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Breakfast with Angels

Join us as we celebrate the coming of Jesus. Hear the Christmas story from special visitors!



\$5/person
\$15/family max

This special event is designed for children age 3 through grade 2

Trinity Garden Room

RSVP by Dec. 1 to Laura at lfredericks@trinitylc.org

Sat., Dec. 6, 2008 – 8:30-10:30 a.m.



suggested donation of \$10/person

This event is designed for students in Grades 3-6

Luther Hall

What is an ADVENT-ure?

A special event to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season!

**breakfast!
games!
fun activities!
...& much more!**

Please RSVP by Wed., Nov. 26. to Karen at ext. 145 or kgieseke@trinitylc.org or Lindsay at ext. 138 or lstolen@trinitylc.org

Pastor Dan Poffenberger



Thoughts From Dan

Fall to Winter

Today, it happens to be almost 70 degrees outside. What happened to fall? We have gone from summer to this extended summer – it seems like it will go immediately to winter one of these days. I have to confess, I love winter – bring on the snow, and lots of it. Winter is such a great time of year, and the reason we moved back to Minnesota. Winter is a time of reflection, a time to connect with the part of creation that has to die to be reborn – such a great metaphor for life and faith. To embrace winter is to gain a life-giving perspective on our own life and mortality. For an Easter people, winter is almost a necessity.

Elections

As I write this, it is the day before the presidential election – when you read this, a winner will be declared, and the news will be filled with speculation as to what the new administration will be like and what policies the new president will bring to the forefront in his first 100 days. There will be endless analysis on the winning, and the losing – many words, speculations and most of all, relief from the intensity of the past year as we have witnessed a presidential campaign season unlike any other. Some of us will celebrate the outcome, some of us will be unhappy. Many of us will wait and see.

I, for one, think that it is amazing that America puts its candidates through a two-year gauntlet of organizing, campaigning, fundraising, message control, debates, pressing the flesh, primaries and the general campaign. For all of its flaws, it is amazing theatre and a gut-wrenching process. In the end, we have all seen America show itself in so many interesting ways. A benediction on this process might just be that this is an amazing country, which, despite its imperfections, allows such a democratic process to force these powerful men and women into such a prolonged test. And it's a test that we all get to grade.

Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian – Red, Blue – Conservative, Liberal, Moderate – we all share the same place – our role, as people of faith, is not to agree politically, but to work toward the common good – privately, publically, even politically – to love our neighbors. After the election comes the real work – shaping our society towards justice and peace. This is a work that we who wear the cross of Jesus all share, despite our political labels. It is a work that goes beyond politics, and the political season, and a work we do not defer to the politicians – it is a work we are baptized into, the real work of our lives.

Snowbirds

If you go south for the winter, would you let the Church Office know? We would love to have a record of where all of our snowbirds are – maybe one of your pastors could come for a visit to Arizona, Florida or Texas – we may have some exciting news to share with you this winter, and it would be good to know how to get it into your hands.

The Future

One last thing – the Congregational Council and the Trinity for Tomorrow Team will be bringing some major opportunities to the congregation for consideration in January and February. When you get a notice from them of meetings, please make it a priority to come and participate – we need your input, reaction and ideas. Don't miss the opportunity to gain great information about our future and our facilities.

Make the holidays joyful times

Joyful times of happy family gatherings may be the expectation for the holidays; however, often the holidays are filled with disappointment and stress. In an effort to pull off a perfect “Martha Stewart” holiday, it is easy to get swept up in unrealistic demands; baking all the family-favorite cookies, shopping for hours and hours for the perfect gift, immaculately decorating the house inside and out, balancing scores of chores while caring for family members and the demands of the work place. Meeting all the demands we place on ourselves can lead to stress. The pressure to do it all and to make the holiday “Hallmark” perfect can set us up for disappointment.

The reality is that the holidays can trigger stress and depression. Here are a few tips to keep in mind as the holidays approach:

1) **Keep Your Priorities Straight.** Often we miss the joy-filled moments of the season when we focus on “stuff;”

presents we need to buy, cookies that need baking, parties to attend. The joy of the moment can settle in when we focus on what brings meaning and purpose to our lives. This holiday season re-examine what you value most in life and what gives you meaning and let that be your focus.

