worshipers. There will be forthcoming invitations to learn more about becoming part of this team.

I am grateful for the support of the Trinity community for having enabled me to make leading worship a primary part of my music and ministry career for 35 years. I still enjoy leading worship—even savoring the odd adventure of having provided music at the drive-in for the past year, straight through the pandemic shut-down, including all winter long! Being a worship leader for all these years has shaped my faith, my music, our family, and our circle of friends. And I am delighted that we will be staying connected here.

Unfortunately I have lost a significant amount of my hearing over the last ten years, making leading and playing with larger ensembles each week a significant challenge. In order to preserve my remaining hearing, it will be necessary for me to turn over my musical and directorial roles to others and use my other skills and senses in creative and useful ways to continue supporting Trinity's worship life.

I feel the expected mix of joy, sorrow and apprehension that goes with letting go and starting anew. But my heart is also full of hope as I think about God, who makes all things possible, leading this century-and-a-half-old Trinity community into our next chapter as well. I encourage you to join our Council, Clergy and Staff in prayer for seeking God's direction for the future.

Peace, gratitude and love to all of you.

Phil

Phil Kadidlo pkadidlo@trinitylc.org

#### WORSHIP BAND RETREAT Wednesday, Aug. 4, 5:30–9 p.m. Meal provided! Please RSVP by Aug. 2 Singers and musicians, if you are interested in participating in making music with the worship band this fall, either vocal or instrumental, please join us for a worship band retreat. Wednesday, Aug. 4 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with supper!

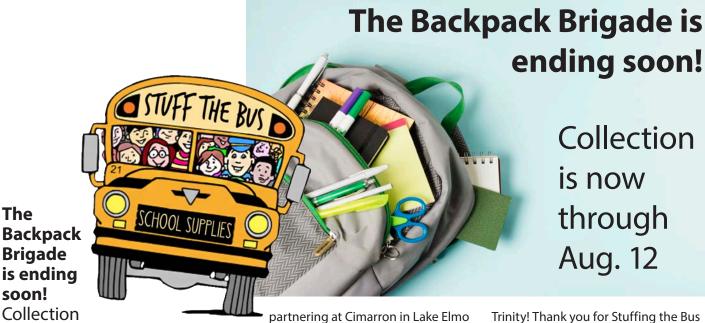
Meet Kirby Smith—our interim band director, hang out with Phil, eat food, share devotions, and—best of all—make music together! First timers and the curious are welcome! Please join us.

Contact Pastor Chris at cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org or Phil Kadidlo at pkadidlo@trinitylc.org by Monday, Aug. 2 to RSVP.



# Call for Fall Art Show Submissions **Sign up by Aug. 1**

Show us what creativity you've been up to during the pandemic. Read more and sign up (by Aug. 1!) to exhibit at: https:// trinitylc.org/worship-music/art/fine-artsteam/



By Kristie Anderson, Coordinator

NOW -

Aug. 12

As I write this, the backpack total increases every single day! Thank you to all who are joining the party by donating brand new, large, sturdy backpacks to the students from Stillwater Area Schools. Trinity is literally Stuffing the Bus with backpacks!

The partnership between so many different community entities fills my soul. Trinity is joining forces with Community Thread, United Way, the Stillwater Area School District, FamilyMeans and Cimarron, as well as other businesses and churches in the area. I anticipate sharing the joy and the excitement of each student who registers and receives essential school supplies. The past eight years of

taught us what a difference this kind of generous community support makes in our lives!

A few volunteers are needed the morning of Aug. 20, and more are needed on Aug. 23 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.; please contact me at jkjsa@hotmail.com to help! Many volunteers are needed at Community Thread prior to the drive-by distribution on Aug. 18 and 19. To sign up visit the Community Thread web site at: https://communitythreadmn.org/ community-services/stuff-the-bus/. You WILL be glad you do!

We began this adventure with the hope that we could build up school excitement and diminish school cost concerns. We never imagined how deeply the students and their families would impact our lives. Please join us in this mutual effort to live as neighbors in our little corner of the world. I'm so excited, thanks to you,

Trinity! Thank you for Stuffing the Bus with backpacks!

- 1. The backpacks are being collected NOW and absolutely due by Aug. 12.
- 2. Call or email Kristie Anderson at 651-439-9133 or Jkjsa@hotmail.com when you've purchased a backpack so we can keep a running total.
- Deliver your backpacks to 3. Community Thread at 2300 Orleans St. W in Stillwater (be sure to indicate they're from Trinity)—OR drop them off at Trinity Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. (contact Jeannie in the church office at 651-439-7400, she'll be happy to meet you at the door)—OR drop them either off at church on Sunday mornings or at the drive in (there will be bins ready for your backpacks)—OR drop them off at Kristie Anderson's house at 932 4th Ave. S in Stillwater (please call first at 651-439-9133). Thank you!



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**WHO WE ARE:** Neighbors from faith communities in the St. Croix Valley. Homeless Strategy and Advocacy Team (HSAT) is a collaboration of church members from several congregations in the St. Croix Valley that have an interest in reducing homelessness.

**TINY HOME FUNDRAISER:** HSAT is partnering with Settled—a non-profit that activates and equips faith communities to help reduce homelessness through sustainable housing, purposeful work, and supportive community. HSAT is working with Settled to advocate, fund raise and build tiny homes as a permanent, community-first solution for people experiencing homelessness. Settled develops communities of tiny homes called Sacred Settlements around the metro area. Visit www.settled.org for more information.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:** Consider making a monetary donation, ask about opportunities to lend your skilled labor, or learn more about the problem of homelessness.

- 1. Contribute financially to the sponsorship of the tiny home. Sponsorship of one tiny home is \$35,000. Give online at: https://settled.kindful.com/hsat. Or scan the QR code at right with your smartphone camera for the giving link.
- 2. Volunteer to help with the actual build of the tiny home which will be constructed at Woodland Hills Church in St. Paul at 1740 Van Dyke Street (next to the Plaza Theater). It will take around 300 hours of volunteer labor to construct the tiny home.
- 3. Learn more about this initiative. Please explore the Settled web site at www.settled.org. Also visit: https://trinitylc.org/outreach/homeless-strategy-advocacy-team/.

#### WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

Contact a member of HSAT: Mark Weber – markrweber22@outlook.com Sandy Wendt – sjwendt46@gmail.com Greg Otsuka – gregoryotsuka@gmail.com

#### Give online at: https://settled.kindful.com/hsat



### OUTREACH MISSIONS

# INTERESTED IN WHAT A TINY HOME REALLY LOOKS LIKE?

There are several opportunities to see a model tiny home in person.

Visit the "Lil Peach" model tiny home on:

- Sunday, Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Wild Rice Festival
- Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at TrinityFEST at the Drive-in

Come and see firsthand what people are finally calling "home."





### Save the date!



### LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



## **Faith Milestones**

Sunday, Aug. 8 AT DRIVE-IN WORSHIP Celebrating the following faith milestones: Care for Creation Milestone Serving in Worship Milestone Bible 101 Milestone 8 Kinds of Smart Milestone

Milestones are significant moments that help us practice and affirm faith. These moments are marked with caring conversation, Scripture, devotion, ritual, blessing, and presentation of a gift and certificate.

### Prayers for our Campers!

Our grades 4-8 youth head to Camp Wapo the week of Aug.15-20. Prayers for a fun and spirit-led week of camp!

# **On Facebook?**

Looking to connect with others in Trinity CYF programming? Join our Children,

Youth and Families group. Search: Trinity Stillwater CYF https://www.facebook.com/ groups/776989392499282/



Many thanks to all who helped and participated in Vacation Bible School 2021: *We're All on God's Team*! We had a blast training our heads and hearts to be athletes on God's team. We learned that God cares for every team member and gives us strength, that being a good team member includes loving everyone, that God's team isn't concerned with winning or losing but loving and serving, and that God's team works together to help others. God is great; all the time!















## SAVE THE DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION THIS FALL!

Look for registration to open soon. Interested in volunteering? Contact Sarah Olson at solson@trinitylc.org or Monty Lysne at mlysne@trinitylc.org.

- Sunday, Sept. 12 Parent Orientation for families participating in 2021-22 Faith Formation. Time TBD.
- Wednesday, Sept. 22 Sunday Faith Formation and Confirmation Leader Meeting. Time TBD.
- Program start dates Sunday, Sept. 26 for Birth-5th grade Faith Formation and Wednesday, Sept. 29 for Confirmation.







Thank you to everyone who joined us for birthday cake and ice cream at Trinity on July 19! What a joy to see all the faces we've missed so much over the last year and half and to celebrate Trinity. God's story still unfolding! Special thanks to our event planners Alyce and David Brekke and Mabel's Ice Cream in Bayport. The celebration continues at TrinityFEST on Sunday, Sept. 19. Read more at: https://trinityIc.org/ welcome/who-we-are/history/.





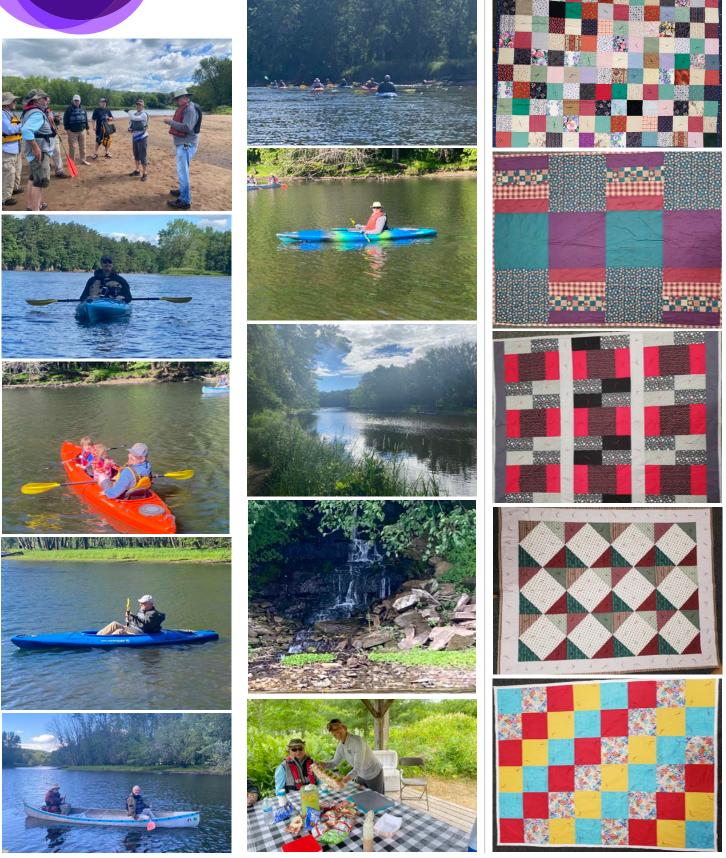




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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONNECTIONS

PHOTOS BELOW: In late June the Retired Men's Group (along with Pastor Peter and the Weston Miller girls) enjoyed a scenic paddle on the St. Croix River, ending at Arcola Mills for lunch. More about the group at: https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/ retired-mens-group-rmg/. PHOTOS BELOW: Trinity quilters recently delivered 22 comforters to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse. This ministry is one of Trinity's care groups, read more at: https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/care/quilting-ministry/.



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#### GLOW/AWE EVENT: Saints Baseball Game Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 7:05 p.m. \$10 (includes general admission ticket, fees and parking)

Gather for an entertaining night of minor league baseball in St. Paul. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m.; depart at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Aug. 4 to Jill Longnecker at jnjlongy@ msn.com. When you RSVP, please indicate if you are willing to drive, if so, how many passengers you can take; or if you need a ride. OPTIONAL: Bring packaged toilet paper for donation to Second Harvest Heartland. Read more at: https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/ connections/glow-awe/.

PHOTOS AT RIGHT: On July 20, GLOW/ AWE gals headed out for a Stairs & Steeples walk. Jill Longnecker led the walk at the end of a very warm day while others were content to stay cool and catch-up with each other at the park. Pioneer Park was perfect for ending the day with a picnic supper and goodies shared by all.





# SOLO 555 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.



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 Aug.19 – Oct. 7 | \$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!

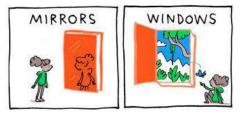
Register and pay online at https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/care/yoga/ Questions? Contact Sue Peterson at toddlinsue2@aol.com.

#### Community Foot Care Clinic Cost: \$25 Monday, Sept. 13 9 am to 4 pm at Trinity

Certified Foot Care Registered Nurses will provide the following services: assessments to help you understand your risk factors and identify foot problems; educating you on taking care of your feet properly; nail cutting and thick nail care; corn and callous care; ingrown toenail care and identification of the need for specialized foot treatment with referral to resources. Sign up online for a one-hour time slot at: https://www. healthpartners.com/about/classesevents/ (search for "foot" to bring up the event).



# Reading in All Circumstances: **Mirrors and Windows**

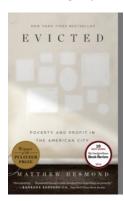


#### By Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

"Mirror books allow readers to see characters and communities that reflect their own lives. Window books allow readers to better understand the lives of people with experiences different than their own. A single book can serve as a mirror for one, and a window for another!" (D. Lacy Asbill, Reading with Relevance)

"Mirrors and Windows," what a tremendous metaphor for books in the Trinity Library! The following books may be a mirror for you, a window, or both!

**Homelessness and HSAT:** Trinity has developed HSAT (Homeless Strategy and Advocacy Team), responding to the ELCA social statement message: "The message calls Christians to walk with the homeless in their struggles and provides guidance as together we pursue just, appropriate and sustainable solutions that uphold human dignity."



Read these books to have a "window" into homelessness.

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City (339.4 DESM) The author, Desmond, studies home evictions in Milwaukee and how evictions set people up for failure. Recommendations for changes in policies are provided. *Evicted* is the winner of numerous awards as the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Critics Circle Award, and Best Books of the Year by Barack Obama.

Homes with Heart: Turning Living Spaces Into Loving Spaces (261 FROS) Pastor Ruth Frost has written an inspirational and spiritual guide for people to create their home in the world. In this memoir



she recognizes the power of love in community through experience with hospice, homeless, transitional families, trauma survivors and refugees. She identifies three areas: living space, families of choice, and supportive communities. Frost comments, "I have come to believe that ultimately, finding home means taking a spiritual journey in good company. We are all one. Together the way home is love."



Welcome Homeless: One Man's Journey of Discovering the Meaning of Home (305 GRAH) "Graham believes the more we can give people dignity, the power of choice, and genuine community, the better we'll be able to

offer solutions that will have impact on the world at large. And while his missionary work is focused on giving a home to the physically homeless, he also wants to transform the lives of every living person by shifting the paradigm in understanding what it means to be "home." In *Welcome* 

Homeless, Graham delves deep into what it means to be connected to God, the earth, and each other." (Thomas Nelson Publishers)

*Towers Falling* (JUV R) Professor Mary Ann



Cappiello, School Library Journal and The Classroom Bookshelf, has written teaching ideas for author Jewell Parker Rhodes' novel about events of 9/11. "Home" has different meanings to different characters after the towers collapse, including life in a homeless shelter. Cappiello asks readers to consider: "What is home? Is where they live home? Is home somewhere else? In what ways do their physical homes shape their lives? In what ways is it the people within their homes that do so? What does it mean to be without a home?" (Cappiello) These are good thoughts to ponder as Trinity congregation desires to "walk with the homeless."

**The Racial Justice Ministry Team** also provides "mirrors and windows" to us as a faith community. The Trinity Library has many educational resources to help us be better neighbors. A new book to the collection

is This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons On How To Wake up, Take Action And Do the Work (305.8 JEWE) Jewell authored this book to give young people (middle school plus) an understanding of racism and



action. "Who are you? What is racism? Where does it come from? Why does it exist? What can you do to disrupt it? Learn about social identities, the history of racism and resistance against it, and how you can use your anti-racist lens and voice to move the world toward equity and liberation." (Frances Lincoln's Children's Books)

**Trinity Community and "Home":** Because God first loved us, we strive to live as Jesus in the world, loving God and loving our neighbors. We gather for worship, learning, and faith exploration and we go out in service, friendship and community.

Library Volunteers: Andrea Eckman, Cynthia Fransen, Doreen Johnson, Barb Martin, Norma Wilson

### WORSHIP ON TV

Watch Sunday 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.

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### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

• To family and friends of Linda Mills-Krebsbach

CORE VALUES Exceptional Worship Radical Hospitality Authentic Community Lifelong Faith Formation Compassionate Action



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

## **CALENDAR**

Please see the calendar on our web site for events, meetings and other happenings at Trinity. The calendar includes in-person and online events. View the calendar at: https://trinitylc.org/ calendar/

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## Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10 am TrinityFEST at Drive-in Worship

Sermon by Bishop Patricia Lull • Special Music
Food • Living History • Art • Ministry Fair
Story Cookbook available (with Lutefisk & Meatball recipes!)
View the model tiny home Lil Peach
and more!