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



Pledge drive kicks off Sunday, Oct. 3.
Please see Page 4.

PHOTO: Tiny home Lil Peach on display at TrinityFEST. More photos on Pages 8-9. Information about the tiny home build on Page 11.

*"The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
– Mark 12:31*



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

May I Have this Dance?

I begin this month with a word of deep and abiding gratitude for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church and for your commitment and endurance during the ongoing grief and frustration of these long months of pandemic.

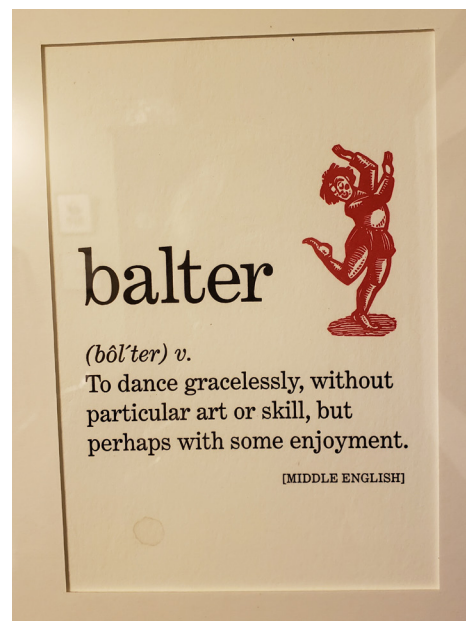
Last Monday night your Council President, Mel Sullivan had the whole council stand up at our meeting and dance. We danced in joy and celebration. We danced a dance of gratitude for YOU. For ending another fiscal year in sound financial health due to your ongoing generosity and stewardship of your gifts in gratitude to God who provides all we have. Your giving outstripped the previous year. Your giving keeps us moving ahead and able to respond to God's call to worship, form faith, serve, celebrate, and partner.

It was silly and it was fun. (I'm glad no one pulled out a camera!) And it was the proper response to the evidence that God is present and working in this body of hopeful believers. The book of 2 Samuel tells us that in response to God blessing the household of Obed-Edom for sheltering the ark of the covenant, King David danced before the LORD with all his might! If a mighty warrior king can dance, certainly the council of a Lutheran church can dance. And should!

As we move into this "season" of stewardship, when we make our pledge of treasure and ponder a renewed commitment of time and talent, I invite you to think of it as joining the dance. Stewardship is not a plodding journey or the drudgery of handing over hard-earned money in exchange for something we want or need. Stewardship is a celebration of abundance, gratitude and joy.

Some months ago when we were deep in pandemic isolation and only a handful of us were in the sanctuary recording a service, things got a little silly and perhaps some dancing broke out. We won't name names. Shortly thereafter, a card showed up in my mail from our Worship Director, Carol Carver. You can see the front of the card at right.

To make a financial commitment is like dancing at a council meeting or even, gasp, in church! It doesn't take particular skill, but it does take a bit of courage. And it takes trust. Courage to risk, to open our hands and release the gifts God has given us for the sake of something larger than ourselves. And trust that others—called, hired, elected and recruited others—will use those resources faithfully and well. And trust that in our generosity we won't suffer undue hardship.



As you receive your stewardship mailings and hear from Trinity members each week of October in worship, give a little toe-tap, raise an arm above your shoulders, wiggle your hips a bit—let gratitude and joy move your body, balter a little. No one is watching, everyone is watching! Dance and generosity have the power to open hearts, uplift spirits and catch on!

God welcomes it all: the silly and the serious, the generous and the fearful, the ballerina and the balterer. Let your generosity be a dance before the Lord.

Thank you, Trinity.

Dance on!

Pastor Chris

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



Breathing Through Another Unusual Fall

I love the way the air changes and smells this time of year in Minnesota. A little cooler with just a touch of apple and falling leaves and pumpkin spice. So much shifts all around us. The steady beat of God's creation slowly breathes into a new season. It's certainly good sleeping weather, as Minnesotans like to say.