2) **Slow Down and Simplify.** It’s easy to become so overwhelmed by all the busyness that we become too busy to actually enjoy what we are doing and the people we are with. Realizing our own limitations while evaluating why we are doing what we are doing will help reduce stress.

3) **Be Thankful.** Having a grateful heart can go a long way at pushing away the “bah humbug” attitude. Being thankful also keeps our focus on God rather than on ourselves. Before you start the hectic pace of your day, make a list of the things you are thankful for and pull it out every time you start to feel like Scrooge.

4) **Be Generous.** Rather than buying one more gift to go under the tree

care ministries

With Pastor Kris Linner

that is already packed with presents, why not adopt a needy family or serve the homeless a warm meal

or donate money to a favorite charity in memory of a loved one.

5) **Claim the Promise.** The promise of the Christmas message is one that can carry us through the most difficult times in life:

Have no fear, because in the birth of Jesus Christ, God is with us.

This holiday season do what you can to keep your priorities in focus by filling your schedule with what gives meaning to your life, and by having a thankful and generous heart while claiming the promise of Christmas. May your season be filled with abundant joy and the peace of God.



spiritual practices

with Pastor Siri Erickson

Ancient Practice: Gratitude

Method: The Examen



History: The Examen was developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola between 1522-1524 CE and gifted to the Society of Jesuits, which he founded. The Examen is intended as a short daily period of reflection. St. Ignatius believed that he received the Examen as a gift from God to enrich his own Christian life and to share with others. The Examen was a method, a way to seek and find God in all things and to gain the freedom to let God’s will be done on earth. Ignatius believed that God speaks to us through our deepest feelings and yearnings, what he called consolation and desolation.

Process:

1. Have a journal ready or gather with a friend, spouse, group, or your family to share the Examen.
2. Light a candle as a reminder of God’s unconditional love and God’s revelation to us through our everyday experiences.

3. Quiet your heart and ask God to bring to your heart the moment today (or during the week) for which you are most grateful. If you could relive one moment, which one would it be? When were you most able to give and receive love today? Ask yourself what was said and done in that moment that made it so special. Breathe in the gratitude you felt and receive life again from that moment.

4. Ask God to bring to your heart the moment today (or during the week) for which you are least grateful. When were you least able to give and receive love? Ask yourself what was said and done in that moment that made it so difficult. Be with whatever you feel without trying to change or fix it in any way.

5. Share as much as you wish of these two moments with a friend, group, spouse, family, or write about them in a journal.

adult ministry retreat

It is the dream of our hearts that more and more adults at Trinity would have the opportunity to experience the kind of deep spiritual community that emerges from these retreats.

