

T R I N I T Y T O D A Y

love . transform . serve .

Coming this fall...

animate
draw yourself into God's story.

We are all a part of God's unfolding story. As Christians, our sense of identity, community and mission are all animated as we engage in the stories and writings of faith found in the Bible. In order for us to live with purpose and faithfulness today, we, too, must draw ourselves into God's story.

This year, we invite you to participate in a whole new approach to worship and learning that unites people of all ages around nine core biblical stories and equips individuals and families to live out their faith everyday and everywhere.

Read all about the ways you can draw yourself into God's story on page 2!

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Wednesdays taking on new look this fall!

Children's Learning, Choirs and Confirmation have new start times this fall to make Wednesdays more family-friendly.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children & Youth Leader training

Wed., Sept. 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

Children's Choirs

BEGIN Wed., Sept. 12, NEW TIME - 5 p.m.

(No pizza or Wednesday Learning)

Wednesday Learning

BEGINS! Wed., Sept. 19, NEW TIME - 6:15 p.m.

(Pizza night begins: NEW TIME - 5:30-6:15 p.m.)

Sunday Learning

BEGINS Sun., Sept. 23, 9-10 a.m.

Confirmation leader & parent meeting

Wed., Sept. 19, 6:15 p.m.

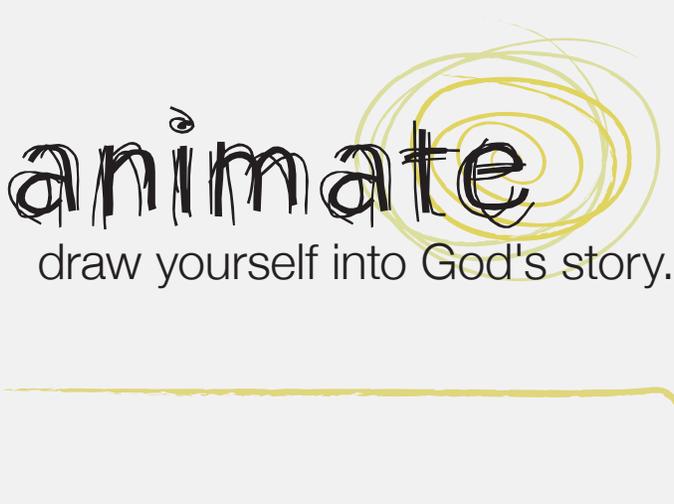
Confirmation for leaders, students & parents

BEGINS Wed., Sept. 26, NEW TIME - 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Rite of Confirmation

Sun., Oct. 28, 2 p.m.

Read more about Children's & Youth activities and learning on pages 14-15.



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draw yourself into God's story.

GOD'S REMARKABLE STORY
IS ONE FOR EVERYONE TO
KNOW AND JOIN. IT IS OUR
PRAYER THAT YOU WILL JOIN
US BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 8-9 TO DISCOVER,
CREATE AND ANIMATE YOUR
OWN PIECE OF THE STORY.
WE INVITE YOU TO
WELCOME OTHERS TO
JOIN US TOO!

WAYS TO "DRAW YOURSELF IN GOD'S STORY"

What happens when you put seven people in a "fish bowl" conference room, cover the plain white walls with Post-it paper and map out a whole year's worth of integrated worship and learning themes together? For one, you get a great deal of animated conversation. You also create a lot of excitement for the coming year.

Our team spent significant time together this summer designing a series of experiences that will help people of all ages understand how our stories connect with God's ongoing story. We're calling it *Animate: Draw Yourself into God's Story*.

With an eye toward broadening the relevance and application of the Bible to our daily lives as well as deepening our experience of worshipping together, *Animate* will help initiate and extend faith conversations on either side of Sunday morning.

INTEGRATED THEMES

Children and adults active in Wednesday and Sunday Learning are encouraged to attend worship with their families, where the same Bible stories will serve as a foundation for learning about and sharing our faith, and equipping everyone to continue the conversation beyond Trinity's doors.

"SHAREABLE" #1

Preview resources will be sent out in a weekly email that include Bible texts for the coming Sunday, a brief reflection, web links to music, video, art, psalms or blogs, and a prayer for your own preparation for worship. These are intended to get you thinking about the bigger questions and help you begin faith conversations in your home, groups, circles, etc.

"SHAREABLE" #2

Printed resources will encourage your own time of reflection and enable conversations and applications of the biblical teaching each week.

WORSHIP

In addition to the use of Shareables, worship will include new ways of experiencing the message and expressing our gratitude during the offering time. You can be sure the familiar seasons and festivals of the church year will be woven into the Bible themes and calendar.

FALL KICKOFF

Fall worship will lead off with a big celebration on **September 8-9**. The Trinity Choir and WALK worship band will start that day as well.

CHILDREN'S LEARNING

While Children's Learning actually begins a few weeks later on Sept. 19/23, people of all ages are encouraged to attend worship together for these first couple of Sundays as we introduce the September theme of "Fruits of the Spirit" during that time.

ADULT LEARNING

Starting in October adults will have the opportunity to go deeper into their personal stories, as well as explore the Old Testament in greater depth. See page 11 for details.

GROUPS & TEAMS

Celebrating Football

Tue., Sept. 25, 6 p.m.
Garden Room; \$25
Speakers: Todd Fultz,
George Thole,
Pony Coach Beau LaBore
Special MVP Song by
Tim Quarberg



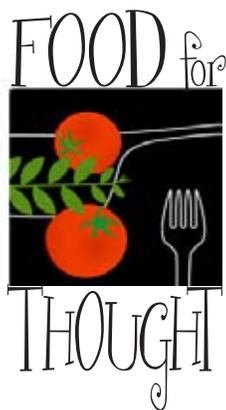
Come for great stadium fare food (nachos, brats, buffalo wings, cheese curds), fellowship and inspiration. Wear your jerseys or uniforms. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/mvp.trinitylc>. Register online at www.trinitylc.org. Contact Todd Fultz at 612-325-5500 (prefers text messages) or via email at toddfulz@me.com with questions.

