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# TRINITY TODAY

## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

– 1 Corinthians 12:4-7



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

## Practice Resurrection

In these disappearing fifty days of the Easter Season, as we reflect upon the life-changing events of the most recent Holy Week, we have another opportunity to turn our thoughts, words and deeds in a new direction. In recent months, many in this congregation have been working diligently to do this, that is, to practice resurrection.

At the empty tomb on Easter morning there was chaos, fear, uncertainty, and the human tendency to “flee the scene.” You and I each know these human tendencies. Reflecting upon Trinity’s life during these months since the current “in-between time” began, I invite you to reflect with me on the Good News that the concluding “Three Days” of Holy Week brought to us to both inform and guide our faithful response to the “empty tomb” events in our congregational and individual lives.

Three words inform our reflection and capsulize what we as the Church of Jesus Christ have just celebrated. They are:

**Change:** The inevitable movement of life’s forces.

**Transition:** The process by which we must deal with the inevitable changes of life (the interim period).

**Transformation:** The new shape that occurs after transition, toward which change is aimed.

Beyond our thoughts, words, and deeds, here is the very heart of our Christian faith. God acts to *change* the horrible consequence of sin into forgiveness. The process of *transition* occurs as Jesus pours out his blood from a cross on Golgotha. Easter morning and a joyous resurrection present a *transformation* to a new life with a new shape. God alone is the transformer.

Theologically, we believe that this whole movement of change, transition, and transformation through a cross and

resurrection is the Good News that is our mission to proclaim. Our congregation’s vision is our faith community’s imagination of ‘how’ we at Trinity will proclaim this mission, this Good News of God’s victory over chaos, fear, uncertainty and the temptation to “flee the scene”. Thus the charge to our Transition Team, and indeed to us all, carries within it a reflection upon our most faithful vision of the mission that our loving God has given us to proclaim.

The Greek word for this good news story of ‘cross to resurrection’ is *evangel*, from which we derive the English word *evangelism*. As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are called to be not only proclaimers of change, transition, and transformation through our evangelism, but we are called no less to be living examples of these holy phases of suffering, death, and resurrection in our own daily lives. We are called to practice resurrection every day, at the scene of every ‘empty tomb’ to which we have come. As you regularly participate in the congregational voicing of the Confession of Faith, you are affirming the theology of the chronology of *change* that the last three days of Jesus’ earthly life contributed to your very own faith story.

And so, with conscious awareness of the divine progression from change to transition to trans-formation, we are called to move ahead in faith. On his faith walk with Jesus, Peter heard Jesus’ call to him as they walked the shoreline following the monstrous catch. As was the case for the fearful and anxious disciples, we too carry with us internal vestiges of the “empty tomb” and the persistent temptation to flee quickly from it. Peter fled when he thrice denied his Lord, but Jesus responded with his ‘triple play’ question to him, “Simon, Do you love me?” We are tempted to keep on fishing for fish rather than for God’s children not yet within the fold. In our

fear of the new, we are too often too busy retrieving ‘left side of the boat nets’ and in so doing, we don’t hear Jesus calling out, “Cast your net on the right side.” We are content to do what feels safe. We don’t hear Jesus calling us to a new adventure.

In our anxiety about the future, we lose sight of the fact that God wants a hand in our discovery of that future. We need to give God time to be our God. Then and only then can we perceive through the eyes of faith what that Kingdom work actually is. Yet, we are invited to “stay” at the scene of the empty tomb long enough to hear the angel proclaim, “He is not here, He is risen!”

As an experienced interim pastor to more than 33 congregations, called to proclaim the Good News of new life and hope in God in the very midst of this wilderness time, know that I too do know that transition means struggle. I know that at its best, transition causes anxiety; at its worst, it causes pain. These are the givens of the human condition. While we want to avoid the pain and struggle, and hurry our way through it, our wise God consistently allows us to experience it. My long-term colleague Rev. Warren Schulz has said, “*It is as if God has created us so that we grow through change and the transition that accompanies it. Over and over again we are thrust by change into dying to something, sinking into chaos or despair, and then rising again to something new.*”

My prayer for you and for this Trinity congregation loved by God, is that the Easter message, “*I have seen the Lord*”, first voiced by Mary at the tomb, may be the message that your thoughts, words, and actions unequivocally proclaim. Practice Resurrection.

*Pr. Paul N. Svingen*  
ELCA Intentional Interim Pastor/  
Consultant

## Trinity Financial Update

### March Year-to-Date - Fiscal year 2016

	This Year	Last Year	Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	741,569	770,860	1,310,000	57%
Other Income	516,698	399,056	783,509	66%
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,258,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,169,916</u>	<u>\$ 2,093,509</u>	
less: Expenses	<u>1,376,049</u>	<u>1,561,009</u>	<u>2,224,063</u>	62%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (117,782)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (391,093)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (130,554)</u></u>	

### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,174,742	3,349,370
Increase (Decrease)	(72,200)	(67,091)
Long-Term Debt - End of March	<u><u>\$ 3,102,542</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,282,279</u></u>

## Connecting with the larger church



### Stewardship Speaker Series at Luther Seminary

The Center for Stewardship Leaders seeks to shape a faithful, multidimensional culture of stewardship in congregations, households and society. Join us for breakfast as we hear from groundbreaking stewardship leaders practicing distinctive, top-notch stewardship.

Join us on Thursday mornings this summer. Come to one event—or all three. **All events are free and open to the public.** Your registration helps us to be welcome hosts and good stewards.

**June 16, July 21 & Aug. 18 Thursdays, 8-9:30 a.m.**  
Dining Room, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary  
1490 Fulham St., St. Paul, Minn. 55108

### June 16 The Story and Mission of Exodus Lending: What Talking About Money in Church Can Do

Working at the intersections of service, advocacy and organizing, leaders at Holy Lutheran Church seek to engage their neighbors in work that addresses the disparities at their doorstep. In 2015

the congregation launched Exodus Lending—a nonprofit dedicated to refinancing predatory payday loans with 0 percent interest. Pastor Jay Carlson and Parish Organizer Meghan Olsen Biebighauser will share the story of the development of Exodus Lending and lessons learned along the way.

To register or for more information:  
[www.luthersem.edu/stewlead](http://www.luthersem.edu/stewlead)

### July 21 Propel: Good Stewardship and Greater Generosity

How can we best demystify the practices of local congregations around generosity and stewardship? Both a scholarly guide for pastors and a detailed handbook for lay leadership around giving in a number of giving models. Clayton Smith will give an overview of his new book, Propel, in a way that inspires churches to step forward the leadership of generosity.

Smith will share personal anecdotes and proven techniques that will give churches of all sizes the tools to right-size ministries of giving and generosity for their own contexts. His message will prove to be a valuable guide for every leader, clergy or lay, who sees generosity as an inescapable element of Christian discipleship.

### Aug. 18 Practicing Bad Stewardship: Jesus' Reign and the End of White Supremacy

How are white Christians to respond to the United States' present racialized society while understanding that it is shaped by 400 years of history? More specifically, how might following Jesus lead toward faithful in our post-Ferguson moment? Drew Hart, theologian, author, and former pastor, will explore the idea of white privilege and why it frequently fails to provide a robust framework which aids white people towards authentic repentance. That is, merely naming white privilege doesn't necessarily gesture towards any new way of life in resistance to racialized hierarchy and oppression. And at worst, it has the potential of recreating the problem of white supremacy, but with a more benevolent manifestation. Instead, while considering the significance of Jesus' life, Hart will consider how a kind of reckless stewardship of whiteness can potentially provide an unconsidered path forward towards the new humanity in Christ.

### Questions?

Contact Adam Copeland, director of The Center for Stewardship Leaders, at [acopeland001@luthersem.edu](mailto:acopeland001@luthersem.edu) or 651-641-3522.

# “We’re Ready!”

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*  
— Hebrews 10:24-25

Thank you for your participation in all of our input opportunities. The Transition Team has concluded its work and we are now ready to Transition to the Future. The Transition Team will be making recommendations to the Council. Watch for our report.

From all of our time with you, we have learned that Trinity is diverse in thought. You obviously care about Trinity and we heard you say you are...

# Transition Team

*Transitioning to the Future*

- Excited
- Passionate
- Active
- Positive
- Engaged
- Durable
- Focused on using our resources effectively
- Moving forward
- Adaptable
- Innovative
- Steeped in tradition but looking to the future with confidence
- Ready for Trinity’s next step

The conversations with the congregation showed us that Trinity has very diverse thoughts and opinions. Our diversity is a strength and a core value of Trinity and something of which we should be

proud. Our diversity will serve God’s work into the future.

In the 1971 SOCIUS report, Trinity recognized “it must soon change its ethos and traditions to accommodate change.” Trinity made those changes and because of that change we have:

- Remained a presence in our community
- Started global missions
- Built the current worship center
- Started Drive-in worship
- Engaged in community outreach

We’ve done this before, now it’s time to do it again.

There is reason to be excited and optimistic about what is to come.



## Bridge for Trinity

By Steve Hokonson

For bridge partners, communication is key, but often difficult if the partners haven’t played together before.

In their presentation to our congregation our Mexico missionaries discussed the difficult challenge of communication during their week of building roofs for Mexican families during Spring break. However, having a Spanish teacher with



Smiling Bridge player Gayle Lobitz

them as one of their sponsors helped tremendously. As she shared her story with the congregation, she told how the teens learned that by tapping their cheeks and saying “beso” (kiss), the Mexican kids loved to give the teens a happy peck on the cheek.

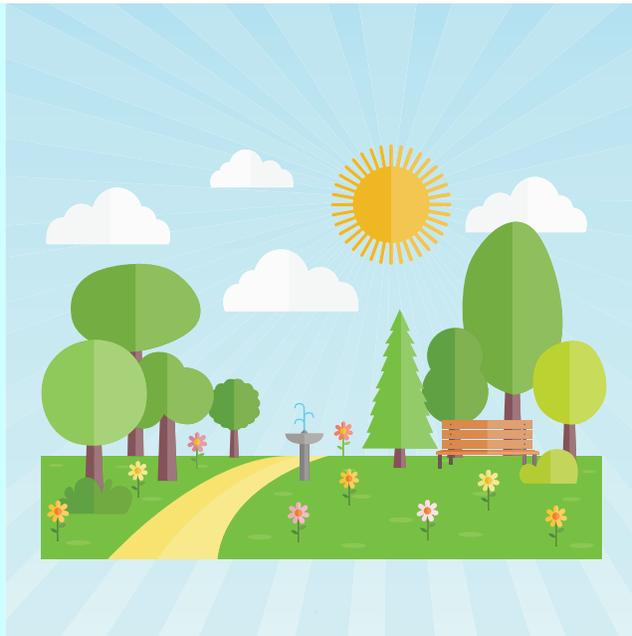
But, there was one other important ingredient that facilitated communication for both the missionaries and the Mexican families. And, that is the Spanish word, “Sonrisa.”

“Sonrisa” means “smile,” and, for all of us everywhere, a “smile” is the most important communication of all! And, it is especially appropriate during this joyous Easter Season. Sonrisa — The Son Rises! He is Risen Indeed!

Please join us at the next bridge gathering on May 2, 8:45-11:45 a.m. No communication necessary until you get there. Bring \$5 and a smile.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
to help keep the garden  
beds in the parking  
lot and around Trinity  
looking nice and free of  
weeds.

If you have some time  
to give to this effort,  
please contact Sandy  
Wendt at [sandy.wendt@  
courts.state.mn.us](mailto:sandy.wendt@courts.state.mn.us) or  
651-470-1902.



## Valley Outreach Volunteers Needed

May 16-18, & 20  
In February, Trinity volunteers served  
25 hours and helped 57 households  
get 7,324 pounds of food at Valley  
Outreach. Let's see if we can do even  
better in May! Check your schedule  
for Monday, May 16; Wednesday, May  
18 and Friday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m.  
–12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 17 from  
4:30–7:30 p.m. Can you help? Please  
contact Kathy Hagen at 651-426-7176 or  
[sprucehaagen@comcast.net](mailto:sprucehaagen@comcast.net).



**GLOW**

God Loving Outdoor Women

GLOW is a group of Trinity women of any age who  
love to experience active outdoor adventures while  
growing spiritually and making new friends.

### **Kick-Off Party** Sunday, May 1, 4-6 p.m.

Home of Laura Holmes  
522 6th St. South, Stillwater  
Hot and cold tea will be served with light hors  
d'oeuvres and desserts! Come learn about (and sign  
up) for events in 2016-17. Please RSVP to Laura Holmes  
at [mslaurabeth@comcast.net](mailto:mslaurabeth@comcast.net).

### **Evening Bike Ride** Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the new Browns Creek State Trail and  
the Gateway Trail by bike. We will meet at the  
Browns Creek Park parking lot at the corner of  
Neal and McKusick at 6:30 p.m. We will bike for an  
hour to an hour and a half, and then stop at the  
Gasthaus for fellowship. Those that do not want  
to bike can join us at 8 p.m. at the Gasthaus. We  
will bike about 6–12 miles. Activity level moder-  
ate to strenuous. Please RSVP to Sandy Weber at  
[stillweber@hotmail.com](mailto:stillweber@hotmail.com).

Please  
welcome new  
members!



Christi & Dominic  
Burdick-Travis,  
Charli, Bijou &  
Theodore  
*If I had to summarize  
us— I'd say we are  
not a "candle in  
the wind" we are a  
"candle burning at  
both ends"  
-Chaotic, Lake Elmo,  
Happy - feel very  
blessed*



Fiona &  
Suzanna  
DeMoss



Sara & Dan Dowling,  
Leo & Madeline  
*Minneapolis Longfellow  
to Stillwater North Hill  
Love the outdoors  
Try new things*



Jim & Kathy  
Horner  
*Foodies  
North Hill Nesters  
Blessed*



Jim & Cindy  
Weckworth,  
Joseph & Analeese  
*Caamping and fishing  
Musical kids  
Pouy sports*

# From your Trinity Library

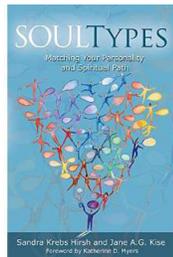


By Norma Wilson

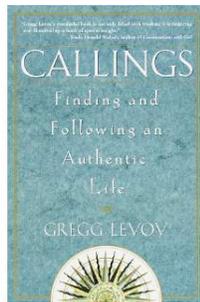
“Who will build a playhouse for the church school children? Who will provide a meal? Who will teach the children? Who will sing in the choir? Who will pack the meals? Who will guide our resources? Who will lead the Bible Study? Who will manage the kitchen? Who will design the website? Who will listen and visit?”

Who Will? We Will! 1 Peter 4:10 states: “God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.” Spiritual gifts are mentioned in several chapters in the Bible and are significant in our Christian life. Knowing and sharing spiritual gifts is stewardship of the gifts God has given each person. The Trinity Library has resources to help individuals learn about spiritual gifts.

Author Sandra Hirsch’s Book, **SoulTypes: Matching Your Personality and Spiritual Path** (200.1 HIRS), was dedicated to all who “are seeking enriched spirituality, discovering who we are, building on the gifts we’ve been given, and appreciating the uniqueness of each person’s journey.”



**Callings: Finding and Following an Authentic Life** (158 LEV) Levoy helps readers consider their calling, or their

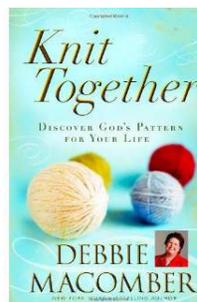


gifts, in relationships, in service, at home and at work.

Dr. Deborah Newman uses scripture readings to focus on gifts and abilities. Read **Passion of Purpose: Discovering and Pursuing a Life**

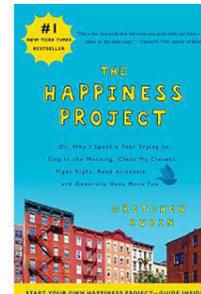
**That Matters** (248.8 NEWM) to learn about spiritual strengths, passion, and purposeful living.

**Knit Together: Discover God’s Pattern for Your Life** (248.8 MACO) Author Debbie Macomber shares her stories of heartache, frustration and triumph as she pursued dreams to become published.



**Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community** (153.3 WINS) This book was central to the beginnings of the strengths based program at Trinity. Readers learn how to use their innate gifts to enrich the congregation, to affirm their talents and to use them for growth and service.

Check the Trinity Library for additional resources regarding spiritual gifts and living the Christian life.

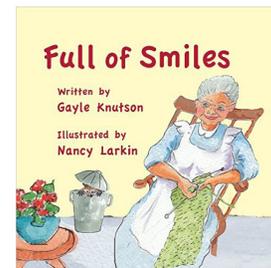
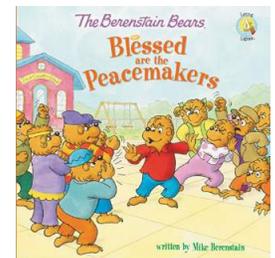


New Books to the Trinity Library!  
**The Happiness Project** (158 RUBI)  
**Nine Essential Things I’ve Learned About Life** (296.7 KUSH)  
**Small Graces: The Quiet Gifts of Everyday Life** (291.4 NERB)

**Health Care You Can Live With: Discover Wholeness in Body and Spirit** (615.8 MORR)

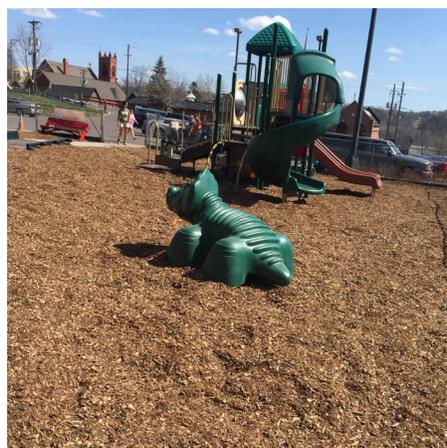
**Crazy Busy: A (Mercifully) Short Book About a Really (Big) Problem** (650.1 DEYO)

Children will love:  
**Berenstain Bears: Blessed Are the Peacemakers** (E B)  
**Berenstain Bears: We All Need Forgiveness** (E B)  
**Thankful!** (E S)  
**Full of Smiles** (E K)  
**Mother Bruce** (E H)  
**More Than Enough** (E W)



## THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to the LADC staff and volunteers, Helping Hands crew, Vic Thalacker (for the use of his Bobcat) and all who helped to place the 8 yards of sand and 40 yards of mulch on the playground!



# Outreach Missions Board Update

**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**

**- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

This verse certainly resonates with the work of the Outreach Missions Board. Every month a board member will be writing this column to keep everyone informed about our work, share news and happenings from mission activities, as well as list opportunities for service. Throughout the year, we welcome your ideas about ways to serve.

We are actively working on two important local projects and we invite your participation.

**Last Sunday Supper**— Trinity along with First Presbyterian and our neighbor, Ascension Episcopal sponsors a community dinner the last Sunday of each month. Each congregation takes turns providing the meal including setting the menu for a healthy dinner, meal prep, hosting, and clean-up. We are scheduled next for Sunday, May 29th (Memorial Day weekend).

*We are looking for a cook to help Heidi Kriesel-White on May 29th and for four more volunteers. Time commitment 3-7 pm. Please contact me if you can help. I am happy to report that Josh Longnecker will be our cook for Last Sunday Supper going forward.*

**8th Annual Take on Hunger Golf Tournament: June 6, 2016**

This is the largest fundraiser that supports Trinity's mission to support food insecurity and eliminating hunger. The golf tournament committee includes Marlene Harty, our wonderful chairperson, Vic Thalacker, Heidi Kriesel-White, and Renae Oswald-Anderson with support from the entire missions board.

Proceeds this year will go towards food and supplies for the Last Sunday Supper, Valley Outreach, and our work in Tanzania. Please see the letter to Mwatasi Lutheran, our companion congregation that was written by Michele Hermansen. Go to [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > then select Missions > then select > Missions Tanzania

We need your help to make this a great event. Join as a golfer in the best ball scramble! Register online or contact Vic Thalacker at 651-439-9782.

The silent auction has something for everyone and donations are welcome. Share a hobby, donate a service from yard care to hosting a themed dinner. Contact Marlene Harty at 651-439-6444 if you wish to donate. No item is too small.

Finally, come to the silent auction and dinner even if you are not a golfer. I went for the first time last year and had a great time. Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy a delicious dinner, and a fun event. See the page at right for all the details.

The committee has been meeting for almost a year now and have just restructured in order to have members lead in a particular area they are most passionate about. Listed below is our current assignments.

LOCAL Missions	MEXICO	TANZANIA	LEADERSHIP and FINANCE
Joan Newman, Chairperson	Arlyce Melheim, Chairperson	Michele Hermansen, Chairperson	Renae Oswald-Anderson, Chairperson
Heidi Kriesel-White	Renae Oswald-Anderson	Marlene Harty	John Hodler, Finance
	Jaime Staska	Vic Thalacker	Michele Hermansen
		John Hodler	Joan Newman
			Arlyce Melheim

**Staff liaisons:** Pastor Paul Svingen and Bob Eiselt

Each of us have different gifts and talents. We welcome your input, energy, engagement and prayers. Please contact me at [stillroa@gmail.com](mailto:stillroa@gmail.com) or 651-387-1612.

In God's Service,  
*Renae Oswald-Anderson*  
Chairperson

Rain or shine!

Feeding the  
body, mind,  
and spirit!

Students at BOMA  
secondary school  
in the lunch line

MONDAY  
**June 6, 2016**  
Stillwater Country Club



Contact  
Vic Thalacker at  
651-439-9782 with  
tournament questions.  
Contact Marlene Harty  
at 651-439-6444 if you  
would like to donate to  
the silent auction.

8TH ANNUAL  
**TAKE ON  
HUNGER**

**GOLF**  
**TOURNAMENT**

Proceeds to benefit projects in Tanzania and local hunger ministries.

Please register and donate online  
at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > then select  
Register

## Best Ball Scramble Event

10:30 a.m. – Registration & Lunch  
Noon – Shotgun Start  
5:30 p.m. – Dinner & Silent Auction

\$150 – Individual Entry Fee\*

Single players welcome!

\$600 – Sponsor a Foursome\*

\$50 – Dinner and Auction only

\* includes 18 holes, cart, hot lunch, dinner, festivities (cash bar)

### Sponsorships:

\$400 – Sponsor a Hole

\$1,000 – Event Sponsor

**Summer Indoor Worship  
Coffee & Hospitality**

Do you enjoy indoor summer worship and coffee and hospitality? If so, we need to hear from you! We are in need of volunteers to setup/serve "coffee with a smile" during indoor summer worship at Trinity.

We will train and equip you. All you have to do is commit to some time serving others on a Sunday morning!

Please contact Bob Eiselt at [beiselt@trinitylc.org](mailto:beiselt@trinitylc.org) or Pastor Paul at [psvingen@trinitylc.org](mailto:psvingen@trinitylc.org) about this serving opportunity!

Indoor summer worship at 9 a.m. starts Sunday, May 29 at Trinity!

**Thanks to Ushers, Greeters  
and Communion Assistants!**

- To the 99 of you who volunteered during the busy 4 days of Easter services,
- To you, in your 80s and 90s, who have been serving in these roles (and others) for many decades and continue to assume responsibilities,
- To you, parents, who model giving the gift of time and give your kids the opportunity to also experience the joy of giving,
- To you who give and give and give again—never tiring of generously giving your time,
- To you who have boldly stepped out of your comfort zone in the pew to serve,

Abundant thanks to all of you. Trinity needs all of us. "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!" (Hymn #475)

*Ann Wolff*

Volunteer Coordinator  
651-260-3855 (cell) • [wolff701@msn.com](mailto:wolff701@msn.com)



**Coming up at Trinity...**

**Wayzata Symphony Orchestra**  
presents:

**MARIA SINGS MARIA**

**May 1, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**  
Wayzata Community Church  
125 Wayzata Blvd E.  
Wayzata, MN 55391

**May 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
115 4th Street N.  
Stillwater, MN 55082



Maria Jette

**Guest:**  
**Maria Jette**  
Soprano

**Featuring:**  
**Bedrich Smetana:**  
Vlatava (The Moldau) from  
Ma Vlast (My Fatherland)  
**Richard Rogers, arr.**  
**Robert Russell Bennett:**  
Sound of Music (selections)  
**Ottorino Respighi:**  
Pines of Rome



**Marlene Pauley**  
Music Director, WSO

The WSO brings together accomplished and passionate musicians to engage the community with enlightening concert presentations. Guided by principles of excellence in performance and organization, members enjoy an environment of fun, trust, honor and exchange.

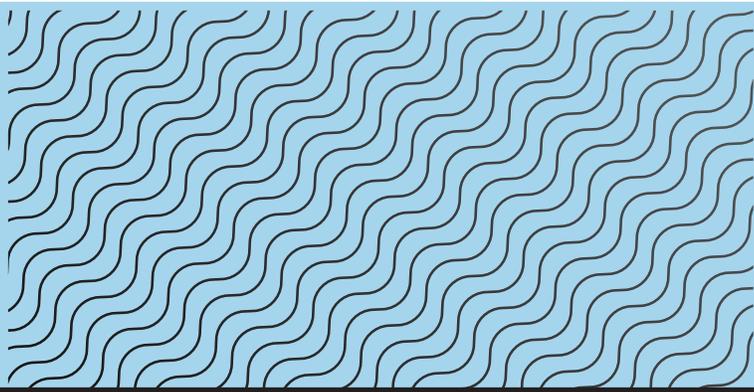
The WSO is in its seventh season, performing high-quality concerts that are free and open to the public. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

For details on this performance, visit our website at [www.thewso.org](http://www.thewso.org), follow the WSO on Facebook, or email us at [info@thewso.org](mailto:info@thewso.org).



The performance at WCC is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.





## **Phil Kadidlo with Les Izmoore & Friends**

### **A Tribute to Music of the '60s & '70s**

**Saturday, June 11**

**7:30 p.m. • \$24**

**Phipps Auditorium in Hudson**

The popular keyboardist and his bandmates perform and reflect upon songs they grew up listening to on vinyl in the '60s and '70s. Fun memories, special guests, and great music.

Please sign up in the Church Office and pay for your ticket at that time. **Sign up by May 10!** Questions? Contact Donna Harder at 651-351-5043(h) or 651-329-7047(c).

*AWE (Active Women's Events) provide opportunities for women to experience joy and God's abundance through learning, sharing ideas and developing friendships.*

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



### Communion Celebration on April 17

Front row, left to right: Isaac Sainsbury, Marit Wolden, Ella Cronk, Lydia White, Jillian Maddux & Henry Collyard  
Back row, left to right: Anya Schultz, Elsa Stebbins, Adaline Gubricky, Olivia Olstad, Maddie Nelson & Caroline White  
Not pictured: Bijou Burdick-Kitchell & Vanessa Goulette

### First Communion on Maundy Thursday

Left to right: Elsa Eckman, Jaxon Benson, June Thury, Camille Wilk & Haakon Carver

In our continual attempt to offer consistent spiritual scope and sequence for children, three annual opportunities for instruction about the Sacrament of Holy Communion and then Celebration to receive it were offered this semester. The Maundy Thursday and 2nd Grade Sunday Learning groups are pictured here. The third happened during Wednesday Learning on March 30 for our entire 3rd – 6th grades (no picture was taken).

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is an amazing gift! When we receive the bread and wine, we receive visible reminders of God's promises of forgiveness, unconditional love, and greater awareness of God's presence within us. We believe this short video will bless you and give you deeper appreciation for this wonderful sacrament and opportunity we have every Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADDyEPXcxkA>

### Confirmed at The Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation) Service on April 24

David John Andrews II  
Nicole Catherine Berglund  
Maria Kathryn Brand  
Christine Marie Brennan  
Benjamin Lawrence Brynestad  
Thomas Mark Buckley  
Ben Richard Carle  
Stephanie Marie Christopher  
Ethan James Darby  
Mason Garrett Day  
Eliza Noel Eger  
Lauren Joan Elliott  
Chloe Jeanne Engstrum  
Blake Thomas Evensen  
Taylor Grace Gilles  
Andrew Lawrence Glassman  
William Walter Gleason  
Maxwell William Gnonnion  
Emilie Mae Greene  
Michael Steven Griffith  
Emma Susan Griffith  
Molly Jean Griffith  
Jay Crosby Haws  
Josephine Bonnie Jelinek  
Annika Elizabeth Johns  
Kaitlin Mae Johnson  
Annette Joy Johnson  
Kaitlyn Kaufman  
Maya Loren Linn  
Gabrielle Allana Lombard  
Mya Joy Lysne  
Henry Jones Mapstone  
Mitchell Bancroft Miesen  
Joshua Charles O'Hara  
Katrina Marie Rydeen  
Quinn Schafer  
Josefina Barbara Scherek  
Jack Delich Swanson  
Simon Thomas Tangen  
Kiki Christine Valsvik  
Joseph Michael Weckwerth  
Evelyn Grace Young

## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016



# tlc *summer* CAMP 2016

## Trinity & Our Savior's VBS Partnership Cave Quest

**AGES** Preschool-6th Grade

**Aug. 1-5**  
**9 a.m.-Noon**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
1616 West Olive St. in Stillwater

Register by June 1 to receive a free music CD of all the great songs! Questions? Want to help? Contact Julie Jolivette at [jjolivette@trinitylc.org](mailto:jjolivette@trinitylc.org)

Register at [oslccstillwater.org](http://oslccstillwater.org)



## WAPO One-day Camp

**AGES** Completed Grades K-1

**Wednesday, July 20**  
**8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$30**

Counselors will lead kids through a fun schedule that includes crafts, devotions, music, water activities, treats from the canteen and a ton of games. Parents must transport kids to and from camp. Call the Church Office for carpool list. Questions? Contact Kari Kahl at [kkahl@trinitylc.org](mailto:kkahl@trinitylc.org)

Register at [trinitylc.org](http://trinitylc.org)

## WAPO Seeds Camp

**AGES** Completed Grades 2-3

**July 15-17 Cost: \$150**

Knowing that this may be some kid's first camp experience, 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 games. Questions? Contact Julie Jolivette at [jjolivette@trinitylc.org](mailto:jjolivette@trinitylc.org)

Register at <http://lwlbc.com/trinity-stillwater>

## WAPO Youth Camp

**AGES** Completed Grades 4-6

**July 17-22 Cost: \$410**

The week is packed with a variety of activities that are meant to impact kids for eternity. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games, campfire. Questions? Contact Julie Jolivette at [jjolivette@trinitylc.org](mailto:jjolivette@trinitylc.org)

Register at <http://lwlbc.com/trinity-stillwater>

## Summer Stretch

**AGES** Completed Grades 6-8

**Wednesdays: June 8, 15, 22, 29 & July 6**  
**Cost: \$100 by May 18 or \$120 by June 1**  
**9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** (drop off and pick up at Trinity)

Trinity is partnering with area churches to provide a morning filled with a service learning opportunity and Bible study, and an afternoon centered on having fun! Sign up for all five Wednesdays or just the ones that work for your schedule. Questions? Contact Monty Lysne at [mlysne@trinitylc.org](mailto:mlysne@trinitylc.org)

Register at [trinitylc.org](http://trinitylc.org)

## Confirmation Camp at Luther Dell

**AGES** Completed Grades 7-8

**July 24-29 Cost: \$410**

Luther Dell is focused on building relationships as we play, worship and grow together in our faith. It's a journey that we take together in pursuit of God's heart with all the fun, excitement, laughs, friendships, and authenticity that you deserve! Questions? Contact Monty at [mlysne@trinitylc.org](mailto:mlysne@trinitylc.org) or Kelsey at [kmans@trinitylc.org](mailto:kmans@trinitylc.org)

Register at <http://lwlbc.com/trinity-stillwater>

## ROOTS Camp at Luther Dell

**AGES** Completed Grade 9

**July 24-29 Cost: \$410**

As students are facing the challenges of high school and preparing for what is next, a week at Luther Dell will challenge them to consider where they are choosing to root their hearts. This camp gives the opportunity to grow in faith through leading worship, service to camp and to the local community. Throw in the traditional games, food, and beautiful sunsets, and you have a great place to grow in your faith! Questions? Contact Kelsey at [kmans@trinitylc.org](mailto:kmans@trinitylc.org)

Register at <http://lwlbc.com/trinity-stillwater>

## Wilderness Canoe Base

**AGES** Completed Grades 9-12

**July 11-17 Cost: \$400**

Wilderness canoe trips are an incredible journey; an opportunity to learn and reflect on God's creation, strengthen faith, build teamwork and confidence and come away with a better understanding of how precious this world is. Questions? Contact Kelsey at [kmans@trinitylc.org](mailto:kmans@trinitylc.org)

Register at <https://MyCircuitree.com/CampWapo/Registration/RequestCode/773>

## BAPTISMS

- **Emmy Harper Gotch**, daughter of Josh & Jessie Gotch
- **Lexa Leigh Long**, daughter of Adam & Liesl Long
- **Jay Crosby Haws**, son of Daniel & Sharon Haws

## SYMPATHY

- Family and friends of **Evelyn Koehnen**
- Family and friends of **Hazel Carlson**
- Family and friends of **Thomas Junker**

## WORSHIP

### ATTENDANCE

<b>March 24</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Noon ..... 55 7 p.m. .... 66	<b>March 27</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 7 a.m. .... 65 9 a.m. .... 435 10 a.m. .... 500 11 a.m. .... 340
<b>March 25</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 7 p.m. .... 168	<b>April 3</b> (Not Available)
<b>March 26</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b> 5 p.m. .... 91	<b>April 10</b> 9 a.m. .... 304 10:30 a.m. ... 140
	<b>April 17</b> 9 a.m. .... 319 10:30 a.m. ... 205

## From the Kitchen

By Linda Flood, Food Services Manager

### Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade

Summer is coming and nothing tastes like summer more than a glass of fresh-squeezed lemonade.

**INGREDIENTS**  
 1 1/4 cups fresh-squeezed lemon juice  
 5 cups cold water  
 1 1/4 cups sugar  
 Ice  
 Lemon slices (optional)

**DIRECTIONS**  
 Combine lemon juice, water and sugar in a large pitcher and stir until sugar is completely dissolved.

Serve over ice and garnish with lemon slices, if desired.

## WORSHIP

### OPPORTUNITIES

**9 a.m.**  
Traditional Worship

**10:30 a.m.**  
Contemporary Worship

Watch Worship on Valley Access Channel 18

Wednesdays: 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

Thursdays: 1 a.m., 7 a.m.

Fridays: 4 p.m., 10 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m.

Sundays: 11 a.m.

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# CALENDAR MAY 1 - 31, 2016

## Sun., May 1

- 9 a.m. Children's Musical, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Musical, Communion: Worship Center
- 4 p.m. GLOW Kick-off Party: Home of Laura Holmes

## Mon., May 2

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:45 a.m. Bridge for Trinity: Garden Room
- 1:30 p.m. Commodity Food Distribution: Valley Outreach
- 6 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tues., May 3

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Ministry Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. YogaDevotion: Garden Room
- 7 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal: Worship Center

## Wed., May 4

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms: Lower Level
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River (Gr. 9-12): Youth Area

## Thurs., May 5

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Seated in the Presence (Chair) Yoga: Garden Room
- 2 p.m. Healing Hearts Group: Room 108B

## Fri., May 6

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sat., May 7

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Luther Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Wayzata Community Orchestra Concert: Worship Center

## Sun., May 8 – Mother's Day

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center (No Women's Book Group)

## Mon., May 9

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 1 p.m. Rebekah Circle: Library
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tues., May 10

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
- 9 a.m. Leah Circle: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Ministry Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. YogaDevotion: Garden Room
- 6:30 p.m. GLOW Evening Bike Ride: Meet at Brown's Creek Park
- 7 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Anna Circle: Members' Homes

## Wed., May 11

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Boutwells Landing Sr. Communion
- 1 p.m. Marion Circle: Members' Homes
- 1 p.m. Oak Ridge Apts. Sr. Communion
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River – (Gr. 9-12): Youth Area

## Thurs., May 12

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Seated in the Presence (Chair) Yoga: Garden Room
- 1 p.m. Martha Circle: Living Room
- 1:30 p.m. Dorcas Circle: Members' Homes

## Fri., May 13

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sat., May 14

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Luther Hall

## Sun., May 15

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 9 a.m. Couples Small Group: Library
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center

## Mon., May 16

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Ruth Circle: Members' Homes
- 4 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tues., May 17

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Ministry Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. YogaDevotion: Garden Room
- 7 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal: Worship Center

## Wed., May 18

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms: Lower Level
- 10:15 a.m. Linden Sr. Communion
- 1 p.m. Caring Friends Planning Meeting: Narthex
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River – (Gr. 9-12): Youth Area

## Thurs., May 19

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Seated in the Presence (Chair) Yoga: Garden Room
- 7:30 p.m. St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert: Worship Center

## Fri., May 20

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sat., May 21

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Luther Hall

## Sun., May 22 – High School Senior Recognition Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Group: Kowalski's-Stillwater

## Mon., May 23

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

## Tues., May 24

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Ministry Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. YogaDevotion: Garden Room

## Wed., May 25

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10:30 a.m. Oak Park Senior Living Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Supporting Women as Professionals (SWAP) (No River)

## Thurs., May 26

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Seated in the Presence (Chair) Yoga: Garden Room
- 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Narthex

## Fri., May 27

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B

## Sat., May 28

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Luther Hall

## Sun., May 29

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 9 a.m. Drive-in Worship: Houlton, WI

## Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day: Office/Building Closed

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library

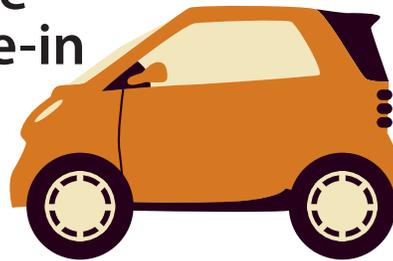
## Tues., May 31

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Ministry Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library

**SUMMER** at  
**SUNDAY**  
**WORSHIP**

**9** a.m. **&** **9** a.m.

at the  
Drive-in



NOTE new  
time!

at  
Church

Begins Memorial Day weekend and goes through Labor Day weekend