After a year of almost everything being postponed or canceled, it also seems that much of the regular hectic kickoff of so many things starting in-person is back. School. Sports. Choir. Church. Music.

Schedules are pouring out. Even as some things continue to ebb and close with the Delta variant among the unvaccinated, it seems that the pace of life as it was before, which often felt like too much, will rise again. Both for your family and mine.

It's a lot. I often wonder how we managed to fit it all in. It can feel like there isn't much time to even breathe between all the things.

I've been thinking a lot about breath these days and how our breathing focuses our attention. We hear in Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"

God animates the world through breath, in Hebrew the word is: ruach (pronounced roo-akh). The Spirit of God breathes into all life. Into us.

I'm trying to breathe a little slower through this season. Gleaning what I can from the last 18 months and listening to God's movement in the air. I know I'm still not going to be breathing perfectly. It's okay to be a recalcitrant mystic. Some days are going to overwhelm and confound even the best of us. The pace likes to bulldoze.

But there is grace in the air too. I'm breathing in that also. I hope you are too.

In God's animating breath,

Pastor Peter

Stewardship as Participation in God's Love Poured Out

By Claudia Swendseid, Stewardship Team

One of the most familiar of Jesus' teachings is "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). How you love anything is how you love everything. Jesus commands us to "Love our neighbors as we love ourselves," and he connects the two great commandments of love of God and love of neighbor, saying they are "like" one another (Matthew 22:39).

When I reflect on Christian stewardship in the context of Jesus' commandment to love, I see it as first and foremost about participating in the goodness and continual unfolding of God's creation. Or, put another way, participating in God's love pouring out on God's creation.

Our nature is already endowed with God's grace, and so our stewardship work is to be attentive to that which is within and that which is without—mind and heart—so we may contribute to building up the world in love. Participating in God's love poured out.

Every action can be sacred action if it's rooted in God's love, the Source of Love. And in this way, it seems to me, we participate in the body of Christ. God uses us, God chooses us, God leads us. Like the prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi that begins, "Make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love..."

There's an important element of choice here. Participation in God's creation is a given, after all I am alive in it.

But how I participate is a choice. God created us in God's image as God's stewards—that is, our lives are created to have meaning and purpose. To me that means, we can either help build this world up in love—an instrument of God's love pouring out—or we can help tear it apart.

As a member of the body of Christ through Trinity I have many opportunities to participate in ministries that share God's love and Good News. I can do this with my time. I can do this with my particular gifts. I can do this with my prayers, worship and praise. I can do this with my financial resources. And importantly, I do all of this in community, in the participative phenomenon that St. Paul calls the body of Christ, through the collective ministries offered by Trinity for the sake of God's love poured out on the world.

Once a year in the fall, Trinity invites all of its friends and members, to participate in its ministries by making a financial pledge of support for the coming year—2022. This is one way, a crucial way, in which I choose as God's steward to help build this world up in love. What's important is not how much I and my family pledge and give; what's important is that I and my family do pledge and give. What's important is that we participate. We choose to be an instrument of God's love poured out.