GLOW on the Superior Hiking Trail

Sept. 13-16; \$175/person
Trip mtg: Thu., Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
Living Room
Registration deadline:
Wed., Sept. 5



Imagine spending two full days hiking on the Superior Hiking Trail while staying only a quarter of a mile away in a beautiful lodge. No hiking experience is necessary, but this is a four-day weekend intended for those interested in exploring and hiking on the trail. Register online at www.trinitylc.org to ensure your spot. For more information, contact Jodi Weyrauch via email at jodiweyrauch@gmail.com.



If you are a person who likes to cook practical gourmet recipes, make new friends and strengthen existing relationships, enjoys stimulating conversation with a diverse group of people and enjoys a sense of belonging, then Food for Thought is perfect for you.

Details:

- Groups of eight adults meet in homes
- Schedulers try to ensure different pairings each time
- Group attempt is made to resolve date conflicts
- Substitutes are available if you have to miss
- Recipes are provided – each couple brings part of the menu and this rotates each time
- Each couple hosts only once per year at their home

Be a part of Food for Thought this year

Everyone who wishes to participate in Food for Thought from November 2012 to May 2013 should register online at www.trinitylc.org by Sept. 28. Through this process the leadership team can determine whether you desire to participate as a regular or substitute and schedule accordingly. Contact Glenda Bjorum at 439-8521 or bjorumsing@aol.com with questions.

RETIRED MEN



Wellness for Senior Men

Tue., Sept 11, 9 a.m.
Garden Room

Dr. Hal Seim, retired, and a former Trinity member, will be addressing the subject of what senior men should be doing to get a few more good years out

of life. He has entitled his presentation “Information about Inflammation.” As always, coffee and “half donuts” will be available. Contact Jack Nyenhuis at 651-303-7225 or jcnnyenhuis@gmail.com with questions.

Celebrating Seniors Worship

Free Lunch & Program

Wed., Sept. 5, 11 a.m.

Worship Center & Garden Room

Theme: Swedish/Norwegian Heritage

Speaker: Pastor Kristin Sundt will

talk about Mindekirken. All are

welcome! Contact Julie Jolivet,

439-7400, ext. 108 or

jjolivet@trinitylc.org with

questions.



Pastor Kristin Sundt

MISSION MINISTRIES

GROWING CARING LEADERS

Summer 2012 Interns:

Front row: Ben Gieseke, Rosson Anderson, Jenny Schwickerath,

Second row: Mackenzie St. Claire, Emily Gould, Top Row: Rachel Thiets



What a wonderful summer it has been! While it may have been a little hot, I will not complain; I will fondly recall the warmth this coming January. Besides the heat we have bounced back and forth between hoping for rain and then wondering if it would ever stop. As the saying goes, “If you don’t like the weather here in Minnesota just wait a day.” While some of our neighbors in Wisconsin have experienced difficult drought conditions that have greatly affected the growing season I was amazed at the quality of crops in southern Minnesota. My wife, Lisa, and I recently traveled the back roads to Waseca to visit family. The Birdseye plant there was in full throttle production mode as truck load after truck load of beautiful sweet corn arrived every five minutes from the fields. A lot of investment has been made to develop this system over the years that coordinates farmers, harvesters, truck drivers, and the processing plant so it takes only hours to pick and package the corn, securely locking in the field-fresh sweetness. We enjoyed some “fresh-from-the-field” corn for dinner. Fantastic! This is one of my treasured summer traditions here in Minnesota.

Another treasured tradition is the ministry of growing caring leaders through the youth programs here at Trinity. Similar to the agriculture business, Trinity members have supported the investment of developing youth leadership. While it has always been part of the tradition here to utilize our young members in leadership roles, over the last five years that system has been enhanced and expanded through actively promoting service to the church community.

During the school year, our junior and senior high students are nurtured as guides, mentors, musicians, and leaders for our Sunday and Wednesday learning ministries. Week-after-week these students journey alongside our elementary and preschool-age children as wonderful, faith-filled role models. Every November for the past 28 years, a new group of senior high students form a leadership team that is mentored by caring adults to assist in leading the Mexico Mission experience.

Then, as the school year ends, the number of student leaders increases with Summer Stretch, Helping Hearts & Hands, Vacation Bible School, Luther Dell Confirmation Camp, and the Florida Bible Beach Camp experience. We have a large group of

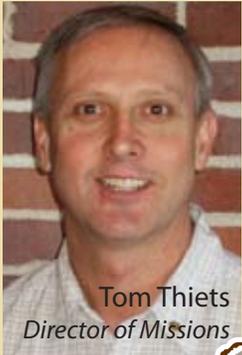
junior high, senior high, and college-age leaders flowing into Trinity to travel alongside young students in their faith journey. As leaders and peer mentors these students lead a variety of study, worship, fellowship, and service ministries. Again this summer Trinity was blessed with a group of gifted and tireless interns. This program provides a small scholarship stipend for each student in return for their willingness to share their energy and talents in our summer ministry programs.

Year-after-year this summer tradition provides us a bountiful harvest of Spirit-filled youth that are energized in their faith. It also provides the interns the opportunity to grow in their faith as well as their communication and planning skills.

This doesn’t just happen. It is planned, nurtured, and funded through generous givers and adult leaders willing to invest in the lives of children.

Thank you from one who was blessed to have served with this wonderful group this summer.

Blessings, Tom Thiets



Tom Thiets
Director of Missions

MISSION updates



A big thanks to the Trinity Knitters team

Children living in the villages of Bomalangombe and Mwatasi will be snug and warm on the cold nights in the highlands of Tanzania. Almost 1000 colorful caps have been knitted by the Knitting team and are keeping many children warm!



Congratulations to our mission partners in Iringa, Tanzania

We are pleased to announce the birth of Maureen Masimango Mtisi the second daughter of Hery & Tulizo Mtisi on July 14 at 7:15 am. Baby Maureen arrived at a healthy weight of 7 1/2 pounds. Please pray for the continued health and safety of this new child of God.



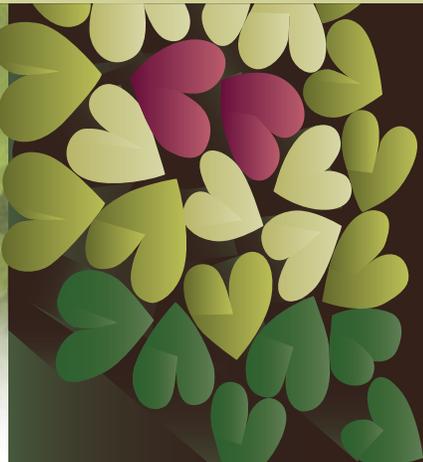
Help distribute food in St. Paul

Our mission partner, Pastor Joy Johnson, needs a crew to help sort and distribute a semi-truck load of fresh produce on two weekday mornings in September at Bethlehem Midway in St. Paul. Exact dates and times are to be determined; please contact Tom Thiets at ext.146 or tthiets@trinitylc.org if you can help.

Solar lights delivered to Tanzania

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Light Up a Life in Tanzania" appeal. The 500 solar lights that were donated have brightened hundred of lives!





GRATEFUL HEARTS GENEROUS LIVES

WHAT WE DO WITH OUR 90%

*written by Michele Hermansen
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As we journey further into practicing a life of abundance and gratitude, we gain better understanding of the scope of God’s generosity. We recognize that we are stewards of God’s creation, which is more than just the earth and nature; God’s creation includes us and all we have.

I was energized and enlightened by the 12 speakers at the recent “Rethinking Stewardship” seminar at Luther Seminary. They represented many professions plus Presbyterian, Catholic and Baptist churches in addition to our own. One of the themes several speakers shared is that God cares as much about what we do with the 90% (of our money, possessions) as about any percentage set aside for the church. In other words, as stewards we are caretakers of all with which we have been entrusted.

Much has been written and said about our consumer culture. William Cavanaugh is a researcher who spoke at the seminar and he called consumerism “organized creation of dissatisfaction.” He said, “We are marinating in marketing.” Notice our advertising – it tries to associate with feelings and get us to imagine the pleasure we will feel when we buy a

particular product. Consumerism encourages us to never be satisfied, as the pleasure is derived in the pursuit of new things. It’s not just about having, it’s about consuming and pursuing something new.

We get better at anything through practice. So, too, we become more aware of our abundance by practicing gratitude. We become better stewards by using sound financial practices in our total life. Stewardship is not a church program or an offering; it is a way of holistic living in joyous response to God’s generous love.

We will continue to share resources that help us all practice living life as God has intended – with abundance, gratitude and generosity. The timely article that follows was written by Nathan Dungan, founder of *Share Save Spend*, who helps youth and adults align their values with their money decisions. He asks, “What does it mean to vote with your money? Focusing on [what we give through] philanthropy is the wrong thing – we should focus on the portion that is spent.”

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SAVE THE DATE?

Move over Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Back-to-School Saturday has arrived – and it's targeting your children



When it comes to shopping, marketers and retailers live by a simple rule of thumb: Nothing attracts a crowd like a crowd. Just think about Black Friday, Cyber Monday, 4th of July and President's Day sales when hoards of people literally camp out overnight in front of a store to get the best deals.

It should be no surprise then that a new annual shopping experience is being created to target a younger crowd. Complete with the catchy campaign slogan, "Get ready, get set, get shopping!" Teen Vogue magazine is promoting August 11 as a national day of back-to-school shopping. Dubbed "Back-to-School Saturday," dozens of retailers—many of whom also happen to be magazine advertisers—including Aeropostale, American Eagle, Express, Guess, Cover Girl, Maybelline, Pantene and Staples will offer massive sales, free samples, and in-store events. They've even got their own hashtag, #btss, and will rely heavily on social media to fuel the frenzy.

From a marketing and retailer perspective, targeting our nation's young consumers is a no-brainer once you take a look at the staggering statistics. According to the United States Census Bureau:

- 55.5 million students were enrolled in pre-kindergarten to 12th grade in the fall of 2011

- 19.7 million students were enrolled in colleges and universities in the fall of 2011
- \$7.4 billion was spent at family clothing stores in August of 2010

That's a whole lot of young customers and mom and dad's cash up for grabs. And if history is a guide, Back-to-School Saturday is here to stay. But before you open up your wallets, make sure you and your child have a solid plan in place.

If you are going to participate, here are a few tips to help you prepare:

- Create a budget. Discuss the amount that both you and your child are willing to contribute to the back-to-school budget and work with them to establish healthy boundaries between needs and wants. It is important that your child make some contribution to the budget to ensure they are invested in the process.
- Put the plan on paper. Help your child complete a back-to-school spending plan, a thorough list of things they would like to buy and how much each item costs. Work with them to make sure the plan aligns with the budget you agreed upon.
- Cash is king. When it's time to "Get ready, get set, get shopping!" think about using cash as a way to cut down on impulse purchases.

As retailers continue to ramp up their targeted marketing efforts, parents need to be even more diligent and intentional about boundaries around their child's spending. Consistent, honest communication with your child about money and budgeting is key to helping them develop healthy spending habits.

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A C O N G R E G A T I O N A L C O U N C I L M E S S A G E

Dear Trinity Stewards,

Greetings at this half-way point in the year! Your spiritual fellowship and financial commitment enable our Body of Christ to pay church staff, provide education to adults, children and families, facilitate worship services and events, and maintain our facilities. Thank you!

Thank you for the Summer Internship program. This summer tradition provided Trinity with five gifted, tireless college students who multiply staff efforts as they share their faith and energy helping lead Summer Stretch, Florida Beach Camp, Luther Dell Confirmation Camp, etc. Small scholarship stipends for these interns are funded through generous giving.

We would like to share with you the responses of love and gratitude below from our own Trinity members, that your faithfulness and generosity support:

Thank you for our creative, engaging and welcoming staff.

“I love Trinity because it is welcoming to all. The sermons are engaging, creative and challenging with messages for dealing with faith in real life. Music is respected and an integral part of worship due to excellent musical leadership. The strengths of each staff member ensure the needs of the congregation are met with love. Trinity is our extended family and that always means there is support, nurturing, safety, and love for us and all who choose to take an active role in strengthening their Christian faith.”

Thank you for our Children and Youth Ministry Staff.

“We love the Children’s Ministries program and the wonderful and creative ways the teachers show our kids the love of Jesus.” “I love that my kids want to go there! They participate in activities with friends both at the church and out in the community. I love that it’s cool and fun to be part of small groups, worship band, mission projects, the River, etc. Thank you for helping my kids find a meaningful relationship with Christ while giving them opportunities for action on their faith journey.”

Thank you for financially supporting registration of eight Trinity leaders representing Council, Staff, Vibrant and Appeal teams to a conference at Luther Seminary called “Rethinking Stewardship.”

“This wasn’t a ‘How-to Stewardship Program’; it was about thinking and living in the current day, making the most of life as a responsible Christian steward. What a resource for our congregational community!”

Thank you for our beautiful facilities which house weekly worship and enrichment for our lives.

“I keep coming back to Trinity because of the loving ways of the people that are part of the Trinity community and the staff, as well as the knowledge shared and the guidance of God’s love. It is a safe, welcoming place to learn and grow in my faith. God is present and working to make a difference through Trinity, and I want to be part of it.”

Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

None of this would be possible without your generous financial support! You already know the joy of giving. Please encourage those around you, including your children and grandchildren, to experience the joy of grateful and generous living.

*Your
Congregational
Council:
Eric Jackson
Julie Schmidt
Sara Godfrey
Todd King
Jeff Anderson
Dana Miller*

TREASURER'S C O R N E R

June Financials

The June 2012 financial results are posted on the Trinity website. Our increase in operating deficit is attributable to three primary factors. First, we are \$40,000 behind last year in contributions income. As stated last month, some of this can be explained by the timing of some specific larger gifts. Second, our personnel expenses are higher due to filling a pastoral vacancy and by a pay period accrual that will not be a factor at year-end. Last, several events occurred earlier in 2012 than they did in 2011 (specifically, seminary scholarships and certain Children, Youth and Family expenses).

If you have questions, please contact Bob Eiselt, Parish Administrator at ext. 142 or beiselt@trinitylc.org.

Croix Center

The original estimate to remodel the Croix Center was \$650,000. Final costs are estimated to be \$695,000. We are working on several remedies to reduce the overages, summarized as follows:

Pre-Construction Expense not in Original Budget (<i>mostly legal costs</i>)	\$8,100
Material Cost Overage	\$8,400
Common Area Renovation Cost	\$6,900
Post Office Additions:	
Shipping Cost - Cabinetry	\$4,400
Window Security Film	\$3,900
Final Electrical/Signage Adds	\$3,600
Parking Lot and Lighting	\$9,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,973

The Croix Center project includes a completely new parking lot. Trinity was able to take advantage of a \$75,000 grant from the Washington Conservation district to upgrade the parking lot. The project provides us with a longer-lasting, durable, and environmentally-friendly parking lot. The grant made possible a full parking lot replacement, not just a surface coating that would have needed to be replaced in the near future.

Overall, we are very proud of the way the Croix Center looks and hope you are too! This was truly a team effort with the Helping Hands group contributing many hours of demolition work, painting, etc. We have a couple of potential tenants looking at leasing but would appreciate hearing about others. Thanks! – *Todd King, Treasurer*

WELCOME N E W M E M B E R S



Mary Ann Johnson

Mary Ann moved to Stillwater to be closer to her daughters and their families after her husband died with MS two years ago. She is grateful for her new friends, many of which she has met while attending Hilltopper gatherings and participating in our monthly Healing Touch group. Mary Ann enjoys helping others; two of the ways she does that are dog sitting for relatives and giving a friend a ride to worship each week. She hopes to be helpful at Trinity this fall in the capacity of occasionally greeting at the door when people arrive for worship. Mary Ann will remain an associate member of Westwood Lutheran in St. Louis Park where she and her husband belonged together.



Shirlyn & Gail Steinmetz

Both are retired now – Shirlyn from manufacturing and Gail from insurance. They love connecting with people so enjoyed participating in Pastor Candee's Bible Study (fall 2011), Hilltopper gatherings, and Gail joined the Rebekah Circle. They are passionate about serving others – Gail through Community Threads, making lefse for our Lutefisk Dinner and helping her 90-year-old mother. Shirlyn volunteers at Fair for All every Tuesday. They also enjoy their two children and six grandchildren ranging from ages 9-19. Shirlyn and Gail live in Arizona mid-November to May. (In case Shirlyn looks familiar, he is a brother to Trinity member Don Steinmetz.)



Anne Salo

Anne is a retired social worker/counselor. She has beautifully written her memoirs, *Redeeming the Past* and served on the St. Paul Synod Book of Faith Initiative leadership team. Theology is her passion, so she jumped at the chance to participate in Pastor Dan's Building Your Personal Theology: God series this summer. She also completed *Living Your Strengths* and claims the following: activator, command, connectedness, learner and intellection. This fall Ann will be a very generous steward of her time and expertise by leading two learning opportunities for people of Trinity on Saturday and Sunday mornings. See page 11 for more exciting details!

KEEP LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS!

By Jody Thone, Amy Karlstad and Walt Ogburn

I believe we all need to keep living our strengths and fostering Sparks! This summer I focused on Sparks and Spark Champions here at Trinity. You can find copies of my weekly Summer of Sparks emails online on our website at www.trinitylc.org. As we draw closer to the end of summer I asked our long-time *Living Your Strengths* facilitators, Amy Karlstad and Walt Ogburn, how they keep living their strengths.

On a sunny day, recently, I was driving my daughters to gymnastics and a new song by Steven Curtis Chapman came on the radio. I was in a frazzled state and the lyrics really spoke to me... "Anywhere and everywhere you are; whatever you do it all matters; so do what you do and don't ever forget to do everything you do to the glory of the One who made you..."

I am truly a believer in those words and the sentiment that God created us uniquely and who we are matters. Sometimes it is important to be grounded and reminded in the day-to-day moments of life.

My passion for the topic of strengths and how individual gifts and talents play out in our lives is a continuing, inspirational journey for me. As much as I embrace discovering opportunities to use my strengths, I continue to be energized by being a part of the awakening of others' strengths discovery process. As a mom, I feel truly blessed to see my twin daughters uncovering their unique gifts. It is beautiful to watch them turn their sparks of life into personal strengths. The beauty of witnessing someone so alive in the moment is not only a gift for that individual but for those around them. It is energizing and inspirational!

As fall approaches, I am looking forward to a new season of *Living Your Strengths* discussions and supporting our youth and families with an emphasis on Sparks.



Amy Karlstad and her daughters.



The main reason I keep focusing on strengths is because I see results. In the last 18 months I've brought 10 people into new roles on my work team. With each person I have focused on their individual strengths and how those strengths can blend with the strengths already on the team. Even during the interview I look for diversity of strengths. I can't use the StrengthsFinder™ assessment but I can ask questions about what energized them most in their previous job. In most cases I get a great indication of their strengths just listening to them describe what they've done in the past, their successes, and their challenges. I may not be able to predict which five strengths will show up when they take the assessment, but I can clearly identify what energizes and drives them.

I also get an opportunity to think about individual strengths as I talk with my three adult daughters about their work and their lives. We recognize that even though we share common strengths throughout our family, everyone has their own personal set of strengths that make them unique. Even twin sisters have different and unique strengths.

Focusing and talking about strengths often leads to one common phrase, "Oh, now I understand." This may refer to an internal understanding of why they behave or feel the way they do, or it may help them understand the behaviors and feelings of a spouse, colleague, or friend. I find that I continue to learn and grow in living my strengths.

ON PURPOSE FALL CLASSES

Living Your Strengths*

Thu., Oct. 25

6-9 p.m.

Living Room

\$30 (Includes

Living Your

Strengths book

and the Clifton

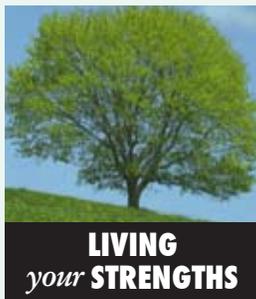
Strengths

Finder™)

\$20 Class only

* Note: You must take the Clifton StrengthsFinder™ prior to attending this session.

Based on the work of the Gallup organization and over two million interviews, *Living Your Strengths* is a process that helps you identify, affirm and serve from your strengths. It includes the Clifton StrengthsFinder™ assessment and Trinity's own workshop designed to bring us together to explore our strengths and learn about the incredible power of our community when we serve God from our strengths. Led by On Purpose Team Members Amy Karlstad, Walt Ogburn and Jackie Peterson



Introduction to the

Enneagram

Sat., Oct. 6

9 a.m.-noon

Garden Room

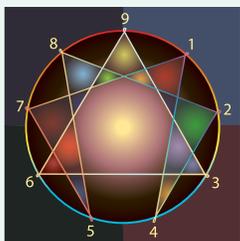
Cost: \$40 includes

book, *Discovering*

Your Personality

Type and materials

The Enneagram



is one of the most popular systems for self-understanding and is used as a tool for personal growth & spiritual transformation. This half-day retreat will introduce the nine distinct personality types and begin to show you how you can overcome your inner barriers, realize your unique strengths, and discover your deepest direction in life.

LIFELONG LEARNING



building your
personal
theology

Building your Personal Theology: God

Tuesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, & 30

6:30-8:30 p.m. – Garden Room

Cost: \$30 per person or \$40 per couple for participant journal

From a pocket knife in the past to an iPhone today, we all have ordinary, everyday, dependable things that make our lives better – like a workable theology. This class has pre-work and homework between sessions. **The ByPT:God* class is the prerequisite for all other classes in the *Building your Personal Theology* series.

MEET CLASS LEADER ANNE SALO



New Trinity member Anne Salo will be leading the Lifelong Learning classes below; she has had a long and fruitful career in social work, with an emphasis in counseling, before retiring four years ago. Since then she has written a memoir, *Redeeming the Past*, and taken life-long learning classes at the University of St. Thomas, but it is her exposure to fresh theological thinking through Luther Seminary classes, readings and discussions that excites Anne the most and that ignites her desire to bring new adult learning opportunities to Trinity. Anne lives in White Bear Lake.

Old Testament Great Course

Sundays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Garden Room; No cost. Come when you can.

Has the Old Testament always puzzled you? Are you curious about how to interpret some of the key Old Testament stories? In this course, you will take a deep, academic dive into the best research and thinking about the key Old Testament stories that we will be engaging in worship throughout the fall. This class is for the intellectually curious learner. No experience in Old Testament study is required. This Great Course DVD lecturer is Professor Amy-Jill Levine. Course facilitator: Anne Salo

Love your Story – Book study discussing the book

To Be Told: God invites you to co-author your future

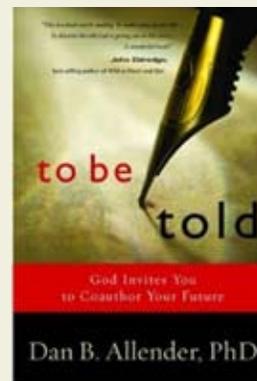
Saturdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10

9:15-10:45 a.m. – Library Conf. Room

Cost: \$10 book fee

Everyone's life is a story, but most of us don't know how to read it. Exploring and coming to love our own stories is a path to discovering God's story and finding our place in it. Within a small discussion group, using Dan Allender's insightful book *to be told* as a guide, we will begin describing the characters, themes and plots of our past so that we can join God as the coauthor of our future.

Conversation facilitator:



MUSIC MINISTRIES



by Carol Carver

I have heard it said that Trinity is known for its fine music program. It makes me very happy to hear that, for we have tried to create a program that offers many opportunities for participation in musical excellence – encompassing choirs for all ages, bands made up of professionals and lay people playing together, bands made up of young people, a handbell choir, as well as talented instrumentalists and soloists – all working together to bring God’s word to life through music.

Music is an intricate part of who we are as people and as Lutherans. My hope is that music in worship is not perceived as an add on, but an element that weaves together, reflects, explains, and in a word – speaks – in ways that words alone can not.

I cordially invite you to be a part of this ministry. There are opportunities for all ages. Dive in! All of these groups are open and welcoming. Most programs start in early September. If you have questions, be in touch with the group leader listed to the right.

We like traditional hymns –
we like praise songs.

We like organ –
we like guitars and drums.

We like majestic anthems –
we like soulful spirituals.

We like music that sings –
we like music that swings.

We like violins and flutes –
oboes and trumpets - bongos and
castanets – bells and chimes.

We like music, good music,
all kinds of good music – and we
include a variety on any given Sunday.

The object is worship,
but worship speaks many languages
and so do we! – *anonymous*

THE TRINITY CHOIR

The Trinity Choir sings most Sundays at 9 a.m. worship and serves as the primary vocal music leadership for this traditional service. The choir is a welcoming, fun-loving community of adult (*high school students very welcome*) singers who have the desire, interest and time for learning, rehearsing and singing everything from simple and beautiful liturgical music to more challenging large choral works. We firmly believe that the music we sing, as an expression of our faith, is both a gift from and an offering to God. And remember, it has been proven – choral singers are more likely to vote, give money to philanthropies, and also to volunteer; they’re the kind of people you want on your team. I would love you on my team. (*Plus, it is good for your health.*)

Rehearsals begin Wed., Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Worship Center. Contact Carol Carver, director, at 439-7400, ext. 118 or ccarver@trinitylc.org with questions.

CHILDREN’S CHOIRS (K-GRADE 6)

The Children’s Choirs at Trinity are gearing up for an exciting year! They welcome all singers from kindergarten through grade six who LOVE to sing or want to LEARN to sing! In weekly rehearsals, children prepare to sing in worship once each month, while developing their faith and talents as worship leaders and musicians. The musical this year will be in the spring of 2013. Registration is available online under Children’s Ministries.

Rehearsal will begin on Wed., Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. (*please note the new rehearsal time*). Contact Sonia Esch for information at 439-0643 or wisokiwi@msn.com

SINE NOMINE SINGERS

The Sine Nomine Singers are a group that has been in existence for at least 10 years and counts many successful young women as alumni. The choir is made up of junior and senior high school women whose mission is to share their talents through music in worship with song and leadership, and in doing so have a great time together. They have also made numerous recordings for Augsburg Fortress and been part of larger ELCA gatherings.

The group meets once or twice before each Sunday they sing. Contact Carol Carver, director, at 439-7400, ext. 118, or ccarver@trinitylc.org with questions.

JUBILATE BELLS

The Jubilate Bells are a group of dedicated adults who love to play handbells. Ringers of all ages and abilities are welcome. This is a non-auditioned adult choir, with ringing assignments based on ability and interest. This group shares their talents in worship approximately once a month. Music difficulty is designed to keep experienced ringers on their toes, while new ringers will have time to learn the craft in a supportive team environment.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evening in the Chapel. Contact Debi Orff for information at 283-5215 or dorff122@comcast.net

CARE MINISTRIES WITH PASTOR CANDEE MOSER



A HOME FOR LIFE



"FAITH"
THE DALMATIAN
I SPONSOR THROUGH
HOME FOR LIFE.

On July 21 I had the privilege and honor of officiating at the annual memorial service at Home for Life. Home for Life is an animal sanctuary located on 40+ acres on the Apple River near Star Prairie, WI. It provides lifetime, loving care for cats, dogs, birds and other animals, some with special needs who cannot find a home, but who can still lead a quality life.

Sanctuary employees have great empathy for animals that is then passed on to others through various community outreach programs. Sanctuary residents that have been rehabilitated after past rejection and neglect are then able to give back in such positive, life-changing ways that are

impossible to measure. For example:

- Peace Creatures is a collaborative program with the Tubman Family Alliance of the Twin Cities and the Women of Nations Shelter in St. Paul that uses volunteers, staff and animals from the Sanctuary to teach peaceful conflict resolution to families impacted by violence.
- The Renaissance Project pairs younger dogs with at-risk teens from several local high schools. The teens train the dogs and bring them on visits for therapy work with the elderly, families at domestic abuse shelters and patients at the University of MN Medical Center-Fairview and the Minneapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center.
- Sit*Stay*Heal serves adults and children who are hospitalized at Fairview University Hospital. In addition, the animals provide comfort to those at the Aseracare Hospice facility in the Twin Cities. Injured veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan receiving treatment at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center's Polytrauma Unit, one of just four such units in the country, are also the beneficiaries of the healing love and acceptance of these animals.
- Through the Senior Outreach Program, Home for Life staff, volunteers and animal residents visit nursing homes throughout the Twin Cities for therapy work with the elderly.

