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# trinity TODAY

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



## **Trinity Continues Collecting Hygiene Kit and Comfort Items**

We are continuing to collect personal items for hygiene kits and cold weather comfort items to be distributed to those experiencing homelessness in Washington County. Please grab the list of items needed that is available by the big green collection bin near the elevator by the 4th Street doors. Thank you for your support! Questions? Contact Roger Funk at [rlfunk67@me.com](mailto:rlfunk67@me.com).

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– Luke 6:37-38 (MSG)



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

## Community of Practice

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Ever feel like a bible verse was written with you in mind? Like you want to look over your shoulder as it’s read out loud to see if everyone is staring at you, to see if you are paying attention?!

Eugene Peterson’s “The Message” bible casts familiar readings in contemporary language. It’s not a great translation for academic study but it’s fantastic for devotions and a fresh take on Scripture. In this reading from Luke, in NRSV translation, Jesus says “Do not condemn.” Since it’s not our goal to send someone to “the pit,” it’s relatively easy to obey this exhortation and skip ahead to a parable or something more interesting.

But Pastor Peterson’s rendering makes it harder to skip over. It pulses with, well, conviction. Pastor Peterson names human inclination with painful accuracy. Think about it. After months of noticing who masks, who refuses a vaccine, who flies which political flag – we have made criticism a national sport and developed a finely honed capacity to judge a person’s worth on the presence or absence of a 5 x 6-inch patch of cloth.

We are certainly weary of pandemic, but aren’t we *just as weary* of the interpersonal policing that has accompanied it? Criticism and nitpicking others “rebounds” after all and that negative energy has polluted our spirits and interactions.

So, what do we do?

We learned a hard lesson last year – there are no promises about the trajectory of our pandemic life, no assurance that this is the year we put it all behind us. So we can ask ourselves, if this turns out to be another year of aggravation and impatience, can we learn to approach it in a new way?

Right after the first of the year, the staff was each asked: Setting aside pandemic resolution, where will you seek hope this year? The answers ranged from connection with others, to our staff team, to the God we find in the incarnation. And more. Naming these sources of hope gave us a direction for our spirits and we filled our own toolboxes with each other’s ideas for hope-making in the new year. It was uplifting and empowering.

And it will take practice to re-orient ourselves toward hope.

Which is one of many reasons why we are starting to speak of Trinity Lutheran Church as a: **Community of Practice**.

We encountered this phrase when staff and council went through the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) with Karen Gieseke. The IDI is a tool used to guide our understanding and awareness of our own and others’ cultures, learn to become respectfully attuned to culture, and become anti-racist. It’s really hard work and we get it wrong. A lot. A Community of Practice is a covenant community that understands we are all learning. A Community of Practice invites us to begin courageously trying to behave and speak in a new way. And because anytime we are learners, we know that we will sometimes (often?) get it wrong. In a Community of Practice there is grace granted to make

mistakes, to give and receive forgiveness, and try again tomorrow. Because we know the *only* way to go a *new* way is to practice.

As part of becoming a Community of Practice, both staff and council are sharing our Racial Autobiographies. These are personal narratives that answer two questions: “When did you first become aware of race? When did you learn the most about race?” It is incredibly vulnerable and tender to tell truths about ourselves and how we grew up. But as a Community of Practice, our stories are received with equal vulnerability and tenderness. Because we are learning together.

As a Community of Practice that exists within the body of Christ we are learning, practicing together all kinds of things, whether it’s a re-orientation to hope, learning to be anti-racist, courageously using God language, practicing radically inclusive hospitality. We are learning to navigate the political season as people of God. We are learning to acknowledge the unique life experiences of those both within and without our community. We are learning what it means to really do what Jesus did.

Yes, we hold one another accountable for language and hurtful missteps. But we do so as fellow learners. Learners who look to hope and commit to developing the discipline to avoid the behaviors Jesus admonishes us against: fault finding, criticism, condemnation and contempt as sport.

What a gift it is to discover that after the 2,000 years, after 150 years, the season of Epiphany can continue to reveal ways to be made new by the power of God as a present reality right now. God who invites us into co-creation. That’s what a Community of Practice is. Learning to be co-creators with God.

Sharpen your pencils, friends. We have things to learn and things to practice.

Your fellow learner in Christ who strengthens us even for the hard things,

*Pastor Chris*



PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



## Remembering the Children Lenten Prayer Service & Discussion with the Rev. Joann Conroy, President of the American Indian/Alaska Native Lutheran Association



Every culture pays special attention to the children in its care. Injury and harm done to the young impacts all generations. In recent months, we have heard more news about the American Indian children who were sent away to boarding schools and died there without being returned to their families. This is a horrendous part of our nation's history, as are other atrocities against the tribal nations within the borders of what is now the United States and Canada.

In response to the request of the American Indian/Alaska Native Lutheran Association and our Bishop Patricia Lull, we join the Saint Paul Area Synod in 225 days of remembering the children who have died in Indian Boarding Schools.

We pray for the communities who suffered the loss of their children. Their relatives are now receiving their remains with grief and honor for burial in their homelands. We repent of the role of the Christian churches who supported the taking of the children to the schools and have remained ignorant of the harm and trauma caused over all this time. We commit to 225 days of remembering the children in this congregation, in worship and in learning more to restore loving relationship and work together toward God's vision of beloved community between American Indian Alaska Native relatives and non-Native relatives, who are all God's people.

*Pastor Peter*

### Lenten Wednesday Night Schedule

6 pm

Remembering the  
Children Prayer  
Service

6:30 pm

Expanded  
Conversation &  
Book Study

We are excited to welcome the Rev. Joann Conroy to lead us in evening worship and join in discussion during Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Stay tuned for more details!

See page 9 for more from Pastor Peter about the Lent Book Study *My Grandmother's Hands*.

# Generous Role Models

By Ted Olson, Stewardship Team

"Tomorrow she'll appreciate it more than I'll miss it." This is what Keith Bellefeuille, my father-in-law, said in response to my questioning look after seeing him leave a (very) generous tip for the waitress who took care of us for dinner one evening in 1986.

"My father helped start it and I want people to have enough to eat." This is what my mother will say if you ask her why she gives (very) generously every year to The Union Gospel Mission.

My dad never really said why. He just picked a handful of civic causes that mattered to him, and he picked his church, and he gave generously to them his whole life.

I tend to think there is generosity in each of us. What turns tendency into behavior, however, are role models. I am blessed with good ones.

My father-in-law's nine-word statement has been in my head for 36 years. And more than once his generous nature has been the role model that pushes me (or us) to make a spur-of-the-moment gift; as well as a significant, planned, annual gift.

My mom and I spend an hour together each January as she models the behavior of an annual giving plan. It's one of the best hours of my year. She has a statement to make about each cause, just like the one above for UGM. Her gift to the church is her most generous, and that's saying something. Her church decision is accompanied by memories of how important All Saints Lutheran has been to our family as well as her sense of amazement that God created the gift called generosity, something so deeply meaningful and important to both giver and recipient.



Keith Bellefeuille



Katie and Conway Olson

My dad modeled generosity in quiet but uncompromising ways. At a call from his pastor he'd sit for hours with dying church members he didn't even know, day after day. At a call from the Red Cross he'd drop everything and give blood or platelets because someone he would never know needed emergency surgery, and he was a universal donor. Over his lifetime he gave away barrels of blood. He was proud, and if nudged he'd tell you about it. And in the telling was the message, that is, the role that he modeled: Tonight someone needs a pint of your blood more than you do. Tomorrow someone needs the loving community of the church more than you need the money that

makes that community possible. His stories carried one part obligation and ten parts invitation: Give of yourself. Embrace God's gift of generosity. You'll know few greater joys.

As I said, I've been blessed with beautifully generous role models. I've joined the stewardship team at Trinity thinking that perhaps I can pay that forward. I hope these quick stories help you work out your own generous behaviors. Feel free to steal my role models. They'll guide you to the joy of generosity.

## Trinity Financial Update

### December Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2022

	This Year	Last Year	'22 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	411,112	464,401	1,354,800	30%
Other Income	147,490	92,723	388,586	38%
Total Income	<u>\$ 558,602</u>	<u>\$ 557,124</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,386</u>	
less: Expenses	613,172	555,798	1,742,006	35%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (54,570)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,380</u></u>	

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

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,252,567	3,346,629
Increase (Decrease)	(38,350)	(28,888)
Long-Term Debt - End of December	<u><u>\$ 3,214,218</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,317,741</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance - December	\$ 75,000	\$ 40,000

## Financial Highlights December 2021

Contribution Income for December of \$168K was \$40K less than December of 2021. Contribution Income YTD is \$53K behind last year. Program Registrations, Fees & Payments and Building Rental Income are up a combined \$21K YTD vs. last year, showing an increased level of activity in our building this fall. Total Income YTD is \$9K less than last year at this time. As discussed, we continue to see the timing of receipt of some annual Contribution gifts fluctuate every year. Overall, YTD Operating Expenses are \$21K higher than YTD December 2020. As we compare the difference in deficit this YTD v. last year, the increase in Staff wages (includes 2% increase) and benefits of \$26K v. last YTD is impactful but, necessary. For the month of December we did reduce our overall deficit position by \$20K but, we still trail last year at this time. YTD our Contribution and Total Income continues the depressed trend of the fall season, causing us to carry a balance in our Line of Credit of \$75K, up \$35K over last year at this time.

## Worship Texts

Below are the scripture texts from the Revised Common Lectionary that will be used on the date listed to prepare the message for worship.

Feb. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 5:1-11**  
 Feb. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 6:17-26**  
 Feb. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 6:27-38**  
 Feb. 27 \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)**





**Sundays at 10 am**  
(between services)  
**Garden Room** (in-person)  
**& on Zoom** (online)  
Join on Zoom at:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82206139084>

Being church is more than how one lives out their life as a follower of Jesus. It's a community affair. A community of believers and of those who may be searching. This month we will take a look at being Church in various communities, large and small, past and present, and of all ages and stages of life.

Please join us between services at 10 a.m. in the Garden Room or on Zoom. Questions? Contact Penny Catlin at [pccatlin@juno.com](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com).

Updates and information about Adult Faith Forum is posted on our web site at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>.

## Faith-Based Advanced Care Planning Series with Annette Langdon, RN, BSN, MA Sundays, Jan. 30 & Feb. 13

Biblical reflection and then some processing of final affairs (funeral, Advanced care planning, etc.). It was a way of living faithfully and being intentional about having these tough conversations.

Our guest presenter is Annette Langdon, RN, BSN, MA, who is a retired rostered leader on the Word and Service Roster of the ELCA and a current member of the Deaconess Community of the ELCA. Annette has been a leader and pioneer in Parish Nursing/ Faith Community Nursing for over 35 years, integrating faith and health. Before retirement, she served in the ministry of Advance Care Planning for M Health Fairview.



## Monthly Conversation with Your Pastors Sunday, Feb. 6

Preaching is always an invitation deeper into who we are as God's people and how that impacts everything we do with the rest of our lives. We look forward to this extended dialog, to engaging your questions and maybe adding a few more. We also hope to laugh and find hope together, loving God and loving our neighbors as Jesus in the Valley.



## Where God is Going & The Church with Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer Sunday, Feb. 20

How do we be church? What is the larger church of the ELCA up to in the mission of being church and how does our Trinity community connect and engage with the larger church community?

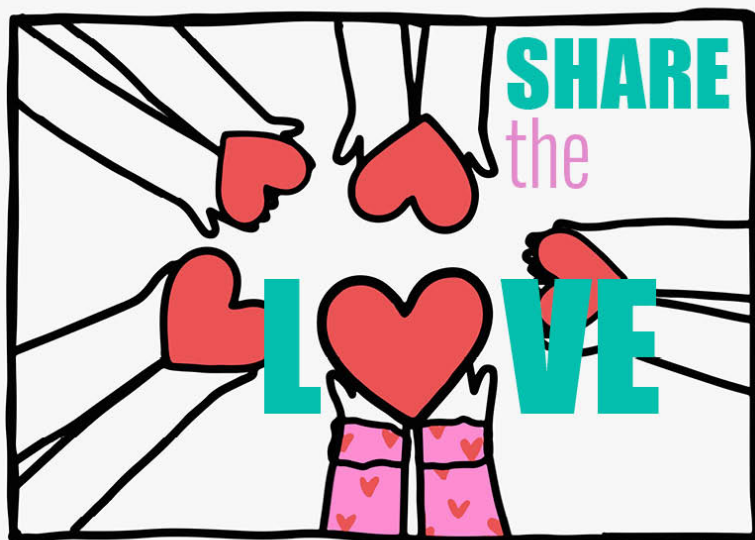
We welcome Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Assistant to the Bishop for Lay Leadership and Equity Initiatives, who specializes in the area of deepening spiritual practices by listening to God, each other and our communities. The areas of public witness (justice and service) are of particular interest to him both professionally and personally! He believes experimentation is key to finding what God is already doing and participating in that. He walks with lay leaders and clergy around the synod as they engage in God's mission.



## Luther & the Plague Sunday, Feb. 27

"Martin Luther" shares a select portion of the letter he wrote regarding recommendations for a Christian during a resurgence of the Black Death in early 1527. As we face the COVID-19 pandemic, Luther's advice for Christians is two-fold: do not be so afraid so as to abandon serving your neighbor (Christians are called to loving service in all seasons) and to not behave so foolishly so as to put others at risk (do what you can to prevent the epidemic from spreading). Join us for a conversation about how the church of before continues to inform the church of today and tomorrow, loving God and our neighbors.





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## FEBRUARY FAMILY FAITH EVENT: **Share the Love** **Sunday, Feb. 6 at 10 am in the Gym**

Beloveds, let us love one another! There is never a wrong time to share the love of God, but this month's Family Faith Event, let's go an extra step to shower care and cheer upon members of our community. Families of all ages are invited to stop by the Gym in between worship services to make cards of care for residents at Boutwells to receive in time for Valentine's Day. Please contact Sarah Olson at [solson@trinitylc.org](mailto:solson@trinitylc.org) with questions or if your family would like to participate remotely.



## CONFIRMATION EVENT OPEN TO ALL: **My Ascension Movie Viewing & Discussion** **Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 6-7:30 pm | Worship Center**

Please note 6 p.m. start time. Trinity CYF is sponsoring a movie screening and discussion event for parents, grandparents and kids. We will watch a portion of the movie and be guided in discussion by mental health experts.

*My Ascension* chronicles the suicide attempt of 16-year-old Emma Benoit, and her inspiring journey. *My Ascension* is a documentary film and movement to spread hope and fight suicide. The film also highlights the stories of two remarkable young people who tragically did not survive their attempts, and we learn first-hand from their families, friends, school officials and suicide prevention experts about the devastating effects of suicide and what can be done to prevent it.

Counselors and other professionals from our local Youth Service Bureau, NAMI and Canvas Health will be on hand to facilitate discussion and answer questions.

Questions about the event? Contact Monty Lysne at [mlysne@trinitylc.org](mailto:mlysne@trinitylc.org).

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## Faith Milestones

### First Communion Milestone – Grade 2

**Sunday, Feb. 13 at 12:15 pm**  
**Garden Room**

In Holy Communion, Jesus feeds us spiritual food to strengthen our faith. While Trinity welcomes all to the table to partake in Holy Communion at any age, this milestone helps parents and children appreciate and understand more deeply the history and mystery of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, also called The Lord's Supper. If you prefer to participate remotely, pick up a kit from Trinity to complete at home. This Milestone is geared for Grade 2.

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



# Summer Camp at WAPO

Registration now open!

<https://trinitylc.org/learning/summer/camps/>

Spots fill quickly, so don't delay! Scholarships available.

## Youth Servant Leadership Camp

**Completed Grades 9-12**

**June 19-24**

**June 26-July 1**

**July 10-15**

**July 17-22**

**July 24-29**

**July 31-August 5**

**August 7-12**

**Cost: \$545**

This program provides High School campers an opportunity to grow deeper in faith and learn leadership skills by working with younger kids. Servant Leadership Program (SLP) campers will be assigned to a youth cabin and be trained to assist Wapo counselors in leading a variety of activities. SLP campers will be mentored by their partnering Wapo counselors and the SLP program staff. SLP campers will spend most of the week with their youth cabin, nevertheless, they do get to have designated time with the other SLP campers and staff. This experience is ideal for those demonstrating maturity, commitment and joy in working with younger kids.

SLP is limited to 7 high school campers per week. An application and references are required for admission. Applications will be accepted through April 14th and priority is given to early submissions.

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## Seeds Summer Camp

**Completed Grades 1-3**

**July 15-17, 2022**

**Cost: \$225**

This action packed session for our youngest campers is the perfect introduction to camp. Knowing that this may be some kid's first camp experience or even their first time away from home, our counselors will spend every moment with these campers. They will provide a safe and caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and tons of games.

## WAPO Youth Camp

**Completed Grades 4-8**

**Aug. 14-19, 2022**

**Cost: \$545**

Campers at Camp Wapo will experience a place of grace to meet new friends, experience new activities, and make memories that will last a lifetime. The week is packed with a variety of activities that are meant to impact kids in a meaningful way, taking them higher, wider, longer and deeper into the love of God and community with each other. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games and campfire. Summer youth camp at Camp Wapo is a week youth will never forget!



# LENT BOOK STUDY: Somatic Abolitionism and Engaging Embodiment in *My Grandmother's Hands*

One of my favorite and most inspiring metaphors of incarnational Christian theology is an abiding appreciation of the Body of Christ. It's actually one of the most intriguing lines in the Apostle's Creed when we say together "I believe in the Resurrection of the Body." God dwells in both the crucified and risen body of Jesus. And our bodies too.

This Body as Paul Describes in 1 Corinthians is not simply an individual element or organ but an interconnected web of human flesh, and soul, and sinew. Everything is connected. Every part of us matters. The ones that we like and the parts that we don't. Neuroscience and physiologists are also noting that while the mind may forget, the body keeps track and keeps score.

In both call to action to heal our bodies and the Body of Christ as well as a powerful dismantling of white-body supremacy, Resmaa Menakem (a local Twin Cities author and clinical social worker) explores how our collective bones and muscles and brains are impacted by racism.

Through an incredibly thoughtful—grace-filled—shame-shedding—heart mending—settling and slowing down process, Resmaa invites American bodies to rewire our core embodied systems in response to white-body supremacy. We all have a role and a body at stake in this shared work.

Throughout the season of Lent, Trinity's Racial Justice Ministry Team is inviting you into this embodied practice. Please join us in reading *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem. Watch for upcoming discussion groups and action items.

We will have a few copies of *My Grandmother's Hands* available at Trinity or you can pick it up at Valley Bookseller at a generous 15 percent discount—please mention the Trinity study.

In God's still-unfolding and interwoven dream, the Body of Christ at Trinity and in Beloved Community is a single garment of destiny.

Our bodies truly hold God's greatest gifts and the liberation of our shared trauma. In Christ's incarnate and embodied risk,

*Pastor Peter*

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FROM THE PUBLISHER:  
A NATIONAL BESTSELLER

"*My Grandmother's Hands* will change the direction of the movement for racial justice." — Robin DiAngelo, New York Times bestselling author of *White Fragility*

In this groundbreaking book, therapist Resmaa Menakem examines the damage caused by racism in America from the perspective of trauma and body-centered psychology.

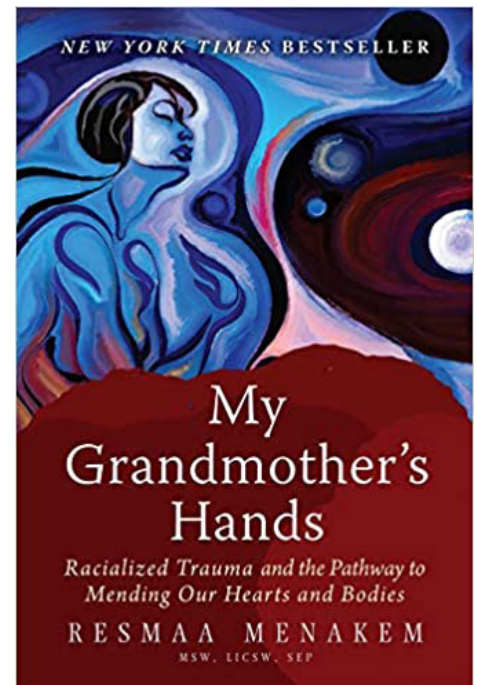
The body is where our instincts reside and where we fight, flee, or freeze, and it endures the trauma inflicted by the ills that plague society. Menakem argues this destruction will continue until Americans learn to heal the generational anguish of white supremacy, which is deeply embedded in all our bodies. Our collective agony doesn't just affect African Americans. White Americans suffer their own secondary trauma as well. So do blue Americans—our police.

*My Grandmother's Hands* is a call to action for all of us to recognize that racism is not only about the head, but about the body, and introduces an alternative view of what we can do to grow beyond our entrenched racialized divide.

Paves the way for a new, body-centered understanding of white supremacy—how it is literally in our blood and our nervous system.

Offers a step-by-step healing process based on the latest neuroscience and somatic healing methods, in addition to incisive social commentary.

Resmaa Menakem, MSW, LICSW, is a therapist with decades of experience currently in private practice in Minneapolis, MN, specializing in trauma, body-centered psychotherapy, and violence prevention. He has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and Dr. Phil as an expert on conflict and violence. Menakem has studied with bestselling authors Dr. David Schnarch (*Passionate Marriage*) and Dr. Bessel van der Kolk (*The Body Keeps the Score*). He also trained at Peter Levine's Somatic Experiencing Trauma Institute.





## GLOW/AWE EVENT:

### Downtown/Bridge Walk Thursday, Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

Join us for a downtown/bridge walk on Thursday, Feb. 3. We will meet at 5 p.m. at the lit evergreen tree by the lift bridge. Parking meters by the Freight House are FREE in the winter.

After (around 6:30 p.m.) we will meet at Renae Oswald-Anderson's house for hot chocolate and conversation in their heated "tent." Her address is: 7789 Manning Ave. N which is 1/4 mile from the corner of Myrtle and Manning.

We look forward to seeing you; all are welcome. Please RSVP to Lynne Funk by texting 651-253-6695, please remember to include your name.



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.



## Invitation to Renewal Women's Retreat Now Offering a Half Day Retreat in March!

Our venue for the weekend retreat scheduled in February has suspended retreats until further notice due to the surge in COVID-19 cases. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience. We are pleased to offer another half day retreat in March! (This is a repeat of the retreat that was held in November.)

Come for time away with other Trinity women (and friends—all are welcome!) to be refreshed, spiritually uplifted, make new friends and strengthen connections with each other and with God. We will be focusing on *Invitation to Renewal*—renewing our hearts and minds while still navigating the pandemic, learning scripture-based Spiritual practices, enjoying creativity, contemplation and together unfolding the truth of who we are as beloved children of God. Led by Pastor Chris and Zanny Johnson.

### HALF DAY RETREAT: Saturday, March 12 | 9 am to 1 pm Bethel Highlands Campus in Hudson | Cost: \$20

Cost includes hearty mid-morning snacks and materials. Once registered, you will receive more detailed information by email the week before. Registration coming soon at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/special-event/>

NOTE: We will follow all guidelines of the CDC regarding the pandemic, so changes to the above information may occur.

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**  
**Feb. 10 – March 31 | \$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).



*A Good Neighborhood A Good Time for the Truth America's Original Sin American Dirt Black Elk Speaks Be the Bridge Between the World and Me Born a Crime Braiding Sweetgrass Caste Deacon King Kong Dear Church Dear White Christians Emergent Strategy Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask Evicted Flat Broke with Two Goats Glory Over Everything Heartland, How the Word is Passed How to Be an AntiRacist How to Fight Racism I'm Still Here Into the Beautiful North Into the Midst of Winter Jesus and John Wayne Just Mercy Long Time Coming Mudbound My Grandmother's Hands Neither Wolf Nor Dog Night Flying Woman One Coin Found Peacemaking Circles Piecing Me Together Read Until You Understand Red State Christians Rough Crossings Same Family, Different Colors Same Kind of Different As Me Speak Peace in a World of Conflict Spirit Car Stamped from the Beginning The Cross and the Lynching Tree The Good Immigrant The Color of Law The Wind in my Hair Their Eyes Were Watching God Tightrope Transcendent Kingdom Waking Up White When Helping Hurts White Fragility White Too Long Women Rowing North You Are Your Best Thing*

## ABIDE Readers Book Collection

Next Discussion: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

**Monday, Feb. 28 | 6:30–8 pm on Zoom**

Read with us! ABIDE with us as we open our hearts and minds to these epiphanic stories! Indeed, they are truly enlightening. Unfortunately, you may have missed *Dear White Christians* (discussion on Jan. 25). Dr. Jennifer Harvey calls out to us to remember, repent, and repair.

*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (discussion on Feb. 28) is more than important, it's compelling. If you're not a reader, "Just Mercy" and "13th" are two powerful and related documentaries that can be watched on various platforms, including YouTube and Netflix. I guarantee they will open your eyes wide! Looking ahead, *Black Elk Speaks* as told by John G. Neihardt (discussion on March 28) is a great spiritual classic of modern times.

Read these books on your own or join ABIDE Readers the 4th Monday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom. For home delivery of any books from Trinity's ABIDE Collection, the Zoom link, or more information, contact Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com or 651-260-3855.



## Trinity Adds AED to Narthex

NOTE FROM FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:

Hello church, I wanted to give you an update about our AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator). We have had one available next to the kitchenette in the Commons. We have also added an AED on the west wall in the Narthex just outside the Sanctuary above the fire extinguisher. It is proven that early intervention of a cardiac event saves lives. AEDs are extremely easy to use, follow the prompts.

Blessings,  
Kim Dahlgren, RN



AED next to the kitchenette in the Commons



AED on the west wall in the Narthex just outside the Sanctuary



## Community Foot Care Clinic Thursday, Feb. 10 9 am–4 pm at Trinity Hosted by St. Croix Valley Faith Community Nurse Program

The nurse program is subsidizing the cost of services, resulting in a fee of \$25 per person. Registration and payment must be completed online at: <https://www.healthpartners.com/about/classes-events/> (type "foot" under name of event). Limited appointments available. Register for a one-hour appointment with a foot care clinician. Click on "Select a time" to schedule your appointment.

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 & thick nail care
- Corn and callous care
- Ingrown toenail care
- Identification of the need for specialized foot treatment and refer you to resources in your community.



# "I Love Reading!" Month

By Andrea Eckman, Library Volunteer

February is "I Love Reading" month! Did you know the Trinity Library's has a large collection of middle grade books? From Newbery and Caldecott Medal winners to recent graphic novels to perennial favorites, we have a wide variety of books for middle grade readers. Instill a love of reading in your children or grandchildren with a visit to the Trinity Library, or check out some of our new middle grade books on display in the Narthex during February.

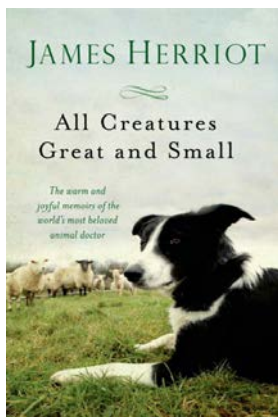


## **Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo**

From Newbery Medal winning Author Kate DiCamillo — when Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her

that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different. This time, Granny intends for them never to return. Separated from her best friends, Raymie and Beverly, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate (and Granny) and find a way home. But as Louisiana's life becomes entwined with the lives of the people of a small Georgia town—including a surly motel owner, a walrus-like minister, and a mysterious boy with a crow on his shoulder — she starts to worry that she is destined only for good-byes. (Which could be due to the curse on Louisiana's and Granny's heads. But that is a story for another time.) (From the publisher.)

**All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot**  
In *All Creatures Great and Small*, we meet the young



Herriot as he takes up his calling and discovers that the realities of veterinary practice in rural Yorkshire are very different from the sterile setting of veterinary school. Some visits are heart-wrenchingly difficult, such as one to an old man in the village whose very ill dog is his only friend and companion, some are lighthearted and fun, such as Herriot's periodic visits to the overfed and pampered Pekinese Tricki Woo who throws parties and has his own stationery, and yet others are inspirational and enlightening, such as Herriot's recollections of poor farmers who will scrape their meager earnings together to be able to get proper care for their working animals. From seeing to his patients in the depths of winter on the remotest homesteads to dealing with uncooperative owners and critically ill animals, Herriot discovers the wondrous variety and never-ending challenges of veterinary practice as his humor, compassion, and love of the animal world shine forth. (From the publisher.)

## **A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel adapted by Hope Larson**

The world already knows Meg and Charles Wallace Murry, Calvin O'Keefe, and the three Mrs-Who, Whatsit, and Which - the memorable and wonderful characters who fight off a dark force and save our universe in the Newbery award-winning classic *A Wrinkle in Time*. But in 50 years of publication, the book has never been illustrated. Now, Hope Larson takes the classic story to a new level with her vividly imagined interpretations of tessering and favorite characters like the Happy Medium and Aunt Beast. Perfect for old fans and winning over new ones, this graphic novel adaptation is a must-read. (From the publisher.)



## **Grit and Grace: Heroic Women of the Bible by Caryn Rivadeneira**

Eve — Hagar — Leah — Miriam — Rahab — Deborah — Hannah — Naomi and Ruth — Queen Esther

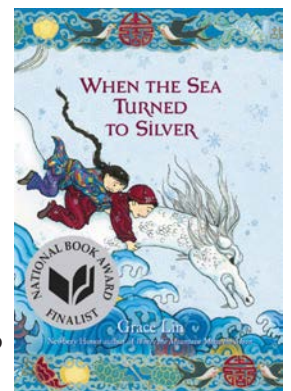


— Mary  
— Mary and Martha  
— Mary Magdalene  
— Samaritan Woman  
— The Bleeding Woman  
— Dorcus —  
Experience the grit and grace of seventeen women of the Bible

through creative first-person retellings of each person's story. This book connects preteen girls with the women of the Bible, showing them that they are created in the image of God to do mighty things in this world. (From the publisher.)

## **When The Sea Turned To Silver by Grace Lin**

This breathtaking, full-color illustrated fantasy is inspired by Chinese folklore, and is a companion to the Newbery



Honor winner *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most exciting tales for her granddaughter and the other villagers. However, the peace is shattered one night when soldiers of the Emperor arrive and kidnap the storyteller. Everyone knows that the Emperor wants something called the Luminous Stone That Lights the Night. Determined to have her grandmother returned, Pinmei embarks on a journey to find the Luminous Stone alongside her friend Yishan, a mysterious boy who seems to have his own secrets to hide. Together, the two must face

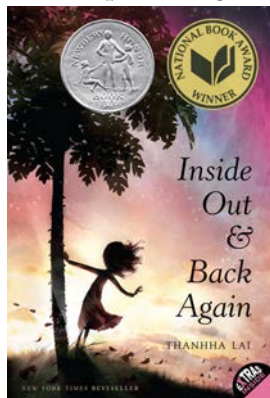
obstacles usually found only in legends to find the Luminous Stone and save Pinmei's grandmother—before it's too late. A fast-paced adventure that is extraordinarily written and beautifully illustrated, *When the Sea Turned to Silver* is a masterpiece companion novel to *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and *Starry River of the Sky*. (From the publisher.)



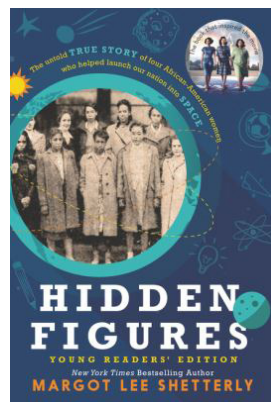
**Endling: The First by Katherine Applegate**  
To learn if she truly is the last dairne in the world—the endling—Byx and her friends must travel into the snow-covered mountains of

the country of Dreyland, where they hope to uncover the truth behind the legend of a hidden dairne colony. But the threat of war across the lands continues to grow with each passing day. As the group confronts untold dangers at every turn, they will ultimately uncover a treacherous plot that involves the other powerful governing species. With both her dreams and all the creatures of Nedarra on the brink of extinction, Byx and her friends are determined to never give up hope. Soon they find themselves the unlikely leaders in a simmering rebellion that risks everything they hold dear. Byx may be the last of her kind, but will she also be the first to lead the revolution? In this sequel to the New York Times bestselling first book—which received four starred reviews—Katherine Applegate once again delivers an action-packed middle grade fantasy with a unique setting, enthralling characters, and gripping adventure. (From the publisher.)

**Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai**  
Winner of the National Book Award, a Newbery



Honor, and a #1 New York Times best-seller. Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee; fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama; this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration. Ha has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Ha and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope; toward America. *Inside Out and Back Again* is the moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing. (From the publisher.)

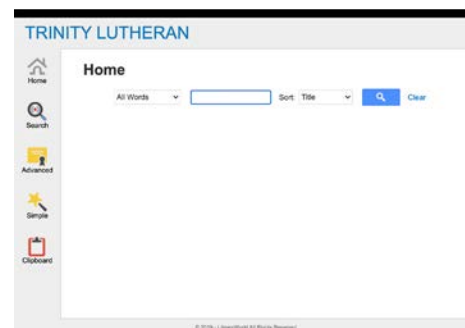


**Hidden Figures: Young Reader's Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly**

This edition of Margot Lee Shetterly's acclaimed book is perfect for young readers. It's the powerful story of four African-

American female mathematicians at NASA who helped achieve some of the greatest moments in our space program. Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. This book brings to life the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, who lived through the Civil Rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country. (From the publisher.)

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Community  
Drop-In Center

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Welcome!

**COMMUNITY DROP-IN CENTER** at Trinity on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Providing a welcoming, warm and safe space along with "Grab & Go" hot beverage and meal. Drop-in center sponsored by Homeless Strategy & Advocacy Team, read more about HSAT at: <https://trinitylc.org/outreach/homeless-strategy-advocacy-team/>.



# BOOK COLLECTION

for inmates at Willow River/Moose Lake Correctional Facility.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

Dear Trinity family,

I'm writing to you to ask for your strength and love for a project that my heart compels me to carry out.

A dear, close friend of mine who I grew up with, took his life in November 2021, shortly after he was released from the Willow River/Moose Lake Correctional Facility. It both shocked me and broke my heart. His story requires the strength of forgiveness to overcome. [The detailed story can be read on Pastor Peter's blog page on the Trinity website.](#) Chris struggled with multiple mental illnesses, took full responsibility for his mistakes, and found some peace working in the prison library and recommending books to other inmates. The selection of books was small and often in poor condition.

A person close to me said that when we lose someone, we need to honor them by lifting them up in our hearts and celebrating them. This book collection is a way for me to do that. In the months of January, February and March, you will see bins at Trinity designated for this book drive. I ask and pray that you will find the message of Jesus in your heart, and donate some of your gently used books for the inmates at the Willow River/Moose Lake correctional facility.

Peace and blessings to my Trinity family.

Scott Kneeskern



EDITOR'S NOTE: The inspiring full story that initiated this project can be read on Pastor Peter's blog at: <https://trinitylc.org/book-collection/>.



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

2021

### Friday, Dec. 17 – Longest Night

In-person 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 40  
Live online views 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 20  
Online views/ week \_\_\_\_\_ 46

### Sunday, Dec. 19

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 132  
In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 74  
Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 139  
Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 27  
Online views/ week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 192  
Online views/ week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 54

### Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 95  
In-person 2 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 190  
Live online views 2 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 57  
Online views/ week 2 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 84  
In-person 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 228  
Live online views 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 82  
Online views/ week 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 153  
In-person 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 110  
In-person 9 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 98

### Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

In-person 10 am \_\_\_\_\_ 38

### Sunday, Dec. 26 – Lessons & Carols Online Only

Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 78  
Online views/ week \_\_\_\_\_ 217

2022

### Sunday, Jan. 2 – One Service Only

In-person 10 am \_\_\_\_\_ 68  
Live online views 10 am \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
Online views/ week \_\_\_\_\_ 184

### Sunday, Jan. 9

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 90  
In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 60  
Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 146  
Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 40  
Online views/ week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 229  
Online views/ week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 63

### Sunday, Jan. 16

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 56  
In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 62  
Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 135  
Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 38  
Online views/ week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 221  
Online views/ week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 77

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

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of  
**Jake Masterman**



### CORE VALUES

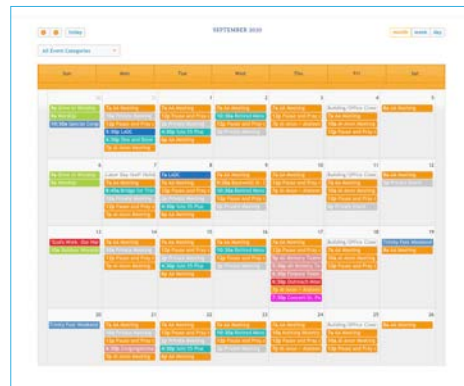
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Radical Hospitality  
Authentic Community  
Lifelong Faith Formation  
Compassionate Action



To read our welcome statement please visit <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/mission/>.

## Faith Community NOTES

Christian sympathy to Lois Berglund and family on the death of her son Michael Long.



## 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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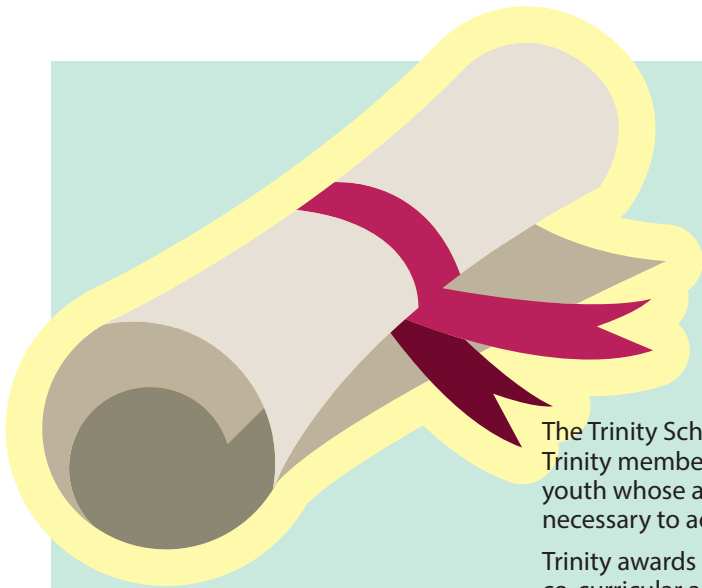


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## Trinity Scholarship Fund

The Trinity Scholarship Fund was established by the estate of Jeanette Johnson, a Trinity member who dreamed of being able to offer college tuition assistance to youth whose achievement and character indicated they possessed the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education.

Trinity awards up to four scholarships each year on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement, good citizenship and active involvement at Trinity. The trust also stipulates that scholarship recipients must be baptized at and confirmed by Trinity, and active participants in Trinity youth programs.

Once selected, scholarship winners may renew their scholarships for up to three additional years, providing they maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 or a "B-" or, in the absence of a similar grading system, remain in "fine academic standing" as indicated by official record. Scholarship recipients must reapply each year for renewal.

Scholarship applications are available online at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/youth/scholarship-fund/>.

All completed original scholarship and renewal applications must be received by Friday, **April 1**. Please mail to: Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Scholarship Fund, Attn Bob Eiselt, P.O. Box 339, Stillwater, MN 55082.

**Applications due  
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