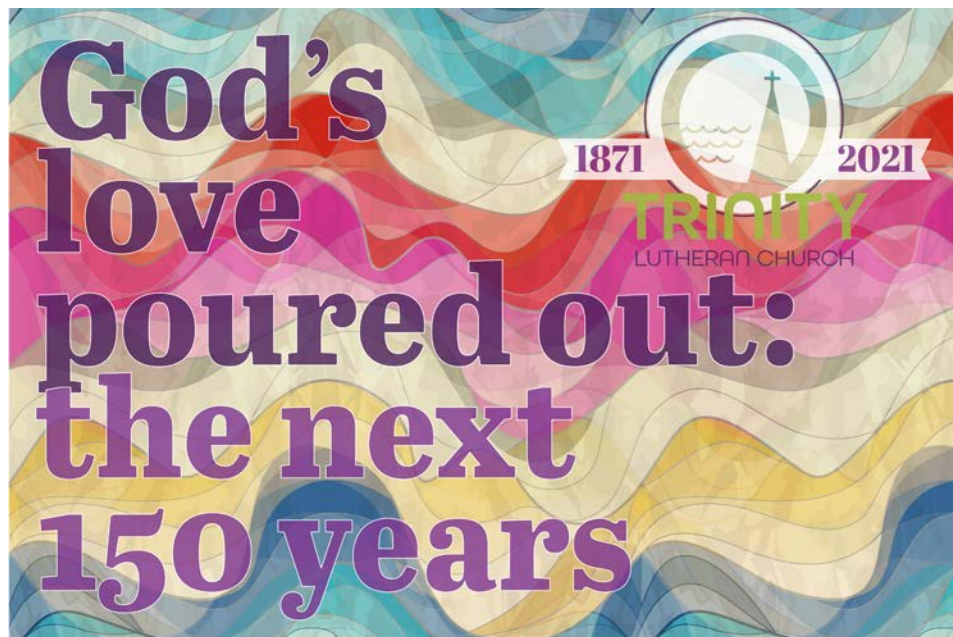
And here's a fun spin this year for your annual "pledge" or "giving plan." We're celebrating Trinity's 150th anniversary, 150 years of ministry.

150 years of participating in God's unfolding story for our life together. 150 years of God's love poured out. So make a commitment as a family, in addition to your regular pledge, to give 150 somethings—150 dollars to a favorite ministry, 150 hours of service, 150 prayers, 150 notes of gratitude, 150 books to the library—whatever inspires you!

We are made out of the faith, hope, and love of God—to increase faith, hope, and love in this world. In a sense, the Christian life, the stewardship life, is a matter of living into the person God created us to be, an instrument of God's love in this world. But we have to say yes to this; we have to choose to participate. To claim our stewardship lives of meaning and purpose. To help build this world up in love. Love that allows each of us to love ourself, others, and God at the same time! God's love poured out.

Trinity's annual Giving Appeal kicks off on Sunday, Oct. 3 and concludes on Sunday, Oct. 31. Please review materials about the Giving Appeal sent to you in the mail or available online at <https://trinitylc.org/giving/>. Here you may make your pledge online or return your pledge card to the church office no later than Monday, Nov. 1, 2021. Thank you for your generosity and your participation in Trinity's ministries.

<https://trinitylc.org/giving/>



PRELIMINARY

Trinity Financial Update

August Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2021

	This Year	Last Year	'21 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	1,324,770	1,297,789	1,326,000	100%
Other Income	250,860	280,945	422,761	59%
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,575,631</u>	<u>\$ 1,578,734</u>	<u>\$ 1,748,761</u>	
less: Expenses	1,574,686	1,575,982	1,747,358	90%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ 945</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,752</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)	(94,061)	(63,523) *
Long-Term Debt - End of August	<u><u>\$ 3,252,567</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,346,629</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance - August 31	\$ -	\$ -

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

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.
– Jeremiah 29:11

Financial Note:

Trinity finished its fiscal year ending Aug. 31 with a surplus of slightly less than \$1,000. Although we approved a budget with a \$1,400 surplus we are pleased to end the fiscal year with a surplus close to budget. Thank you so much for your generosity. All financial gifts to Trinity are used to share the Gospel and to support life-affirming ministries. We are grateful for your partnership in our collective ministry.
– Your Stewardship Team



Trunk or Treat! Sunday, Oct. 31 at 10 am Trinity's Small Parking Lot

We invite you to decorate your trunk and bring candy to share on Sunday, Oct. 31. Participating vehicles park in the designated lot and families "trunk or treat" from vehicle to vehicle. Kids and adults of every age are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes for this fun, cross-generational event.



Faith Milestones

Bible 101 Milestone—
Sundays, Oct. 3 & 10
at 10 am (in between
worship services)
Living Room
(lower level by library)

In this milestone, children are given a new Spark NRSV Bible and, with the help of their parents, are taught how to navigate the Old and New Testaments. This milestone helps grow an appreciation of the Bible as we learn how it evolved over many years, beginning with oral tradition. And faith continues to be shaped and formed as we imagine ourselves in these timeless stories of God's love and faithfulness. Complete this Milestone by attending the in-person, two-part, Milestone Event on Sundays, Oct. 3 & 10; or, if participating remotely, pick up a kit from Trinity this fall to complete at home and schedule a family follow-up Zoom call with Sarah Olson (after she returns from maternity leave, but prior to the end of May 2022). This Milestone is geared for Grade 4.

Read more and register at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/children/>

ONE & DONE BOOK GROUP

Monday, Oct. 25

at 6:30 pm

location to be determined

The One and Done book group is undergoing a transformation—new name, new mission and new vision (stay tuned!).

I was moved by Bishop Lull's recent message of *God's vision for the future and for each day*. The italicized words are hers.

Jesus has commanded us to love our neighbors. *What did he mean? Are we afraid to ask? Bishop Lull invited us to gather our efforts around those who are little and least and most vulnerable. God is present when we pay attention to those with no voice.*

In this new book group, we will *give our time and attention* to stories we have not heard at all and to stories we have not heard with *open hearts*.

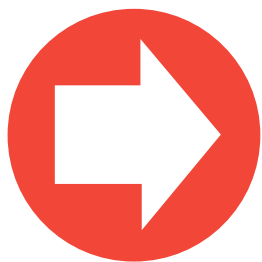
And then what? Bishop Lull told us to *step out of our own well-ordered lives and get ready because God has equipped us to walk with the most vulnerable. For Christ's sake.*

All are welcome, Monday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m, location to be determined, as we discuss the stories that the vulnerable and the voiceless have been trying to tell us for such a long time.

Watch the announcements and bulletins for the title of the first book. Contact me at wolff701@msn.com or 651-260-3855 with questions and input. I have a shelf full of books from the Trinity Library with stories waiting to be read. I'd be happy to send you a list and deliver books to you.
—Ann Wolff



Blessing of the Backpacks—This last year taught us how many folks it takes to learn and grow safely together in community. It takes a village and it takes the whole Body of Christ. As we kicked off our learning year on Sunday, Sept. 26 at Trinity—we had a time of blessing for students, thanks and celebration of our educators and aides, bus drivers and board members, librarians and school counselors, cooks and custodians, all those who make it happen. Backpacks were tagged with God's love for a fruitful year. If you missed it, tags and buttons available at Trinity or Sundays at in-person worship.



HYBRID ADULT FAITH FORUM

**Sundays at 10 am (between services)
Garden Room (in-person) and on Zoom (online)**

Join on Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82206139084>

Imagine you've just spent the past year or so following this inspirational man who talks about loving God and loving neighbor as self, that all are beloved children of God—Jew or Gentile, it does not matter. One who heals the sick, fights for the forgotten and lowly, and shakes up the establishment. Who could not love the message, the hopefulness! Plus, you are not alone. There are many others who are following the one called Jesus. But then he's killed! It looked like the end, but wait. He's been resurrected from the dead! Yes, Jesus the Lord is alive, and it changes everything. And now his physical presence is gone but Jesus has promised to be here, active in our lives through The Spirit. Just imagine what this means!

Two thousand years later we are still working on what it means to be church, what is the message we want to share about Jesus and his teachings, and what is our purpose as a faith community. This October Adult Faith Forum will take a look at the book of Acts, not just as the history of the first Christians but as the story of how Jesus is active through the Holy Spirit as this new community of believers sorts out who Jesus is and his message, what it means to be church and how to spread his message and mission to care for our "neighbors" as Jesus' witnesses.

Join us in Adult Faith Forum for the video study—*Acts: Catching up with the Spirit* by the Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Skinner. For those that want to go even deeper you can purchase the book as well but it is not necessary for these Sunday morning gatherings. We will be meeting at 10 a.m. on Sundays in the Garden Room and also available on Zoom at the same time. Join in for one or all the sessions. Questions? Contact Pastor Peter at pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org or Penny Catlin at pccatlin@juno.com.

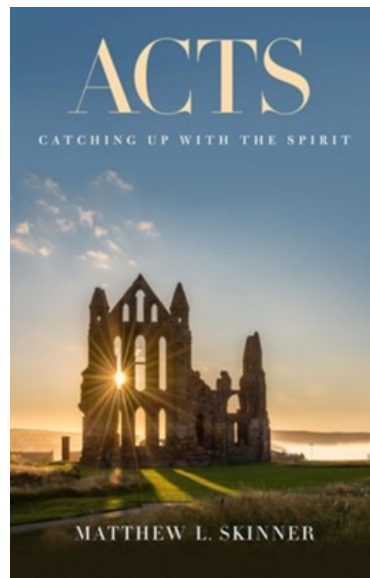
Oct. 3 – What God has Done and What God Does

Oct. 10 – Discernment and Change

Oct. 17 – Opposition

Oct. 24 – Saints Around the Edges and This Changes Everything

Oct. 31 – Q & A with the Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Skinner, Author of our study book *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*



6th Annual
Trinity **FEST** *Celebration*

God's story still unfolding—celebrating 150 years! Our big birthday celebration continued at TrinityFEST at the drive-in on Sunday, Sept. 19. Thank you to all who helped make it happen and those who participated in the festivities. We enjoyed worship with an inspiring sermon by Bishop Patricia Lull and music by the worship band. Afterward there was food, ministry fair, Story Cookbook and ministry guide giveaways, goats for petting, bounce house, dunk tank, tours of the model tiny home Lil Peach and more!



Worship details at
www.trinitylc.org

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.

Oct. 3	Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 10	Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 17	Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 24	Mark 10:46-52
Oct. 31	Mark 12:28-34

WORSHIP & MUSIC



8:45 am
In-person
at Trinity



11 am
Outdoors
at Drive-in



SUNDAY WORSHIP (for all types)



8:45 am
Livestream
& Online



11 am
On TV ch 18
(week-delay)





Coming soon to the Trinity Library!

By Andrea Eckman, Library Volunteer

As we head into a new school year and a new year of Children and Family Faith Formation, the Trinity Library is stocking up on books for kids and families. These new books include parenting topics, a family prayer book, some Bible trivia, and engaging children's books to help your family grow emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Please stop in to see these new books arriving on our shelves!

Little Steps, Big Faith: How the Science of Early Childhood Development Can Help You Grow Your Child's Faith

Dawn Rundman (Author)



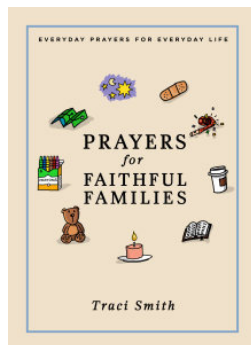
From brain science to language development and social skills, we've never known more about how children's minds develop in the first five years of life. Yet with all the information available, Christian

parents may find themselves confused about how to apply these learnings to daily life with their children. In *Little Steps, Big Faith*, early childhood expert Dr. Dawn Rundman navigates the research to arrive at surprising insights about how very young children experience God, and how parents can use science to teach faith. (Provided by publisher)

Prayers for Faithful Families: Everyday Prayers for Everyday Life

Traci Smith (Author)

Prayers for Faithful Families equips busy parents with simple prayers, written in ordinary language, for a wide variety of occasions. From everyday moments like mealtime and bedtime to milestones such as the first day of school, the death of a pet, or welcoming a new baby, this unique



prayer book is an invaluable resource for creating meaningful faith connections at home throughout the highs and lows of family life. Straightforward and flexible, *Prayers for*

Faithful Families helps parents turn ordinary and extraordinary moments into opportunities to teach children that God is with them through all of life's joys and challenges. Tips for praying in creative ways and for creating sacred space at home are included. (Provided by publisher)

The Totally True Book of Strange and Surprising Bible Lists

Carla Barnhill (Author)

Marc Olson (Author)

Kelsey Heaton (Illustrator)

That's in the Bible?! From talking donkeys to women turning into salt, the Bible is filled with weird and wacky stuff. This big book of lists highlights the strange details and pairs them with cool and quirky illustrations. Flip through a few at a time or sit down and read the whole book: inside, you'll find collections of lesser-known stories, sayings, creatures, and more. (You may even stumble across something you've never heard of!) The *Totally True Book of Strange and Surprising Bible Lists* invites kids to get curious about the Bible and engage with it in a whole new way. (Provided by publisher)



Bear's Bicycle

Laura Renauld (Author)

Jennie Poh (Illustrator)

Bear, Porcupine, Doe, and Squirrel all eagerly prepare for the festival on wheels. But even after studying every book on bikes he can find, Bear still



struggles to get the hang of riding. While he is on his way to the library for a new book, his friends teach Bear

that everyone learns in different ways, and by practicing together, they will all master riding their bikes. In this follow-up book to *Porcupine's Pie*, the woodland friends inspire each other in a tale of practice, perseverance, and friendship. A final spread features tips from one of Bear's books: bike safety, caring for your bike, and fun ways to decorate it! (Provided by publisher)

The Girl with Big, Big Questions

Britney Winn Lee (Author)

Jacob Souva (Illustrator)

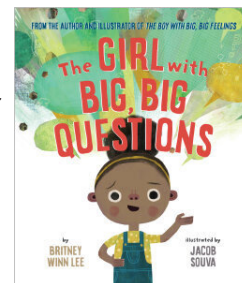
"Why can't people live on the moon?"

"Can I be president when I grow up?"

"What makes a

person good?" These are just some of the questions that bubble forth from one little girl with twinkling eyes and a curious mind. When the girl finds that her big questions make some people uncomfortable, she stops. But then she learns that her questions can solve problems and that asking questions is how we learn and grow.

Celebrate the spirit of curiosity and the joy of learning with this lively picture book about a persistent girl and her quest for knowledge. (Provided by publisher)



Volunteer to build the St. Croix Valley Tiny Home

Construction has started and goes through early December

- ✓ Construction days are Wednesdays – Saturdays.
- ✓ Each day has two shifts (8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 5:00, full days encouraged).
- ✓ 4-5 volunteers per shift: half skilled workers, others “handy”
- ✓ Must be eighteen years or older

To volunteer, fill out Settled’s volunteer form at this link (or QR code below):

<https://settled.org/connect/volunteer-interest/>

State that you want to work on the HSAT (St. Croix Valley) Tiny Home.

Once the form is submitted, the volunteer will receive an email that confirms their interest form was received.

The volunteer coordinator will assess volunteers’ skill levels (skilled, handy, or unskilled) to develop work teams with a healthy ratio of skill levels.

Upon completion of the skill assessment, Joy, Settled’s Volunteer coordinator, will send a personal email, containing the available volunteer ‘signup schedule’ for the build, to each volunteer.

Questions? contact Joy, Settled’s Volunteer Coordinator at joy@settled.org

Worksite location: Woodland Hills Church
1740 Van Dyke Street
Maplewood, MN





Stepping On

Stepping On Workshop

Cost: \$10

Thursdays, 1-3 pm at Trinity
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Nov. 4, 11, 18

Don't let a fall cramp your style! Stepping On is a falls prevention worship that meets for two hours a week for seven consecutive weeks. Trained leaders coach you to recognize your risk of falling and help you build the balance, strength and practical skills you need to avoid a fall. Research shows Stepping On reduces fall by 30 percent. Register at: www.yourjuniper.org (search by ZIP code) or email Emily at Emily.E.Hulke@lakeview.org.



Join NAMI During National Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 3-9

National Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) is October 3-9, 2021. Join NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) all during this week to learn about mental illnesses, treatment options, self-care, and mental health around the world. Free online classes and forums will feature clinical professionals, researchers, faith leaders, mental health advocates, and people with lived experience with mental illness. MIAW topics will include National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Healing and Understanding, Depression Screening Day, World Mental Health Day and more. To register for any of these events, or to find out about NAMI's free support groups, go to namimn.org or call 651-645-2948.



Flu Shot Clinic Sunday, Oct. 3

9:30 am – 1 pm at the Drive-in

Trinity is partnering with Cub Pharmacy to provide a Flu Shot Clinic Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Drive-in. Cub will have regular flu shots for anyone 6 years and older. They will have HD flu shots for those age 65 and above. Forms will be available the day of the flu shot clinic. Please have your insurance cards available.



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 Oct. 14 – Dec. 9 | \$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.



AVAILABLE NOW!

If you missed these giveaways at TrinityFEST, pick up your copy of the Taste of Trinity Story Cookbook at in-person Sunday worship. You will find stories and recipes from the Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner, women's ministries, funeral ministry, Make a Meal ministry and so much more!

Also grab your copy of the 2021-2022 Ministry Guide which summarizes the tremendous number of opportunities to serve, learn and grow together as the Body of Christ at Trinity. Or download it at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/>

NEW MEMBER SERIES!

New Member Series—classes open to all!

First 3 Sundays in October

12:30 pm on Zoom

Have you been considering joining Trinity and/or want to find a new way to connect and learn more about yourself, our church and the ELCA? Great news! We have a robust lineup of opportunities for you, 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 us in God’s work in the world. These classes are geared toward new members/visitors, but all are welcome.

Naming, Claiming & Aiming Your God-given Talents & Strengths!
Sunday, Oct. 3, 12:30 pm 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!

Living Your Strengths book with codes to take the online strengths assessment are available in the church office for \$20. (Please call the church office at 651-439-7400 as our building remains closed except by appointment.) Please get the book and take the assessment before this Oct. 3 class.

Telling your (Unvarnished) God Story
Sunday, Oct. 10, 12:30 pm on Zoom

Our God stories aren’t just fluffy clouds and kittens. They aren’t all happy endings where everything happens for a reason. Instead, our true God stories are messy, raw, and often unvarnished. They might even include some swear words. But that doesn’t mean they aren’t filled with holy, beautiful, resilient truth and the peace of Christ. In this class, we will explore our God-stories together with some prompts, examples from Scripture, and the courage of the Spirit. Led by Pastor Peter and Zanny Johnson.

Lutheranism 101 and Intro to Trinity
Sunday, Oct. 17, 12:30 pm on Zoom

Join us as we learn about what it is to be a Lutheran and means to be a part of our denomination (ELCA) and get a feel for what life at Trinity is like—our particular culture and story. Led by Pastor Chris.

Email Zanny Johnson, New Member Coordinator at zjohnson@trinitylc.org to register for the class(es) and get the Zoom link.

New Member Recognition
Sunday, Nov. 14 at both worship services

We will be receiving new members in worship this day—mark your calendars for either the 8:45 am or the 11 am service! More details to follow.

save the dates!

FOR WOMEN’S RETREATS

Women of Trinity, we will be enjoying time together again this coming year, both retreats cover the same material. Choose one of the following—

Saturday, Nov. 13 at Bethel, Highlands campus in Hudson (Time TBD)

OR

The weekend of Feb. 4-6, 2022 at Assisi Heights Spirituality Center in Rochester, MN

Stay tuned for more details!

men’s bible study

GOING ON NOW!

Thursdays at 8 a.m.
Kowalski’s Market, Stillwater location

Pastor Steve Hokonson is leading a men’s bible study, Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Kowalski’s Market, Stillwater location. Invite your friends and neighbors, as participants are from Trinity and other area churches. Questions? Contact John Hodler at johnhodler@gmail.com.

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.

GLOW
god loving
outdoor
women

AWE

awesome women's events

GLOW/AWE EVENT:

Hike the Oak Park Crossing Trail

Thursday, Oct. 7, meet at 5 pm

Join us for a fall hike! Meet at 5 p.m. in the parking lot on the east side of Phil's Club Tara. Tentative plan to have supper together at a local restaurant after hiking. RSVP to Sandy Wendt by Oct. 5 at 651-470-1902 or sjwendt46@gmail.com. Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/glow-awe/>.



GROUP spiritual
direction

Spiritual Direction Groups forming for fall!

By Zanny Johnson, Connections Coordinator

Jesus said, "do not be afraid"—and so say I! Spiritual direction is a non-threatening, totally confidential, loving means to a deeper connection with God and others. If you are wondering what group spiritual direction is and want to know more, please contact me! We will meet virtually, for an hour every other week, for a total of six sessions. To learn more or sign up, contact Zanny Johnson at zjohnson@trinitylc.org.

BAPTISMS

- Wyatt Charles and Willow Marie Wolfe, children of Robert and Sheena Wolfe

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of June Brochman
- To family and friends of Gene Hawkinson

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 22

In-person _____ 45
Live online viewers _____ 59
Online views in one week _____ 96
Drive-in _____ 167

August 29

In-person _____ 40
Live online viewers _____ 66
Online views in one week _____ 106
Drive-in _____ 161

September 5

In-person _____ 37
Live online viewers _____ 56
Online views in one week _____ 90
Drive-in _____ 149

September 12

In-person _____ 24
Live online viewers _____ 53
Online views in one week _____ 114
Drive-in _____ 247

September 19 TrinityFEST

In-person _____ NA
Live online viewers (recording) _____ 19
Online views in one week _____ 61
Drive-in _____ 380

NOTE: Online views in one week are one-minute or longer views

WORSHIP ON TV

Watch Sunday Worship on local channel 18 through Valley Access
Sunday 11 a.m. (week delay)
Wednesday Noon & 6 p.m.
Thursday Midnight & 6 a.m.
Saturday 11 p.m.

CORE VALUES

Exceptional Worship
Radical Hospitality
Authentic Community
Lifelong Faith Formation
Compassionate Action

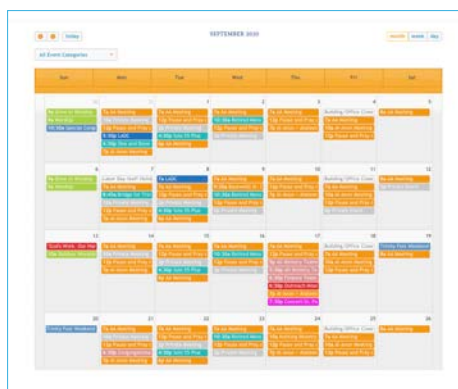


Because God
first loved us,
we live as Jesus in the world,
loving God and
loving neighbor.

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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FAITH FORMATION FOR PRE-K TO GRADE 9

REGISTER NOW! | **Faith Formation for Pre-K to Grade 9**

Thank you for your patience. Registration is now up on our new integrated one-stop-shop database ShelbyNext.

Faith Formation for ages 4 to Grade 5 includes Step Out Sunday learning, Milestone Ministry and monthly Family Faith Events.

Faith Formation for grades 6 to 9 includes Confirmation.

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Faith Milestones