God has blessed us with amazingly beautiful creatures who love us unconditionally, comfort us, offer us companionship and bring us joy. And

God calls us to be good stewards in how we care for them. I'm thankful that Home for Life offers these animals a second chance and in doing so, offers humans a second chance and/or improves the quality of life for all involved.

After spending some time at the Sanctuary, speaking with Lisa LaVerdiere, the executive director, observing the bond between the animals and those who care for them and meeting "Candy," a 20-year-old male cockatoo, who is also the Home for Life mascot, I was moved to action. I now sponsor a beautiful Dalmatian – the same breed as my very first dog – who, at the age of 5 months, was found starving and beaten by the side of the road. A kind, loving farmer found her and brought her to the Animal Ark in Hastings and in turn, they brought her to Home for Life. Now she returns loving kindness to others as a certified therapy dog. Oh, and by the way, her name is "Faith!"

For more information on Home for Life, go to www.homeforlife.org or call, 1-800-252-5918. Or, if you'd like to join me when I visit Faith, just let me know!

DON'T MISS THE
"BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS"

AT THE DRIVE-IN ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26.
SEE YOU THERE!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Learning 2012
Two Options: Sundays, 9-10 a.m.
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Register at: www.trinitylc.org

Wednesdays get new look
Children, Youth and Family Ministries are making Wednesdays more family-friendly this fall, including new start times (see below). We look forward to a year of fun, faith-filled learning!

Children & youth leaders sought
Training: Wed., Sept. 12, 6-7:30 p.m.
Garden Room

Small group leaders for youth and children are needed this fall. No experience necessary, just a love for students. Join us for as we prepare leaders to walk alongside students from preschool through confirmation and senior high.

Children's Choirs begin
Wednesday, September 12
NEW TIME: 5 p.m.
(No pizza or Wednesday learning)

Wednesday learning begins
Wednesday, September 19
NEW TIME: 6:15-7:15 p.m.
(Pizza night starts:
NEW TIME: 5:30-6:15 p.m.)

Sunday Learning begins
Sunday, September 23, 9-10 a.m.

Confirmation leader and parent meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation begins for leaders, students, parents
Wed., Sept. 26
NEW TIME: 6:15-7:30 p.m.
Exciting changes are coming this year including all confirmation group worship once a month, service projects, spiritual practice, family meals and much more!

Rite of Confirmation
Sun., Oct. 28, 2 p.m.

Summer Camp Success!

Helping Hearts & Hands
The measure of faith formation looks like smiling faces across the bingo board talking and laughing with new friends at Oak Park Senior Center. Faith is grown by the challenge of doing for others what we would like them to do for us, cleaning toys for our youngest Trinity participants, preparing VBS items and making sandwiches for the homeless. Helping Hearts and Hands is not just a camp, it is a service of life for our older elementary-age kids.

Sky - Vacation Bible School
Sixty fantastic volunteers and 175 kids attended SKY Vacation Bible School where we learned that no matter... who you are, how you feel, what people do, what happens or where you are...we can trust God! Thanks to your generosity we were able to purchase more than 160 mosquito bed nets for the children of Tanzania!



Children's Choirs gearing up for an exciting year

Rehearsals begin Wed, Sept. 12 from 5-5:45 p.m. (*please note the new rehearsal time*). We welcome all singers from kindergarten through grade six who LOVE to sing! In weekly rehearsals, children prepare to sing in church services once each month, developing their faith and talents as worship leaders. The musical this year will be in the spring of 2013. Register online under Children's Ministries at www.trinitylc.org.



LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT LAKE AREA DISCOVERY CENTER

Who are we?

We are the preschool located right here, in the Lower Level of Trinity! We are also located in six additional locations within Stillwater, Mahtomedi, White Bear Lake and Forest Lake and are proud to be an NAEYC accredited program. Our mission is to support parents and children through a creative environment that promotes and teaches Christian values, honors diversity and fosters fellowship within the total community. LADC's classrooms, curriculum and teaching approach are designed to meet all the needs of young children. Academic goals, social-emotional development, and feeling loved and valued as a child of God are all important pieces to a child's self-esteem, friendships and success in school.

New at Trinity this year!

We now offer Terrific Toddlers for ages 16-24 months and Young Explorers for ages 32-36 months, a great option for former Little Tots and Polka Dots families.

If you are interested in getting more information about LADC please check our website at www.ladcfamilies.org or email Tammy Junker, site director, at tamaralynnjunker@gmail.com or call 208-4203.

SUMMER CAMP RECAP FLORIDA BEACH CAMP 2012



Once again Florida Beach Camp was AMAZING! We had fun playing a crazy game of water football at Crab Island. The beach was crowded but still an awesome place to relax and have fun boogie boarding! Go-karting and being in the Hamster Wheel (ask Cory) were some of the funniest things you'll ever see! Even though we all had fun in the ocean and on the beach everyone would probably agree the real joy came from our unbelievable times of worship and small group. The mission of Florida Beach Camp is to grow in faith and there wasn't a student (or adult) that came back on that 29-hour bus ride the same! The Holy Spirit was moving and student's lives were forever changed because of their desire to go deeper. God is good and continues to do amazing things when we open our hearts!

the River

End of the SUMMER Schedule

7:15-8:15 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 22 @ Trinity

Wed., Aug. 29 Otto Berg Park

Ultimate Frisbee/Volleyball

Register for Confirmation now!

Confirmation is going to be a blast so tell your friends and get signed up! Contact Sarah Bane or Kari Kahl at 439-7400 with questions.

register 
online
at www.trinitylc.org

LUTHER DELL CAMP 2012



What an awesome couple of weeks! Luther Dell Camp was full of crazy games of Ga-Ga, 9-square, dodgeball, camp olympics, water skiing, wakeboarding and tubing! Many students met and experienced Jesus for the first time and some the hundredth time! A lot of faith journeys began and all were strengthened at Luther Dell Camp this year. Great times of worship and some really powerful faith stories made it a growing time for everyone. Praise God for the many ways we get to worship!

Jr. High party!

**Thu., Aug. 16,
7-10 p.m.
Trinity Gym
\$5 entry fee at the door**

**Come hang out and re-unite with
confirmation friends/Luther Dell campers
and counselors**

**End your summer with food, games and a
giant bouncy obstacle course!**

**Contact Sarah Bane with questions at 439-7400,
ext. 137 or sbane@trinitylc.org**



WORSHIP

O P P O R T U N I T I E S

- **Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.**
The River Youth Worship (*Gr. 9-12*)
- **Saturdays, 5 p.m.**
Evening Worship, Communion
- **Sundays, 9 a.m.**
Drive-In Worship, Houlton, WI
- **Sundays, 10 a.m.**
Traditional Worship at Trinity

FALL WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN SEPT. 8-9

- **Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.**
The River Youth Worship (*Gr. 9-12*)
- **Saturdays, 5 p.m.**
Evening Worship, Communion
- **Sundays, 9 a.m.**
Traditional Worship, Nursery
- **Sundays, 10:30 a.m.**
The WALK
Contemporary worship, Nursery

BAPTIZED

A T T R I N I T Y

- **Taylor Phillip Thomas**, son of Jeremy & Ashlee Thomas
- **Madeline Marie Reberk**, daughter of Christoffer & Elizabeth Reberk
- **Sofia Julianne Longway**, daughter of Jeremy Perry & Julia Longway
- **Madelyn Anne Longway**, daughter of James & Kristen Longway
- **Wyatt Richard Dwyer**, son of Erik & Nichole Dwyer

SYMPATHY

- The family and friends of **Joyce Doering** who passed away on Fri., July 6
- **Alice Stehr**, whose mother, Josephine Subera, passed away on Tue., July 10
- **Amy Shalles**, whose mother, Carol Rauschke Campbell, passed away on Mon., July 30.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who said prayers for myself and for my son, Nils Johnson. Your prayers held us up and helped us to heal.

– Diane Johnson



Trinity website



Trinity giving

WORSHIP

A T T E N D A N C E

July 14 & 15	July 21 & 22	July 28 & 29	August 4 & 5	August 11 & 12
5 p.m. 47	5 p.m. 37	5 p.m. 50	5 p.m. 63	5 p.m. 84
9 a.m. 359	9 a.m. 321	9 a.m. 181	9 a.m. 423	9 a.m. 400
10 a.m. 138	10 a.m. 110	10 a.m. 162	10 a.m. 110	10 a.m. 80

TRINITY

T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

Sunday van schedule

Trinity's van is available for the Sunday, 9 a.m. worship service at Trinity. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office at 439-7400 between 9 a.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Thursday to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times for senior residences if you have reserved a seat:

- 8:15 a.m. – Boutwell's Landing at the main entrance
- 8:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
- 8:35 a.m. – Croixdale
- 8:40 a.m. – Oakridge
- 8:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons

Trinity van drivers needed

Do you enjoy helping others? Does helping someone who otherwise couldn't get to Sunday Worship create a "spark" in you? Then you would enjoy driving the van as part of Trinity's van transportation program. Drivers share a rotation schedule which provides consistent transportation for riders, as well as allowing other drivers a Sunday off. All of our riders are able to get in and out of the van; no lifting is involved. Please contact Karen Remington at ext. 110 if you can drive.

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CALENDAR

AUGUST 17 - SEPTEMBER 14

Fri., August 17

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
 10:30 a.m. Boutwells Sr. Communion
 1:15 p.m. Rivertown Commons Sr. Communion

Sat., August 18

8 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., August 19

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION:
 Hilltop Drive-In, Houlton, WI
 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Mon., August 20

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 8:07 a.m. Women's Golf League: Off-site
 9:30 a.m. Vets' Committee meeting: Narthex
 4 p.m. Congreg. Council mtg: Office Conf. Rm
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym

Tue., August 21

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: The Bikery
 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., August 22

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 1 p.m. caring friends Planning mtg: Living Rm
 6:30 p.m. Circle Leaders' meeting: Living Rm
 7:15 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Ctr

Thu., August 23

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Offsite
 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm

Fri., August 24

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
 10 a.m. Raymie Johnson Sr. Communion
 1:15 p.m. Oak Ridge Sr. Communion

Sat., August 25

8 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., August 26

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION:
 Hilltop Drive-In, Houlton, WI
 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Mon., August 27

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 8:07 a.m. Women's Golf League: Off-site
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., August 28

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: The Bikery
 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Living Library

Wed., August 29

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 7:15 p.m. The River Worship: Otto Berg Park

Thu., August 30

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Off-site

Fri., August 31

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 10:30 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B

Sat., September 1

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., September 2

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION:
 Hilltop Drive-In, Houlton, WI
 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Mon., September 3 - Labor Day, Building Closed

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library

Tue., September 4

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: The Bikery
 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 1:30 p.m. Commodity Distribution: 4th St. Entr.
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Living Library

Wed., September 5

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 11 a.m. Celebrating Seniors: Worship Ctr
 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Worship Center
 7:15 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Center

Thu., September 6

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Off-site
 2 p.m. Healing Touch Group: Narthex
 7 p.m. GLOW Hiking meeting: Living Rm

Fri., September 7

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
 1 p.m. BeFriender meeting: Rm 108A

Sat., September 8

8 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., September 9

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY

Mon., September 10

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym

Tue., September 11

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
 9 a.m. Retired Men-Wellness: Garden Rm
 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: The Bikery
 9:45 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
 10:15 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., September 12

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 5 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsals
 6 p.m. Children/Youth Leader Training:
 Garden Room
 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Worship Ctr
 7:15 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Center

Thu., September 13

7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Off-site
 GLOW Hiking Trip Leaves
 4:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes: Off-site
 6:30 p.m. Finance Team mtg: Office Conf. Rm

Fri., September 14

GLOW Hiking Trip
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Living Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B

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