— Siri, Jody, Julie, Dan

Saturday, January 24

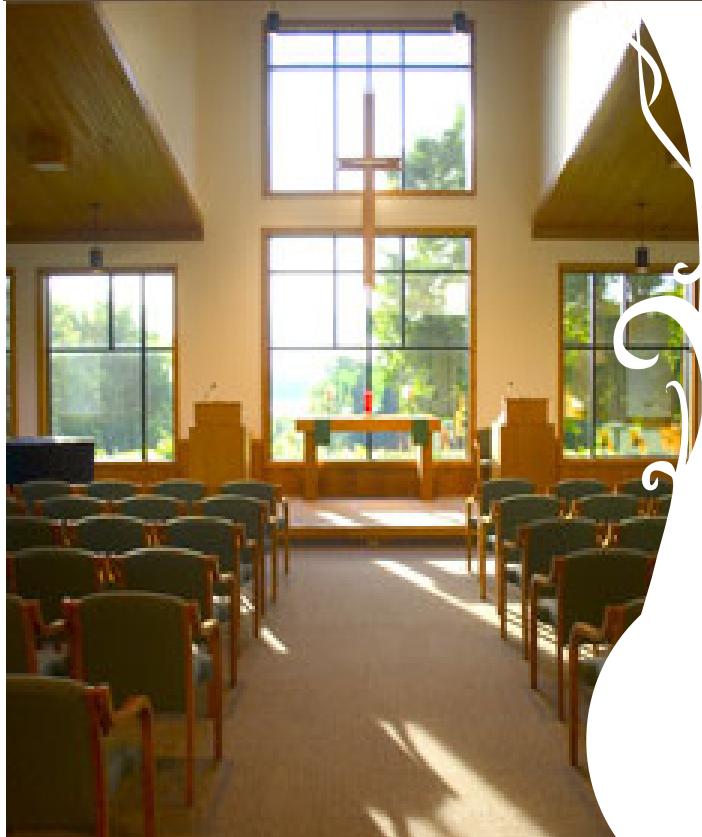
6-6:30 p.m. Arrive

Sunday, January 25

4:30 p.m. Leave for home



Cultivating Spiritual Leadership RETREAT



EXPECTATIONS

- **Participate** for the entire retreat experience
- **Complete** pre-work (to be distributed in early Jan.)
- **Share and reflect** with personal honesty and openness
- **Respect** differences
- **Cost:** \$98 double room; \$120 single occupancy room **non-refundable**

LOCATION

Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center is surrounded by natural beauty and located about 60 miles south of Stillwater in Farmington, MN. The retreat center offers a natural setting on 150 acres of woods, prairie, gardens and beautiful Lake Chub. Double and private sleeping rooms are modern and have private baths.

www.mtolivetretreat.org

Questions?

Contact Diane Rollie at 439.7400 ext. 141 or drollie@trinitylc.org

RSVP BY JANUARY 9, 2009

FOUR REASONS TO ATTEND A LEADERSHIP RETREAT:

1. You may lead at home, at work, in your community or here at Trinity, but you do lead.

I am a leader at home, at work, and in my neighborhood. Through the CSL retreats, I have come to know that if I make time to invest in developing awareness about who God has uniquely created me to be and what God has uniquely gifted me to do in this world at this time, I become more aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit within me. When I am in that centered place, very close to the living God, I lead differently. I am aware that my leadership more positively impacts my own life and the lives of those around me. - Robin Ellingson



2. We are not asking you to do more. We are inviting you to reflect on all the ways you do lead and how

you use your strengths and passions to make a difference in this world.



When I was first invited to attend the Cultivating Spiritual Leadership retreat, I felt I already had too many things on my plate and was concerned I might be targeted as “willing to serve.” Also, because I travel for work, I am very cautious about accepting invitations that take me away from home on the weekend. After thoughtful and prayerful consideration, I decided to attend because I trust the leadership of Trinity to recognize my talents and strengths and only to invite me to serve accordingly. I also trusted the leadership to make the event a relaxing and renewing experience – which it was. I did have to give up family time, but I returned home refreshed and renewed.

- Walt Ogburn

3. The Cultivating Spiritual Leadership Retreat is about aligning your life and leadership with your spirituality. Take time away from your busy life to pray, participate in spiritual practices and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation.

The spiritual leadership retreat challenged me to see spirituality in my everyday life. The retreat created questions and provided some answers to how my life and spirituality are woven together in who I am and what I do. I am shy to be called a spiritual leader. The retreat posed ideas and presented me with ways I can integrate my spiritual beliefs into my daily life. I continue to find this very intriguing! - Terry Arnesen



4. The Cultivating Spiritual Leadership Retreat is about building community. Leadership and life can be lonely. Come be a part of large and small groups, get to know other spiritual leaders and be real about the joys and challenges on this journey.

My spiritual path has taken me to things and places that are very different from how I grew up. Although it's an authentic path for me, I can feel alone, and sometimes frightened. I reached out and found the Cultivating Spiritual Leadership retreat. I grew tremendously as a result of it and found friends, encouragement, community, and a place to be real. With this support I reach out and explore. I no longer feel alone, and most often, not as frightened – although, I don't want my fear to go away entirely because it leads me to new paths of learning. - David Teschler



Are you an expert in GREEN?

In January 2009, Trinity will be launching a new green initiative. We are looking for people in the congregation who have expertise, experience, and passion to share their knowledge and insights with others at Trinity. We are looking for: scientists who have expertise in areas relating to the environment (wildlife, habitat restoration, local and regional ecosystems, water and air quality, renewable energy, etc); businesspeople who have led or worked on green products, technology, or initiatives in your business, who have green certification in their industry, and who lead companies that have a strong commitment to green business practices; public servants who work in areas of environmental education, wildlife management, conservation, natural resources, environmental protection, environmental policy, ecological economics, ecological governance, etc.; artists whose work reflects the beauty of creation and our connection to nature, etc; people with a passion for ecological stewardship who have built a green home, landscaped with native plants or rain gardens, taken practical steps in their family's lifestyle to reduce their carbon footprint, or have been engaged in local environmental protection work in the community. If you fit one of the above descriptions, we would love to connect with you. We are looking for people to give presentations, create materials, serve on teams, and contribute to the leadership of this new green initiative. Please contact Pastor Siri Erickson at 439-7400, ext. 113 or serickson@trinitylc.org and let her know about your green expertise and how you would like to contribute to this exciting work.

Drive for Meals on Wheels

It's time for Trinity to take a turn driving for Meals on Wheels the week of Dec. 15-19. If you are available to deliver meals to homebound residents during the hours of 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. any or every day that week, except Monday, please contact Jeannie at 439-7400, ext. 111 or jwendorf@trinitylc.org

Mission Tanzania project update meeting

Tue., Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. - Garden Room
Anyone interested in a Mission Tanzania project update, and planning for 2009 projects and trips is welcome to come and learn at this meeting. Please contact Tom Thiets at ext. 146 or tthiets@trinitylc.org with questions.

Trinity painters finish work on Two Rivers home

A dozen hardy painters finished up painting the interior of our fourth house for a low-income family through Two Rivers Community Land Trust on Sat., Oct. 11. Sandy Wendt provided a great lunch and we spent time rubbing elbows in the small house. We even had time to relax at the comedy hour that night! Thanks to all who volunteer so faithfully and to the brave new painters!

Angel Tree 2008 in the Commons on Nov. 30

Angel Tree works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Trinity gets information on 100 children who live in the east metro area. The Angel Tree team then contacts the children's caregivers for gift requests, completes forms for Trinity members, collects the gifts by family, and gets them delivered the week before Christmas. Each child receives two gifts – a need and a want, valued at about \$20. Trinity members purchase gifts, wrap and label for delivery. Delivering the packages in person is very rewarding, but gifts also may be left in the Church Office by Sun., Dec. 14. Donations can also be made toward \$20 Target gift cards for the children's caregivers. Watch for the angel cards on the Angel Tree on Sun., Nov. 30!

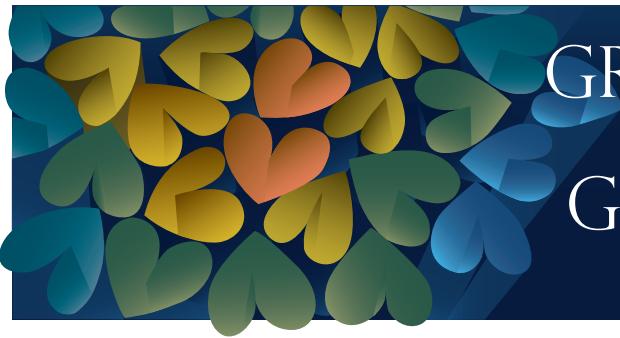


Valley Outreach
First step for the next step

Now, more than ever, during these tough economic times we need to do as God asks and help others in our own community. Dawn's Closet at Valley Outreach needs volunteers who are willing to commit to a few hours once a week to help sort clothes, stock racks, and welcome clients. All donations of new or gently used clothing are put to good use, but many are in need so the racks become depleted quickly. If you are one of those families struggling to make ends meet, the Closet is there for you so be sure to stop in and get the help you need and deserve. Donations may be dropped off at Valley Outreach, 1911 Curve Crest Blvd., during business hours. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering contact Glenda Bjorum at 651-439-8521 or bjorumsing@aol.com. Please remember to return the bags (you picked up at church) full of groceries the weekend of Nov. 29-30. Monetary donations to Valley Outreach are also accepted. The Food Shelf is low on personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, wipes, etc. If you have questions or would like to help with this project, contact Melissa Moon at 439-7986 or melissa.a.moon@gmail.com

Kids' winter wear collection

Many students go to school everyday without winter outerwear to keep them warm. They walk to school without warm boots, mittens, or jackets that zip. It is our goal for ALL area school aged kids to be warm this winter! With your help we can make this happen-bring your new and gently used children's winter outerwear/boots to Trinity's collection boxes by the elevator. The biggest need is jackets, boots, and snow pants. Items will be donated in partnership with Stillwater and St. Paul area schools. Contact Pam Lindberg at 430-0752 or Karen Stack at 439-4874 for more information or if you would like to help.



GRATEFUL HEARTS GENEROUS LIVES

Contact the Gratitude Team directly by email gritudeministry@trinitylc.org or by leaving a message in the offering plate or in the Church Office.

The Spirit of Gratitude

The following excerpt and the humorous pilgrim story below are from: *Thanks! How the New Science of Gratitude Can Make You Happier* (chapter 4) by Robert A. Emmons, PhD, available in Trinity's Living Library. Books on gratitude, catalogued under 248.6, may be found in the display in the Commons during November.

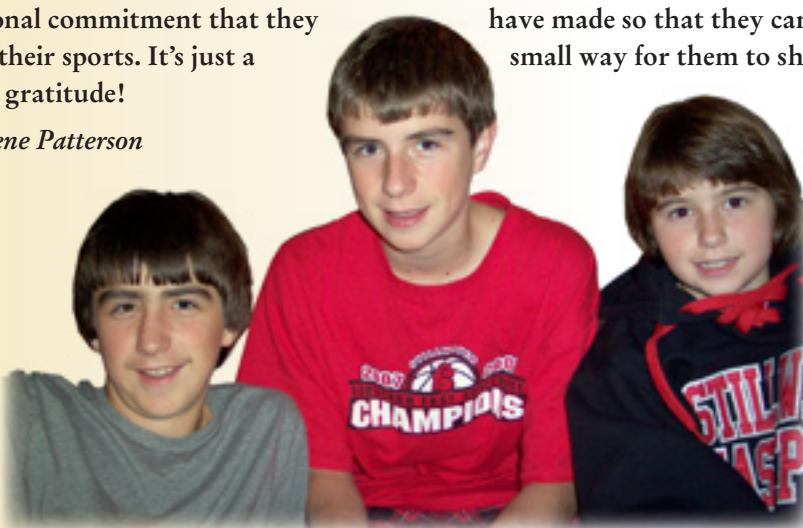
"Though the Pilgrims were surely thankful people, the tradition of thanksgiving did not begin with them... As long as people have believed in God, they have sought ways to express gratitude and thanksgiving to God, the ultimate giver. The great religious traditions teach that gratitude is a hallmark of spiritual maturity and a quality to be cultivated through spiritual disciplines. For a person of faith, gratitude is a glad acknowledgement of God's generosity."

Practice Gratitude

My kids play a lot of different sports and spend a lot of time at practices and games with their coaches. At the end of every practice and every game, I have the kids tell their coaches "Thank you!" before they leave. I tell them that their coaches take a lot of their own time and effort to spend with them and they need to say thank you and show their appreciation for all of their personal commitment that they play their sports. It's just a small way for them to share

have made so that they can small way for them to share

- Jolene Patterson



Our Giving

About 400 families so far have made a financial commitment for 2009. *Thank you!* If, in your heart, you support Trinity's mission and ministry, it is our prayer that you also pledge your financial support. Our goal is 100% participation.

gratitude

The Joy of Giving

The fourth in a series of personal stories about the joy of giving.

As a chaplain, I have been in many discussions about giving and about how much to give. This is my story:

It's really not how much we give, as long as it's "much." And "much" in this case means we crawl into the offering plate with our whole living.

We reach the point where we stop evaluating about giving to "needs," whatever they are, and simply discover the need to give. I've found that the people who need to give and live their lives out of gratitude for all of life are the happiest givers of all.

What we take out of our wallets and put in the offering plates—that's a question for each one of us to answer. Yet, let me suggest a few thoughts...

1. It's never enough, but whatever the amount, it's everything you are and everything you have.

2. It's an act of trust, faith and hope, and therefore we do it with joy.

3. It's always flexible, dynamic and subject to increase or decrease based upon God's blessings and our needs.

Finally, don't ever be guilted into giving. It's too important to be cheapened by guilt. We give because we've discovered that giving is living and living is a gift!

Steve Hokonson

The Gift of Laughter

A fifth grader who, when asked to tell the origin of Thanksgiving Day in America, gave this politically correct account: "The Pilgrims came here seeking freedom of you-know-what. So, when they arrived, they gave thanks to you-know-who. Because of them, we can now worship without fear each Sunday at you-know-where."

learning and growing

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This I Believe, Part II

Sun., Nov. 16, 23, 10:30 a.m.

Garden Room

Revelation. Incarnation. Virgin Birth. Do you know what you believe about these three important Christmas-related Christian ideas? Are you curious to know what other people think? A short introduction will be provided for each topic. Most of the class time will be spent in small group discussion; each person will have time to share their thoughts and questions about these topics. Some reflection and a paragraph of writing are required between class sessions. Participation in This I Believe in the spring of 2008 would be helpful but is not required for Part II.

Pastor Siri Erickson

Business and professional women's groups

Are you looking for a place to connect with other business and professional women from Trinity? Come for lunch and share the joys and challenges of living your faith in your everyday life.

- Stillwater group, contact Dana Miller at miller44@frontiernet.net
- St. Paul group, contact Lou Johnson at LouJ@bancmidwest.com
- Minneapolis group, contact Katie Beaudet at beaudetk@gmail.com

The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Wednesdays through Dec. 17; 9-10 a.m.

Garden Room

Explore the themes of Paul's letter to the church of Philippi. Paul wrote a letter of friendship about joy, gratitude and encouragement to stand fast in the faith. Come when you can as we read and discuss this uplifting letter together. Led by Pastor Kris Linner, ext. 107 or klinner@trinitylc.org

Raising Boys: Parenting Boys Beyond Stereotypes

Thu., Dec. 18, Feb. 19,

April 16, June 18

7-9 p.m. – Living Room

Come join other parents of young boys to learn more about the development of boys, share stories and wisdom, and grow in your ability to parent your boys. Each session will be a group discussion based on a different book about raising boys. Books include *Raising Cain*, *Speaking of Boys*, *The Wonder of Boys*, *Boys Adrift*, and *Real Boys*.



Upcoming Concerts at Trinity

The Borromeo String Quartet Launches St. Croix Concert Series 10th Anniversary season at Trinity

Fri., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. – Trinity Worship Center

"We're thrilled to be able to bring such an exciting, high caliber group to Stillwater to kick off the season," says St. Croix Concert Series president, Kat Carlsen. "Chamber music lovers—in fact, all music lovers—are in for a genuine treat." The Borromeo String Quartet, touted as "... simply the best there is on the planet," will be joined by clarinetist extraordinaire, Todd Palmer, to perform works by Beethoven, Bach and Mozart. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for students. For tickets or more information, visit www.stcroixconcertseries.org or call 430-3528.



worship

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Services

Wed., Nov. 26, noon & 7 p.m.

Celebrate all the joy and wonder of God and give thanks for the blessings in life. Pie and coffee will be served in the Commons following both services.

A Blue Christmas Service

For those whose hearts are heavy this holiday season

Sun., Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

Whether you are dealing with a loved one's death, facing life after a divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, or a number of other human situations that can make Christmas difficult, the Blue Christmas Worship will offer you a quiet worship of sacred space where you can seek hope and comfort. All are welcome.

The Borromeo String Quartet has been playing together nearly twenty years and performs over 100 concerts per year. They've been described as "emotionally, intellectually and spiritually captivating."

Retired Men's December program

Tue., Dec. 9, 9-11 a.m. – Garden Room
Don Paulson and Jerry Herbst will present a trip report of their travels and mission work in Tanzania in October. Their report will include their travels to Iringa, Mwatasi, Bomala'gombe, Arusha, and the Ngorongoro crater. All men are invited and welcome.

Church-wide potluck dinner

Sat., Nov. 15, 6:15 p.m.

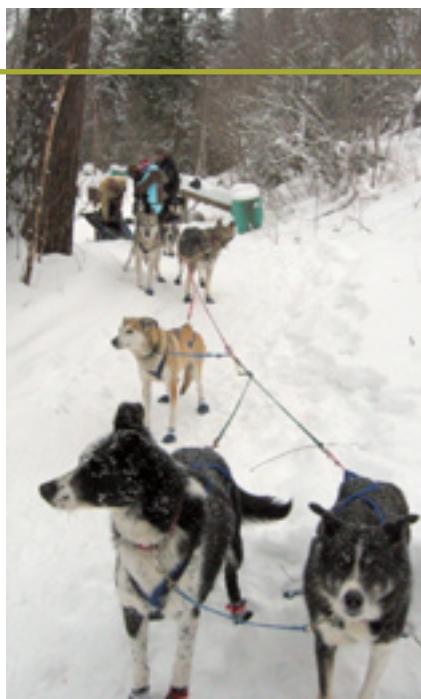
Garden Room

Bring a dish to pass and come hear Professor Joseph Mbele from St. Olaf College. Professor Mbele is a native Tanzanian and author of the book *Africans and Americans*.

Arizona Snowbird Retreat

Feb. 23-24, Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, Carefree, AZ
www.spiritinthedesert.org

Members and friends of Trinity Lutheran in Stillwater, Our Savior's Lutheran in Circle Pines, and Incarnation Lutheran in Shoreview are invited to come together for learning, fellowship and relaxation at a beautiful Lutheran retreat center just north of Phoenix, AZ. Led by Pastor Luther Dale. Contact Diane at ext. 141 or drollie@trinitylc.org with questions.



Winter adventure at Camp Menogyn

Thu., Feb. 5-Sun., Feb. 8 – Cost: \$250
Experience God's creation at beautiful Camp Menogyn on the edge of the BWCA in northern Minnesota. Activities include snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, dog-sledding, and even a sauna with a dip in a frozen lake. Bring a book to read by the fire. The food is good—we don't have to cook or do dishes. Contacts: Gretchen Poffenberger, ggpoffenberger@msn.com or Kat Carlson, Kathy@primestaff.com

An Advent P.A.U.S.E.

You are invited to pause and reflect on the amazing gifts and grace at the heart of the Advent season. Enjoy the hospitality, fellowship and friendship of other women, while contemplating the season of Advent. Advent PAUSE gatherings are scheduled around the week of December 7-13, and are hosted in women's homes. Choose one that best fits your schedule. Sign-up occurs on Sunday mornings Nov. 16, 23 & 30, or in the Church Office during the week.



Knitting Group changes schedule for Nov. and Dec.

The Trinity Knitting group will meet on Fri., Nov. 21 (not Nov. 28), but will not meet on Fri., Dec. 26. They will resume on the last Friday of the month in January at 10 a.m. in the Living Room.

Trinity's Christmas Poinsettia Garden & Gift Opportunities

Form and payment must be turned in by Sun., Dec. 14, 2008.

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 a.m. service on Christmas Day. Donor names will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Please fill out the form below and either bring it to the Church Office, mail it, or place it in the offering plate.

The Source - to support ministry to young adults in the Valley \$ _____

Ministry Partners in Tanzania (ex. Dr. Mark Jacobson, Iringa Diocese) \$ _____

Poinsettia(s) _____ @ \$12 each = \$ _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



youth ministries

Meet Baby Cai Jones

On Oct. 9 we were blessed with our son. I went into labor just a couple hours after Confirmation on Wednesday night. Our son was 9lbs., 10oz., and 21 inches long and absolutely amazing! We named him Malachi "Cai" Daniel Jones. Malachi means messenger of God, our prayer for his life. Malachi keeps us laughing with his funny faces and dramatic arm movements. It is amazing to think about how God brings together a new little person in the likeness of the parents. We couldn't be more honored to be Malachi's parents. It's hard to imagine how proud God is of each one of us, created in God's likeness, for God's good purpose. Being new to the parent thing, it is incredible how much love you feel for your child. Cory and I feel like we have an even greater appreciation for how much God loves each one of us. Created in God's likeness, we constantly have God for guidance, direction and support. Cory and I are so thankful for the many ways the family of Trinity has wrapped its arms around us as we've journeyed through pregnancy and now new parenthood. Thanks you so much for all the well-wishes, prayer support and love for us and our son. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving community!

Cindy & Cory Jones



Jr. high Thanksgiving extravaganza!

Nov. 21, 7-11 p.m., Cost \$5

Hey jr. high students! We are having a sweet, late nighter party! We'll play awesome games, feast on tasty food, win fun prizes and giveaways and enjoy rocking music! Bring all of your friends! Contact Cory Jones at cjones@trinitylc.org or 439-7400, ext. 144 for more information.

Jr. high Yule Bash

Dec. 19, 7-11 p.m. – Garden Room
Who doesn't like an awesome party? Well, this one is going to extremely awesome! Join us for a night of Crazy Christmas carnival games, tasty treats and non-stop fun with your friends! The Yule Bash is going to be a sweet party you won't want to miss out on. