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For every house is built by
someone, but the builder of
all things is God.

— Hebrews 3:4

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LEAD PASTOR
CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

There have been requests to reproduce a recent sermon in print. The April issue of Trinity Today is the right place since it was my intent to address the issue of stewardship this month.

This sermon was preached Sunday, March 19 based on Luke 15:1-32.

“Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Growing up, my dad’s work as a claims adjustor meant we moved every 3 to 4 years. So by the time I arrived at Eau Claire Memorial High School to begin my sophomore year in high school, being new was nothing new to me. Still, I had been looking forward to starting high school with all my junior high friends. I had my schedule for the fall and had even made it into the concert choir! Instead, I showed up at a new school on the first day knowing exactly no one.

Lucky for me, there was a nice girl named Lisa who not only reached out to me in class but even called me at home. She was hospitable, friendly and interested. I looked forward to connecting with her at school.

However, within the week I had been warned against hanging out with Lisa. Not because she made bad choices or would lead me down the wrong path. I was cautioned against hanging out with Lisa because she wasn’t considered cool. According to one girl, hanging out with Lisa would not be good for my social future. Kind of like in the movie *Mean Girls*, when Cady is warned against joining the math team because to do so would be social suicide.

Jesus is harshly criticized for hanging around with the wrong people. And Jesus’ reputation hangs in the balance. But while Lisa was harmless, the sinners and tax collectors pose an actual threat. They are outside the law of God and threaten the system that both identifies and safeguards the people of Israel. If Jesus wants a real shot at leadership, he needs to pick some new dining companions.

Jesus responds to his detractors by telling parables, beginning with two short parables about repentance.

The funny thing is, neither a sheep nor a coin can repent. The other funny thing is that there is not a single shepherd worth his salt who would leave 99 sheep to go in search of one. And the woman! She spends a precious time looking for a coin and then throws a party that likely cost more than the coin was worth.

It’s easy to forget that these parables are a response to the criticism leveled at Jesus for dining with tax collectors. But if we remember that little detail, suddenly it looks like repentance isn’t about changing our stripes so much as it is being sought out, gathered in and welcomed to the table.

And then Jesus tells the remarkable parable about the father and his two sons and an extravagant, even foolish party.

When we listen to parables, we often respond by putting ourselves into the story and identifying with a character.

Some of us have been the son who decides to take his chances out in the wide world and finds himself wondering if there is a way to come home.

Some of us have been the father—or mother; knowing all too well what it is to watch our child walk off down the road and wonder if they will be hungry or lonely. We know what it means to forever keep one eye on the horizon scanning for a familiar profile. Perhaps, we have been lucky enough to know what it is for that child to come home and to celebrate with hearts rejoicing.

Some of us have been that older brother. Working hard and never getting it wrong; then harrumphing when our parents make a big fuss over the sibling who never seems to get it right.

There are things to be learned from identifying with each character. How to be as forgiving and extravagantly prodigal as the father. How to come home. How to confess our frustration and be reminded that we have always belonged.

But remember, *Jesus told these parables in response to the religious leaders grumbling about his inclusive supper table.* It is likely that Jesus isn’t using the parables to describe how to behave as individuals. Instead, Jesus is describing what the kingdom of God looks like.

“The kingdom of God is like someone searching frantically for what is lost. And then rejoicing by throwing an extravagant, even foolish party.”

Jesus is describing how to build the kingdom by seeking the lost and rejoicing in the finding.

To be prodigal means to spend freely and recklessly; to be lavish, extravagant, even wasteful. Jesus gives us three parables of reckless, lavish, extravagant prodigals. A shepherd who inexplicably abandons 99 to go in search of one. A woman who spends time finding a coin and then wastes money celebrating the finding. And a father who puts his household finances in jeopardy to fulfill the wanderlust of a younger son and then gives him even more—calf, robe, ring and sandals—when he returns. A father who sets aside all decorum to run to that errant son. A father who patiently explains to the self-righteous older brother just how beloved he has always been.

If Jesus isn't using the parables to describe how we are to behave as individuals but instead to describe what the kingdom of God looks like... If Jesus is using these parables to help us see how we are to help create that kingdom of God here and now... If Jesus is using these parables to illustrate how we, as the body of Christ, are expected to dine with sinners and tax collectors...

Well, then, Jesus is inviting us to be a more prodigal church: extravagant, reckless and rejoicing.

And the heart of every council member just stopped.

This past Thursday evening, at their regular meeting, your church council spent a long time carefully examining the finances of this church. Well aware—and reminding me—that finances have been at the center of grief, tension and difficult decision-making over the past couple of painful years.

So before I continue, let me say this: your council is working remarkably hard to do right by this congregation. Our financial picture isn't perfect but it is hopeful, it is on the right track and with your financial support it will be a healthy year.

This council: Gail, Doug, Mel, Tom, Mary Claire, Arba-Della and Bob—real people with hearts and faith and limited time to spend—this council is doing their due diligence and watching the books and thinking ten steps ahead. They cannot do this alone. This is OUR work. So when you see them, thank them. Ask how you can help. Don't wait to see how things turn out, be part of making things turn out. Pray, show up and give. Be prodigal with your money and your time so that together we can set a larger table.

And... And...

Jesus does not call us to be prodigal after the books balance and there is a nice surplus.

Jesus doesn't call us to be prodigal only when our house is in order and we can guarantee that we won't upset the delicate systems designed to identify and safeguard us.

Jesus calls us to be prodigal. To fling open our doors. To take risks with the household in the name of love.

Jesus calls us to quit fussing over the 99 and seek out those who are lost.

Jesus calls us to go deep within our own walls to seek out those we may have lost track of and, no matter who we find, celebrate extravagantly.

Jesus calls us to keep a weather eye out for those returning home and those finding home for the first

time. Jesus calls us to run to them and NOT ask for excuses or reasons they have gone away but to throw a robe around them and put sandals on their feet like they have never been gone.

Jesus invites us to open our doors to the refugee and immigrant who wanders in fear. Jesus calls us to open our table to families that don't look like my family or your family; to invite people who might change the music we sing, the recipe we use for our bread and where we sit on Sunday mornings. Jesus calls us to worry less about which prayer we use than about who is here to pray it with us. Jesus calls us to help people discover who they are and who they belong to and—in the midst of it all—be reminded that we are more than a set of balanced books with a solid financial plan.

If that father had been inside fretting over his finances, he would have missed that familiar profile on the horizon.

We are the son who finally wandered home. We are that older brother counting the distribution and forgetting who we have always been. We strive to be the father who put everything at risk so that both sons could learn who they are and who they belong to.

We are the ones charged with setting the most remarkable dinner table imaginable, a feast with Jesus as host and guest. And we do it with wide open hands and hearts. Trusting that together we are held firmly in the grip of a mighty God who has a will and a desire for us to be prodigal toward the lost, the least and the forgotten. And to remember that we are counted among God's beloved.

Amen.

Pastor Chris

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I offer you a word of deep gratitude for the Celebration of Installation and Renewal on March 5 (see photos from the event on Page 13). It was a joyous day (my dad was thrilled beyond measure!) to be with you all and to welcome so many from the larger community. I am blessed to have been called to serve Trinity and look forward to our years of ministry together; discovering God's liberating love in Christ and our call to share the work of building God's kingdom.

Ted and I are enjoying our new home and new community! Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality.

Pastor Chris

Church Council Update

by Mary Claire Olson Potter, Council Member & Worship Ministry Council Liaison

One of the important take-aways from the HolyCow! Survey done nearly two years ago and the Transition Team report concluded last spring, is the strong desire of our congregation to greatly increase the involvement of lay leaders in the ministry and operations of Trinity. Over the past two years, lay leadership opportunities were expanded through the creation of the Stewardship Team, the Outreach Missions Board, the lead pastor call committee, the Transition Team, and more. Thank you to those who stepped up to participate!

A key recommendation of the Transition Team was to build more lay involvement through the creation of ministry teams. The council has been working on developing this approach since last summer, and Pastor Chris along with the council is leading the next step of the process to determine just how this approach will be shaped.

For each of the ministry teams, a table talk meeting has been set up to talk about each of them separately. We invite you to attend as we brainstorm and talk about each of the ministry teams to help focus the work of Trinity.

The first table talk was held on March 12 for the Worship Ministry. Over 25 ideas came up during the brainstorming session. Following the brainstorming, each attendee picked their top five favorites of the ideas generated. The following were the top five identified priorities along with action steps.

- **Green Space**—what can be the uses of the green space right next to the church building? Last fall we had a great Trinity Fest in that space—what are other uses? The suggestion was to have a separate conversation about this space and not limiting its use for only worship. A date for this meeting will be held in May—when we can sit and meet in the space and brainstorm about potential uses. Be a part of this exciting conversation—date for the meeting to be announced soon!
- **Sound System—Lighting**—begin to research what is possible in the sanctuary for enhancements and improvements to the current sound, lighting and technology. We want

to be sure all who come to worship have the light they need to see, a sound system so they can hear, and technology to enhance the worship experience.

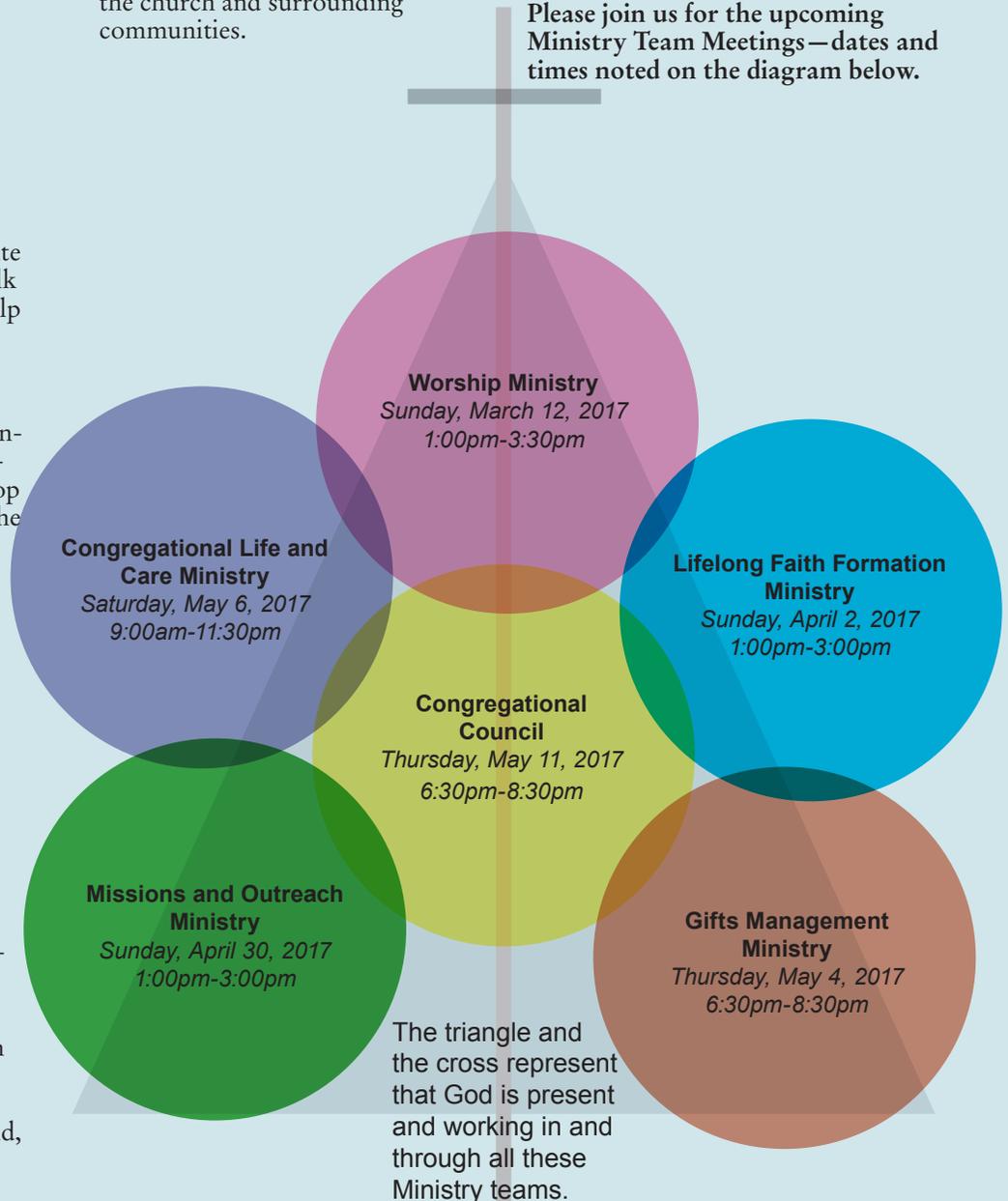
- **Explanations in the Bulletins**—explain liturgy and what we do during worship in the bulletin. Explain why we have the different liturgies during the church year and what they mean to us as a Lutheran congregation.
- **Intergenerational Musical**—provide members of all ages an opportunity to work together and have fun with a musical for the church and surrounding communities.

- **Integrate Sunday and Monday**—how can we help members bring the worship experience of Sunday into Monday and the rest of the week?

This meeting was a start for the Worship Ministry Team. Join us for a follow up meeting on **Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm in the Narthex**. At this meeting we will have updates on each of the priorities listed above and review the other ideas generated at the March meeting to see if more conversation should be held on those.

Thank you to all who attended the first meeting I look forward to seeing you and others at the May meeting.

Please join us for the upcoming Ministry Team Meetings—dates and times noted on the diagram below.



Trinity Financial Update

February Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2017

	This Year	Last Year	Budget	% of Budget	'17 Year End Projection
Contribution Income	601,295	627,699	1,300,000	46%	1,268,282
Other Income	244,339	471,238	445,360	55%	417,088
Total Income	\$ 845,633	\$ 1,098,937	\$ 1,745,360		\$ 1,685,370
less: Expenses	935,498	1,211,135	1,745,360	54%	1,779,522
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (89,865)	\$ (112,198)	\$ -		\$ (94,152)

Adjust for 3rd St. Property Sale:

Gross Proceeds:	\$ 194,000
less: Closing Costs: (fees, Assessments & Commissions)	\$ 30,173
Net proceeds:	\$ 163,827
Allow for FY 2016 Deficit:	\$ (122,951)
Excess Proceeds:	\$ 40,876
Revised 2017 Fiscal Year-end Projection:	\$ (53,276)

This Year	Last Year
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Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,050,204	3,174,742
Increase (Decrease)	(63,653)	(61,785)
Long-Term Debt - End of February	\$ 2,986,552	\$ 3,112,956

A Financial Update from the Council

It goes without saying that we have come through a tough couple of years, financially and otherwise. You, the staff and your council have worked hard to create a healthier financial footing for Trinity, now and for our future. While there is work left to do, we are on the right path and our future is hopeful!

The church budget is a mission document! It outlines how we will be church together for the sake of the world, and the financial resources necessary to fulfill that mission.

After a slight surplus in 2015, the congregation approved a 2016 budget with a deficit; in the prayerful hope that the congregation would respond with increased giving. That hope was not realized. Further adjustments were made and it was determined that the 2016 budget would be balanced through the sale of the 3rd street property.

You can see by the information above that we were not only able to balance the 2016 budget but realized a small surplus that has been applied to the 2017 budget. This is good news and represents faithful financial stewardship and leadership.

You can also see that we are 6 months into our fiscal year with a projected fiscal year-end shortfall of just over \$53,000. While we hope to end the year with a balanced budget, the good news is that we have had two positive, healthy years and can easily achieve balance again this year.

We rely on the financial support of all our members and any who participate in Trinity's ministry and life together. Not just to balance our budget, but to fulfill our mission as the Body of Christ.

The church budget is a mission document! It outlines how we will be church together for the sake of the world, and the financial resources necessary to fulfill that mission. Everything we have comes to us as a gift from God. And we are called by God to bring our first fruits, our best gifts to the ministry of the Gospel that we share.

If you have questions or prefer to see the financial story in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact Council Treasurer Tom Olsen, Parish Administrator Bob Eiselt, any member of the council or any of your pastors.

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Why Pastors? And what about Pastor Karri?

A few of you have raised some questions about the need for “so many” pastors at Trinity. In the interest of transparency and information, let’s look at the question, which is a fair one; especially in a tradition that values vocation and the priesthood of all believers.

The priesthood of all believers, a phrase coined by Martin Luther, refers to the fact that each of us as Jesus’ disciples can pass on the forgiveness and love of Christ. It is no longer reserved just for the priests as was once the case a very long time ago.

Vocation is a person’s particular work in the world. We are each called and equipped by the Holy Spirit to do meaningful, daily work—either for pay or as volunteers. Some are teachers and engineers, others are accountants and house cleaners, still others are soldiers and artists. The point is that when our daily work is done faithfully—whatever it is—it is holy work. This is one way we live out our baptism.

Pastors are called to the holy work of preaching, celebrating the sacraments, forgiving sins, teaching and so on. *What pastors do is not more holy than what anyone else does.* What pastors do is the particular work to which we have been called and for which we have been equipped. As we say, pastors are not set above the people but we are “set aside” for the particular work of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

The number of pastors called by a congregation is related to the number of members and the type of work assigned those pastors. One job of the pastors is to help a congregation remain centered in Christ and to uphold our Lutheran theological commitments. A congregation this size—with varied worship, education for all ages, wide ranging outreach and multiple small group ministries—needs and is blessed by multiple pastors and a talented staff to help us remain centered and faithful.

Trinity will benefit from the presence of a robust pastoral staff to sustain and support such a large and complex ministry. And your pastors will be committed to holding our Christian, Lutheran theological center and committed to empowering members in ministry.

Perhaps it would help to share the language that is in the letter of call that you issue to your pastors at the time of our installation:

We call you to exercise among us the ministry of Word and Sacrament which God has established and which the Holy Spirit empowers: To preach and teach the Word of God in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; to administer Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead us in worship; to proclaim forgiveness of sins; to provide pastoral care; to speak for justice in behalf of the poor and oppressed; to encourage persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; to impart knowledge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its wider ministry; to endeavor to increase support given by our congregation to the work of the whole church; to equip us for witness and service; and guide us in proclaiming God’s love through word and deed.

That is the work to which you call your pastors and in which you pledge to support us. It is work to which you, as the calling congregation, can hold us to account—in love and truthfulness.

In addition, your pastors are engaged in collegial work with local pastors, congregations and social service organizations (like Valley Outreach);

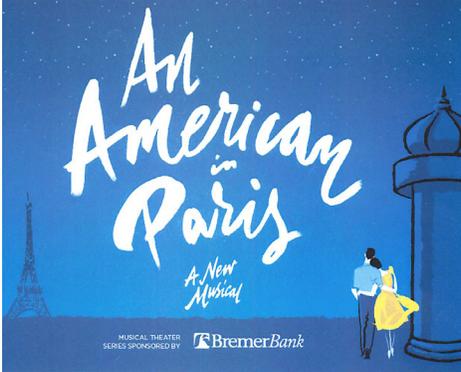
work in and through the St. Paul Area Synod; continuing education; peer groups for our own health and accountability; mentoring those training to be church leaders; advocating for the ELCA colleges and seminaries and our partners in the world, such as Lutheran Social Services and Lutheran World Relief. We are called as pastors not just of Trinity Lutheran but of the larger church. One way Trinity supports the work of the larger church is through the engagement of your pastors (and members) in these ministries and partnerships.

So what about Pastor Karri?

Pastor Karri is called among us as an interim pastor and therefore ineligible to be called as our next settled associate pastor; as much as we would all love to have her stay. As part of her interim call, Pastor Karri is working with our other pastors and staff to help explore our needs and shape how the new associate pastor can best serve Trinity and our engagement in the world. We will keep you posted in that process. It would be premature to share either the job description or the timeline for that new call but keep your eyes and ears open and we will share what we know as soon as we have a sense of knowing it!

If you have ANY questions about the role of the pastor, how many pastors we should have and what the next steps are, please just ask one of the pastors or council president Gail Olson!

The Retired Men’s Group presents



An American in Paris tells the tale of an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and an idomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war. Acclaimed director/choreographer and 2015 Tony award-winner Christopher Wheeldon brings the magic and romance of Paris into perfect harmony with unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin.

Tickets are \$50 each and are on sale Sundays between services. Please feel free to bring your spouse or a friend!

at the Orday Theater in St. Paul
Thursday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Jon Fogelberg at jon@123m.com or (715) 755 2487.

Lifelong Learning: **The Story of the Bible Continues and Comes to a Close!**

Sundays, April 2, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Living Room

Seven months ago, Pastor Stefanie Fauth had a spark of an idea: an adult education class studying the path that our Bible took from the earliest time until now. On Sunday, April 30, under the competent lay leadership of Michele Skjervold, Claudia Swendseid, Clark Thurn, John Hodler, and Jeff Anderson, our journey ends. Under the superb scholarship and oftentimes sharp wit of Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, our learning expanded and our friendships grew. Whether you joined us for one class or all 23, your participation in the lively, intelligent discussions (and often laughter-filled, too!) was fully appreciated.

Some ahh-hah moments include the realizations that hand-copying the earliest manuscripts was filled with human error, sometimes by accident and other times on purpose; about the amazingly learned people who translated manuscripts into multitudes of common languages that enabled all to learn and better understand the Bible; and how the Renaissance, the printing press, and the Protestant Reformation each created disunity and divisions even as they brought positive changes to the world.

The story of how the Bible came to be is filled with conflicts and competition even now in 2017. We end our adult classes in April by looking at contemporary Christians and the disagreements centered on the questions, "What is the 'true Bible?' and how does it measure 'true Christianity?'" We'll look at archaeological finds and see how they might conflict with what is considered our Bible today. And we'll come, once again, back to an incredible sense of awe that the Bible and even Christianity survives and thrives today!

Join us as we close our study; it's never too late to begin to learn! For more information contact Kristie Anderson at jkjsa@hotmail.com.



Lent—A Tough Hand to Play

by Steve Hokonson

Unlike Christmas and Easter, Lent has no big Biblical event to "celebrate." It only began to be observed in the 4th Century and often suffers from an emphasis on austerity, penance, and "giving up things," often resulting in a focus on what we do or don't do.

Ashes on the forehead, reminders of our mortality, and 6 weeks of "walking the way of the cross" can be a hard hand to play for Christians who like to emphasize God's Love, God's Grace, and the Joy of the Christian life.

Although about six weeks in length, Lent is traditionally observed only Monday through Saturdays since Sundays are always a celebration of Easter and the resurrection. Therefore, mid-week services are available for Lenten Worship.

However, I like to play tough hands, including Lent.

1. Lent means Spring. Spring is a time of rigorous preparation, getting ready for the gorgeous flowering of summer. Spring is a time for getting the soil ready, fertilizing, cleaning out the winter mess. Lent is also a time for preparation and it takes hard work. Traditionally, it was a time for Confirmation, a time for preparation for Baptism, Ordination, and living the Easter Life.
2. Lent demands extra effort. Spiritual discipline is not just "giving up things" for ourselves, but choosing a new focus that is not just on ourselves, but providing in new ways for those who God loves, the Lost, the Last, the Little, and the Least.
3. Lent is a "tithe," a tenth of the 365 days of the year to offer to God the best we have to offer during these 36 days.

It's a tough hand to play, but worth playing. J. Barrie Shepherd, one of my favorite poets puts it this way:

Lent Four

By the middle week of March the self-denial wears a little thin. The odd dessert has found its way around the flimsy fence of fasting, and daily prayer has fallen by the wayside for the past few mornings. And here the test begins: the clumsy, strawless task of building holiness, brick by heavy brick, out of the frigid, frozen mud of day to day existence, before springtime.

Join us at 8:45 a.m. Monday, April 3, in the Garden Room for some tough hands of Bridge! All are welcome!

Letter to the Synod: We are Lutheran, Among Our Neighbors

by Heidi Kriesel-White, Outreach Missions Team

Hello. My name is Heidi Kriesel-White, and I am a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN. I also serve on our Mission Outreach Team. I wanted to share with you a very special relationship that has developed between our Trinity community and the Anuak community who have recently relocated to Minnesota from a refugee camp in Kenya.

The Anuak Tribe comes from Southern Sudan. They have been forced to leave their homeland because of war and violence, which is still happening today (more of that later in this email). The refugees featured in the attached pictures walked hundreds of miles across Ethiopia and into Kenya, where they lived for many years (some as long as 15 years) until recently, when they came as refugees to Minnesota.

One of our pastors here at Trinity, Debra Ost, met Gilo Gora Agwa, who came to Minnesota as a refugee quite a few years ago, at a nursing home where he works. He told her his story of coming to Minnesota, and told her that about 20 families had recently relocated to Minnesota from the refugee camp in Kenya. These refugees were also from the same Anuak tribe as Gilo. As these families were brand new to Minnesota; they had only been here a few days to several weeks. Many did not have the warm clothes that are required for living in Minnesota. Pastor Ost invited Gilo to our November missions meeting where he asked if we could help him get winter clothes and household items to these families. This was the very end of November. The Missions Team at Trinity sprang into action! Through email blasts, social media and word of mouth, the Trinity community, and the community of Stillwater, opened their hearts and their pocketbooks, and within two weeks we had hundreds of coats, gloves, mittens, household and kitchen items, blankets and boots.

I personally, along with my two sons, met with each family in their home, to determine what exactly they needed and the sizes they required. Everything that was donated was new or gently used. We passed along only things that we would want our own family to wear or use.

The response was so overwhelming that we had a wonderful "problem" of how to get all we collected to the families. So shortly before Christmas we decided to have a "free store" for the families. With the help of Trinity volunteers, each item was folded on tables, displayed, and a team of volunteers went into the city and picked up the refugees to come to our "store". After the refugee families shopped for what they needed, our Trinity volunteers drove them home again with cars full of much needed items. It took many volunteers to set up and then clean up as well.

It was a rewarding experience for everyone, and we all witnessed Christmas in action in that room at Trinity that day. More recently, Gilo and the refugees came to worship with us on March 5th. Gilo, an ordained pastor of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, preached that Sunday. Amazingly, his sermon was on "Who is our Neighbor?" and he tied his sermon into the Good Samaritan lesson. The refugees sang for us and shared their music, and through an interpreter

they thanked the faith community of Trinity Lutheran Church for welcoming them to Minnesota.

Sadly, on Sunday March 12th, Gilo sent us an email saying the Anuak villages had been attacked the night before. He said 10 villagers were killed, 22 children were missing or abducted, and their homes were burned to ashes. I've included a couple of pictures of their burned village as well. It must be so very painful to know your people continue to face persecution when you are so far from your home country.

We look forward to continuing our prayers and relationship with Gilo and the other recent Anuak refugees that have just arrived in Minnesota.

Please let me know if you would like more information.

Sincerely,
Heidi Kriesel White
Trinity Lutheran Church member

The pictures include the day of our "free store"; please see "Refugees at Trinity" and our March 5th service with Gilo and the Anuak Refugees, please see "Refugees in church". Also included are two pictures of the Anuak village that was burned to the ground in the last 24 hours.



Refugees at Trinity

Connecting with the larger church

Walking the Footsteps of Luther

This year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Pastor Bradley Schmeling, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, is leading a trip to the Luther sites, August 23-September 1. You're invited to join him in "walking the footsteps of Luther." As the group pilgrimages through Germany and the great cities and beautiful countryside of Luther's world, we will gain a deeper understanding and keener appreciation of his exemplary life. For a full description and pricing, or for more information: <http://www.gloriadeistpaul.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Germany-Full-Information.pdf>.

Synod Assembly

May 19 & 20

Prince of Peace, Burnsville

On Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20, we will gather at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Burnsville for 2017 Synod Assembly, highlighting the theme

"We Are Lutheran: Among Our Neighbors".

The two-day event will welcome special guests including Archbishop Hebda of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis, and Bishop Guy Erwin of the Southwest California Synod. Inspiring worship and breakout discussion groups will help us to learn more about the many neighbors whose lives enrich our own, and whom we are called to love and serve. More information about the day can be found at www.spas-elca.org/synod-assembly



Refugees in church



Anuak village

Connecting with the community

VALLEY
CHAMBER CHORALE

BACH TO ROCK - MUSIC OF OUR LIFE

Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

Saturday, April 29, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 30, 2017 – 3 p.m.

This concert will explore and bring the music of our lives to the St. Croix Valley in a concert that offers something for everyone: songs drawn from the earliest of musical periods to contemporary sounds. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for each concert.

Door Ticket Prices: Adult - \$27; Senior - \$22; Student - \$17



Most photos by Jolene Patterson





On March 16, 44 high school students and 10 adults traveled to the Yucatán Peninsula for a week of mixing cement, building relationships, and changing lives forever. In total, 10 roofs were put on homes of various shapes and sizes. Our eight Senior Leaders (12th grade students) took turns blessing each home that was completed, offering each family a quilt and a children's Bible, thanks to Trinity's Children's Ministry and Quilting Ministry. On behalf of our team, I cannot thank this community enough for supporting this life-changing experience and making this trip a reality for our high school youth—thank you.

– Kelsey Crusinberry

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For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

– Hebrews 3:4





On this first day of spring, I write encouraging you, your family, and friends to spend some time at Trinity during Holy Week 2017. If you have never considered attending worship three days in a row — well, actually four days in a row — give it a try this year. It is a week of high drama, from Christ's triumphal ride into Jerusalem — to death on the cross — to Easter glory. You will want to be a part of all of it. And each and every one of these events is appropriate for the youngest to our most senior members. Beginning on Thursday evening we join Christians around the world in celebrating the death and resurrection of Christ. Our community needs to be together for these most holy days that renew our faith. Please try to be present for all three evenings; each one is special and unique.

Carol Carver, Worship Director

April 14, Good Friday Men's Breakfast: 6:30 a.m.

All men are invited to this Trinity Good Friday tradition! Bring a friend! We will join together for a hearty breakfast in the Garden Room and then hear from Ted Olson (Pastor Chris' husband). Ted is leaving this month for a 5 ½ month, ~3,000 mile hike. This hike follows the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail from the US/Mexico border in the bootheel of New Mexico to the Canada/ U.S. border in Glacier National Park. His talk will cover the motivations, route and preparations needed for this adventure.

\$10 suggested donation. Questions? Contact Bob O'Neil at (cell) 612-723-6589 or (home) 651-342-0092.



Ted Olson is a Senior Corporate Engagement Advisor for The Nature Conservancy.

April 9, Palm Sunday

Oh, How He Loves You And Me: A Palm Sunday Event for All Ages Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. & Worship at 10 a.m. (one service only)

Gather for breakfast sponsored by our Children, Youth & Families. Free-will offering helps send Trinity kids to summer camp! Then the story of Passion Palm Sunday of how Jesus offered his life for the world told by our children's choirs, and including a palm processional.

TRIDUUM – THE THREE DAYS

April 13, Maundy Thursday: Noon and 7 p.m.

This service begins the Easter Triduum/the Three Days. At the heart of Maundy Thursday worship is Jesus' commandment to love one another. Maundy is the word for "command." As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. Today we remember the Last Supper—the final meal shared with his disciples. At 7 p.m. worship we will welcome some of our youngest members to the table.

April 14, Good Friday: 7 p.m.

At this service we focus on the passion and death of Christ. There is a large wooden cross in the center of the Chancel: we hear the passion story, meditate with music, prayer and silence. This year's musicians include percussion, electric guitar, keyboard, choir and soloists.

April 15, Easter Vigil, Saturday: 7 p.m.

This is the night of nights. The service is the most ancient and dramatic of all Christian worship and is the first official celebration of Easter. The service is a wonderful reminder of the history of God's people as we journey through the stories of the creation, the flood and the prophets. We tell some of the great stories of our faith and worship culminates with a celebration of our baptism into Christ, the baptism of new members to Trinity, and an Easter meal in celebration of the resurrection of Christ. There will be fire and candles; word and silence; water, bread and wine and spring flowers in abundance;

April 16, Easter Sunday: 7, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Worship with communion Sunrise worship (7 a.m.) will be in the Narthex, overlooking our beautiful river valley. Come join us for worship and hot cross buns if you prefer early worship, or are off to join others for a later service.

Festive worship (9 & 10 a.m.) with organ, choir and trumpet

Festive worship (11 a.m.) lead by the worship ensemble

Worship Texts

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

April 2 **Luke 18:31-19:10**
Zacchaeus

April 9 **Luke 19:29-44** Triumphal Entry

April 13 **Luke 22:1-27** Last Supper

April 14 **Luke 23:32-47** Crucifixion

April 16 **Luke 24:1-12** Resurrection

April 23 **Luke 24:13-35** Emmaus Road

April 30 **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60** Stephen's Witness

Hospitality: The Profound Interchangeability of Host and Guest

I found a lot of inspiration about hospitality in *God's Hotel*, by Victoria Sweet, available in the Trinity Library. Dr. Sweet was a physician at San Francisco's Laguna Honda Hospital, the last almshouse in the country.

"In Rome, *hospitalitas*—hospitality—meant caring for the traveler, the stranger, and the pilgrim, but only when he was of the same class as oneself, because then one could expect an equivalent return. So Roman hospitality was a kind of fair exchange. It was based on the idea that every host (*hospes*) was also a guest (*hospes*) somewhere else; that one's identity as either host or guest was interchangeable.

After Rome collapsed, the monasteries grew out of their old villas, and took over many of the social contracts left in Rome's dust, especially that of hospitality. But the hospitality of the monasteries was radically different from Rome's because the monks and nuns opened the door of their hospices to everyone, regardless of their social standing. To rich and to poor, to travelers, pilgrims, and the sick, to Muslim and to Jew. The reason for that was Matthew in the New Testament, who had quoted Jesus as saying: Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me, which was interpreted by the monks to mean that any guest was welcome in the monastery because any guest could be—and therefore was—Christ. That was how the Roman *hospitalitas* turned into the medieval hospitality of the monastery's hospice." (pp. 195-96)

We welcome everyone who comes to Trinity just as we are welcomed. Warm thanks to all for your hospitality on Sunday mornings. Just as all are welcomed, all are needed. To share your gift of hospitality as a greeter, usher, or coffee server on Sunday mornings or during Easter week, contact me. Thanks!

Ann Wolff

Hospitality Coordinator • 651-260-3855 (cell) • wolff701@msn.com

A Day to Remember! Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m.

Celebration of Renewal & Installation: A Congregational & Community Event

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church with a commitment of renewal as a vibrant, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-powered faith community; and the installation of Pastor Chris Bellefeuille. Enjoy these photos from a day to remember!

Photos by Marilee Tangen



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
SPONSORED BY THE CARE TEAM

**Hope For Recovery Class
Presented by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)**
*Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Garden Room at Trinity (Lower Level)*
Spend a Saturday with trained instructor and Trinity member Jeneal Olsen who will offer information, hope, and practical strategies for dealing with the complexities of mental illnesses. Participants will gain knowledge about various illnesses, coping and communication strategies, navigating the mental health system, local resources, and recovery. This class is intended for people who have a family member or friend in mental health recovery. (This class is not intended to be professional development.) Please bring your own lunch. To register: www.namihelps.org/classes.html

Grieving Mindfully
*May 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6:30-8 p.m.
Living Room at Trinity (Lower Level)*
Grieving Mindfully is a four-week support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Participants will learn about normal responses to grief and practice mindfulness meditation as a technique to help cope with grief. Grieving Mindfully will help participants: quiet the mind, learn to adapt to a new normal, improve one's sense of resiliency, and increase self-compassion. Led by Rev. Kris Linner, Director of Fairview Hospice and End-of-Life specialist. This grief series is free and open to the community. To register, please contact Sue Peterson at 651-439-7400, ext. 335.

QUESTIONS?
Contact
Sue Peterson
at speterson@trinitylc.org.

Sue Peterson
Parish Nurse



Our Quilting Ministry

Everything about quilts makes me happy...the fact that they are made up of little bits of old clothing or unused fabric, that each of those patches has a story and a history, that the sum of all those histories are recycled into patchwork work of art. Quilts are timeless, ageless, and bring people together. They provide beauty and warmth and inspire storytelling. Quilts take seemingly disparate pieces and people and bring them together, binding them into a process and product that did not formerly exist!

Our Quilting Ministry has been renewed and is well into the second year. We meet most Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm in the "Living Room," located in the lower level of Trinity. There we chat, cut, sew, tie quilts, and generally have a fun and productive time creating these beautiful works of art.

And guess what? EVERYONE IS WELCOME...no previous experience or sewing "skills" needed. You can learn to cut squares, or simply enjoy the company of others and watch the magic happen.

All the quilts we make are for missions—to warm and shelter those in need. We have assembled quilts for the Mexico Mission of Trinity; however, most of the quilts go to Lutheran World Relief, a world aid organization.

Some statistics regarding Lutheran World Relief (LWR)'s quilting ministry, from Melanie Gibbons, LWR's Quilt and Kit Ministry Manager:

- Each year, LWR quilters share an average of more than 360,000 quilts with our neighbors around the world.
- Quilts are one of our most versatile items, applicable in all climates. Primarily used for warm bedding, they often double as a roof or a door; a way to transport belongings or wares for market; a clean place for infants and toddlers to play; and beautiful, unique reminders of love and care.
- In my travels around the world, I've heard more than one quilt recipient tell me that they pray for our quilters, that they would be safe and loved. Women, in particular,

note that the risk of being pricked with a needle or pin is very real, and they understand the time it takes to make something like a quilt. These gifts never fail to bring beautiful smiles to the faces of all who receive them. The love and prayers of the quilters weave the Holy Spirit into each quilt, and wraps around each person who receives one!

- In 2016, quilts were distributed to:
Angola
Burkina Faso
Democratic Republic of Congo
Georgia
India
Mali
Peru
Serbia
Tanzania
Thailand
Uganda
Ukraine
Zimbabwe

So please join this beautiful ministry and help make a quilt in the name of Christ!

P.S. Donations of fabric and thread are always welcome.

Blessing of the quilts!

Sunday April 23
at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services

Learn more about
Lutheran World Relief
and Trinity's Quilting
Ministry.



Zanny Johnson
Care Coordinator
New Member Development



P A S T O R D E B O S T

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. – Hebrews 3:4

I hope everyone will read the Church Council Update on page 4. Council member Mary Claire Olson Potter explains the formation of Ministry Teams at Trinity. She states, “A key recommendation of the Transition Team was to build more lay involvement through the creation of ministry teams.” One of the six ministry teams, “currently under construction,” is **Congregational Life & Care**. This team will focus on the many ways we come together to support and care for our *house*.

The Greek word for house is *oikos* (οἶκος). Sometimes *oikos* referred to a line of descent from father to son from generation to generation. We recall the Christmas narrative, “Joseph also went to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.” (Luke 2:4) *Oikos* might also refer to all those—including servants—who reside in a particular household, or it could mean the actual structure itself. In this verse from Hebrews, and in the verses surrounding it, *house*, takes on all of these meanings.

When the book of Hebrews was written, the *oikos* was the basic unit of society. In today’s culture, *house* has similar significance—in our families, workplaces, schools, care centers and churches. At Trinity Lutheran, our *oikos*, our house (church, congregation, faith-community, household) is centered and built upon the marvelous things our loving creator has done for us through Christ. “For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.” It is essential that we nurture and build up one another in our particular house so that we will be strengthened for doing God’s work in the world.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at Trinity. We will be holding a Table Talk around our **Congregational Life & Care** ministry area. All who have an interest in aspects of Christian fellowship, welcoming, connecting and caring for one another at Trinity are invited to attend this event. Your thoughts and ideas will help us develop the **Congregational Life & Care Ministry Team** and determine our priorities. We hope we can count on you to participate in this important event.



Sunshine on our Shoulders

Seems appropriate as the days lengthen, buds are popping, and winter is melting away to highlight our Sunshine Ministry here at Trinity: beaming rays of light and love to warm and cheer, through the gift of flowers.

The Sunshine Ministry here at Trinity provides flowers for members’ significant birthdays at age 75, 80, 85 and 90+ who live inside the boundaries of Stillwater, and is fully self-funded by the dishtowels embroidered by volunteers and sold at the Lutefisk dinner. The Sunshine Ministry was begun (we believe) by Lil Lagerstedt, many years ago.

Norma Swanson, our beloved Sunshine Ministry leader, at age 92 has decided to retire her position as head of this ministry and pass on her duties to Carolyn Minor! Thank you, Carolyn, for continuing this legacy ministry, and Thank you, Norma, for more than 25 years of coordinating the Sunshine Ministry and shining the love of Christ.



Norma Swanson and Carolyn Minor



Come and experience God’s presence through the practice of yoga.

New session begins April 27! All classes in the Garden Room.

Seated in the Presence

Increases range of motion, improves balance using chair for a prop

Thursdays 9-10 a.m.
Starts April 27
\$64/8 weeks

YogaDevotion Flow

Combination of standing, seated, and floor yoga poses

Thursdays 10-11 a.m.
Starts April 27
\$64/8 weeks

For women and men of all skill levels and abilities. Beginners welcome, no experience needed! Register and pay online at www.trinitylc.org > then select REGISTER > then select YogaDevotion.

Led by a trained yoga instructor, YogaDevotion is a practice of breath, prayer, and movement designed to encourage healthy living and a peaceful presence. For more information, contact Parish Nurse Sue Peterson at speterson@trinitylc.org or 651-439-7400, ext. 335.

Healing Through the Arts...Living Well in Mind, Body, Spirit

12th Annual Senior Health and Faith Day Event sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Parish Nurses

Tuesday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Stillwater

Free—All Seniors Welcome!
Lunch will be served. Reserve your space early! Call Our Savior’s at 651-439-5704. Questions? Contact Sue Peterson, Parish Nurse at speterson@trinitylc.org or 651-439-7400 ext. 335.

From the Trinity Library by Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer



Books Brownies



Trinity Library
Sunday, April 23
10-11:45 a.m.

Enjoy some time with friends and view new books gifted to your church library. The Trinity Library is located

on the lower level by the 3rd Street entrance.

“Alexa, what is the forecast?”

“Alexa, add ‘milk’ to the Shopping List.”

“Alexa, turn on the family room light.”

“Alexa, add ‘visit the Trinity Library’ to my To Do List.”

Alexa is a technology that can answer questions, operate switches, read the news, provide sports scores and even read audiobooks. If you prefer reading paper to reading digitally then the Trinity Library is just right for you, ... but let Alexa keep track of the books you choose to read!

Need ideas to add to your reading list? The titles in the following genres are new resources for you to consider.

Christian Fiction:

Illuminations: A Novel of Hildegard von Bingen (813.5 SHAR) is biographical fiction about a real life 12th century Nun, an extraordinary woman of the Middle Ages. Hildegard experienced visions at an early age and was given to the church by her parents at the age of eight.

The Secret Chord: A Novel (FIC BROO) Gwendolyn Brooks shares episodes of King David’s life and focuses on the lives of others, such as Jonathan and Solomon.

Pope Joan: A Novel (FIC CROS) There is a legend about Joan, a 9th century nun, who lives her life disguised as a man. Some believe she was the only female to sit on the throne of St. Peter.

Children’s Fiction:

The Reader (E H) The reader is a small boy, all bundled up for an outing. He and his dog sled to the top of a hill and read a favorite book before heading home.

Kindergarten ABC (E R) A Kindergarten class learns about daily routines and studies a letter a day.

The Giving Book (248 SABI) Children six and up are encouraged to learn about life-long giving and acts of charity in this activity book. *The Giving Book* would make a memorable gift to share with a young child.

Pay It Forward (JUV HYDE) A 12 yr. old accepts his teacher’s challenge to develop a plan to change the world. He meets the challenge by doing a good deed for three people and asking them to ‘pay it forward.’

NON-FICTION:

God’s Hotel: A Doctor, a Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine (610.9 SWEE) Sweet tells the story of San Francisco’s Laguna Honda Hospital which historically tended to “anyone who had fallen onto hard times.” The staff cared for the body and soul, using alternative methods.

Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy (361.4 KRAY) The Amish community at Nickel Mines, PA, reacts to a shooting and shares their act of forgiveness and compassion to his family.

Swedish Cakes and Cookies (641.8 FAVI) This is a perfect book for a Swedish Lutheran Church. Readers will find nearly 300 recipes for desserts and sweets.

Mornings With Jesus (242 AUGH) Readers can check this book out for a year! This daily devotion provides daily encouragement for your spirit.

Social Issues:

The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets (254.4 RICH) Pastor Deb works at the Triune Center with ‘the least of these’ and experiences Christ drawing her closer to grace and redemption.

Cyber Junkie: Escape the Gaming and Internet Trap (RR 616.8 ROBE) This book welcomes you to the cyber universe, presents the journey of recovery and is a guide for loved ones.

Same Family, Different Colors: Confronting Colorism in America’s Diverse Families (305.8 THAR) Tharp addresses the complex and variety of ways that colorism impacts self-esteem and shapes lives and relationships. Included is a historical overview and

review of how communities view colorism.

Amazing Attributes of Aging: Silly & Sacred Stories of Blue Garter Friends (302.8 APPE) Local author and retired teacher, Judy Appel, shares the story of thirty-six women who grew up together and created a bond using the symbol of a blue garter. They have remained bonded for 50 years. Recipes are included.

Being Lutheran:

Augsburg Fortress has donated twenty books to the Trinity Library. They are available for checkout in the library and Narthex.

Day-by-Day We Magnify You (242.3 LUTH) This daily devotional is derived from Luther’s sermons and writings. It is arranged by the church year and includes a daily prayer, a Bible verse and a question to consider.

The Wit of Martin Luther (284.1 GRIT) Luther enjoyed using humor as he interpreted the Bible, in his pastoral relationships, and even as he encountered death. Learn more about Luther’s theology.

Atlas of the European Reformations (921.4 DOWE) This atlas was created in anticipation of the anniversary of the reformation. It contains maps, graphics, and timelines.

“Alexa, add Luther books to my reading list.”

“Alexa, add ‘devotional readings from the Trinity Library’ to the Team Meeting List.”

“Alexa add ‘bring grandkids’ to the church library’ to the To Do list.”

You do not need technology to invite you to visit the Trinity Library.... It is your library, and the volunteers who work there are eager to welcome you to view and use the resources.

Martin Luther and the Reformation

Trinity was fortunate to have recently hosted the Reformation Bookstore. The books that were displayed are now available for check-out in the Trinity Library (lower level). We are grateful to Augsburg Fortress for the gift of books!

tlc summer CAMP 2017



WAPO One-day Camp

AGES Completed Grades K-1

Wednesday, July 19
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 Melissa Gubricky at mgubricky@trinitylc.org

Register at www.trinitylc.org

A note about registration for Seeds & Youth Camps:

Any family who had an account in 2016 will be able to use their same account. If you have forgotten your password, follow this reset link <https://mycircuitree.com/CampWapo/ForgotPassword>

Any family who did not register for camp in 2016 will need to create a new account when they register.

WAPO Seeds Camp

AGES Completed Grades 2-3

July 14-16 Cost: \$160

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 Jolivet at jjolivet@trinitylc.org

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

VBS Passport to Peru, Discovering God's Good Gifts

AGES 4 years-Completed Grade 5

June 12-15, 9-11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$35

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

Cost is per child, plus registration fees and includes DVD.

For children 4 years–grade 2:

Through Bible Stories, music, videos, activities and snacks, children will have a fun and meaningful cross-culture experience. We will learn that God gives us and our friends in Peru comfort, patience, peace, love and joy through all of life's circumstances.

For kids grade 3-5: Kids in grades 3-5 will have a fun, faith-filled VBS uniquely tailored to them, with Peru cross-cultural experience, Bible Study, service component, art and games.

Questions? Contact Julie Jolivet at jjolivet@trinitylc.org

Register at www.trinitylc.org

WAPO Youth Camp

AGES Completed Grades 4-6 & Completed Grades 7-9

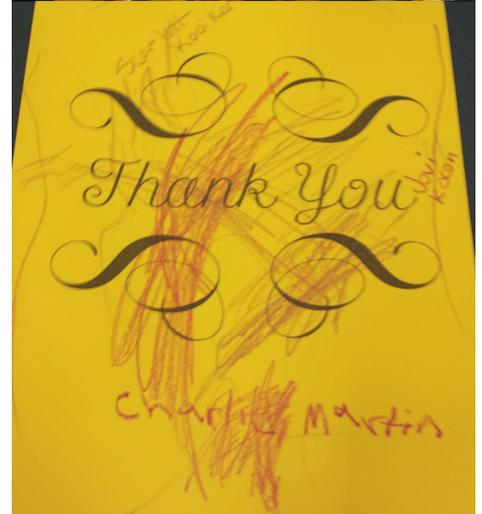
July 16-21 Cost: \$420

The week is packed with a variety of activities that are meant to impact kids for life. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games, campfire. Questions? Contact Julie Jolivet at jjolivet@trinitylc.org

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

Keeping the Promise

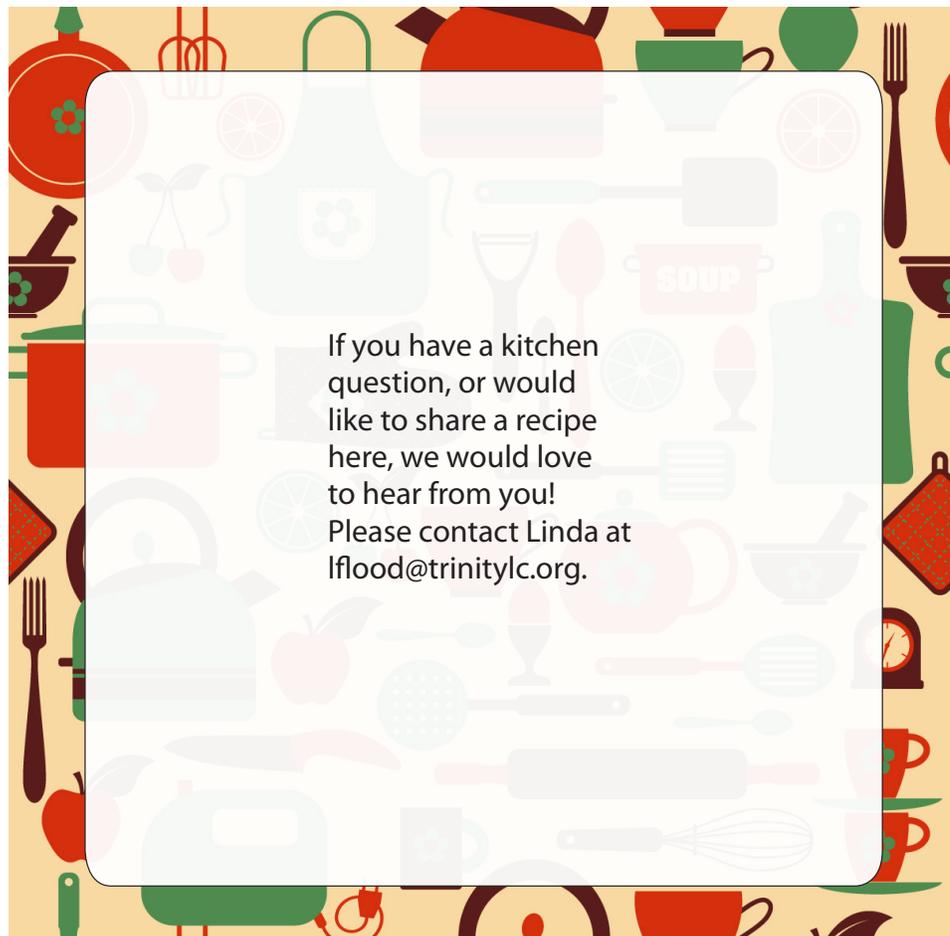
These 2 year-olds received Bibles on Sunday, March 5 as part of the Children, Youth & Families Keeping the Promise program.



Scarlett, Charlie and Jovi would like to thank Trinity for their continued support and contributions that help to make programs like this possible. "Thank You! We love our Bibles!"

From the Kitchen

By Linda Flood, Food Service Manager



If you have a kitchen question, or would like to share a recipe here, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Linda at lflood@trinitylc.org.

W O R S H I P

A T T E N D A N C E

February 26 9 a.m. 285 10:30 a.m. . 160	March 12 9 a.m. 302 10:30 a.m. . 227
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March 8–Wednesday 10 a.m. 29	March 22–Wednesday 10 a.m. 35
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W O R S H I P

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

Sunday Worship
9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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.



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 Celebration

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.-Noon
Narthex at Trinity Lutheran Church

Enjoy coffee or tea and morning treats while learning about GLOW events in 2017-18. Please RSVP to Laura Holmes at msslaurabeth@comcast.net or Sandy Wendt at sandy.wendt@courts.state.mn.us.

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CALENDAR APRIL 1 - 30, 2017

Saturday, April 1

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 7:30 p.m. Cantus Concert: Worship Center

Sunday, April 2

- 9 a.m. Sunday School (4 yrs.-Grade 2): Garden Room
- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Communion Instruction for 2nd Graders & Parents: Garden Room
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed Story of the Bible: Living Room
- 11:30 a.m. Cottage Meeting: Living Room
- 1 p.m. Lifelong Faith Formation Table Talk: Narthex

Monday, April 3

- 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

Tuesday, April 4

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 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

Wednesday, April 5

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms: Lower Level
- 10 a.m. Lenten Worship: Heritage Chapel
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Room
- 6 p.m. Cottage Meeting: Living Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Learning (Gr. 3-6): Lower Level
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Cottage Meeting: Eric & Lucinda White's Home
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River (Gr. 9-12): Youth Center

Thursday, April 6

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Seated in the Presence Chair & Flow Yoga: Garden Room
- 2 p.m. Healing Hearts Group: Room 108B
- 6:30 p.m. Baptism Class: Office Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, April 7

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

Saturday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday, No Sunday School

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast for All (Youth Camp Fundraiser): Garden Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Event: Children's Musical, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center (one service only)

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Leah Circle: Narthex
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Ministry Group: Living Room
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:45 p.m. Anna Circle Meeting: Members' Homes

Wednesday, April 12—No Wednesday Learning, Confirmation or River

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Boutwell's Landing Senior Communion
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Seated in the Presence Chair & Flow Yoga: Garden Room
- Noon Maundy Thursday Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 1 p.m. Martha Circle: Living Room
- 1:30 p.m. Dorcas Circle: Members' Homes
- 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, Celebration of Communion: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7:30 p.m. AWE West Side Story: Ordway

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

- 6:30 a.m. Good Friday Men's Breakfast: Garden Room
- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 7 p.m. Good Friday Worship: Worship Center

Saturday, April 15

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Contemplative Worship: Worship Center

Sunday, April 16—Easter

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 8 a.m. Hot Cross Buns & Coffee: Narthex
- 9 a.m. Festive Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10 a.m. Festive Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion: Worship Center

Monday, April 17—Staff Holiday, Building/Office Closed

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Ruth Circle: Members' Homes

Tuesday, April 18

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 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

Wednesday, April 19

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms: Lower Level
- 1 p.m. Marion Circle Meeting: Members' Homes
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Learning (Gr. 3-6): Lower Level
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River (Gr. 9-12): Youth Center

Thursday, April 20

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Seated in the Presence Chair & Flow Yoga: Garden Room
- 6 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, April 21

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

Saturday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 23

- 9 a.m. Sunday School (4 yrs.-Grade 2): Garden Room
- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed Story of the Bible: Living Room

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 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

Wednesday, April 26—Last Day of Wednesday Learning

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 11:30 a.m. Supporting Women As Professionals (SWAP): Off-site
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Learning (Gr. 3-6): Lower Level
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River (Gr. 9-12): Youth Center

Thursday, April 27

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Seated in the Presence Chair Yoga: Garden Room
- 10 a.m. Yoga/Devotion Flow: Garden Room
- 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Narthex
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, April 28

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

Saturday, April 29

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 9 a.m. NAMI Class: Garden Room
- 7:30 p.m. Valley Chamber Chorale Concert: Bach to Rock: Worshp Center

Sunday, April 30—Last Day of Sunday School

- 9 a.m. Sunday School (4 yrs.-Grade 2): Garden Room
- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed Story of the Bible: Living Room
- 11:30 a.m. Newcomers Luncheon: Garden Room
- 1 p.m. Missions Table Talk: Living Room
- 3 p.m. Valley Chamber Chorale Concert: Bach to Rock: Worshp Center

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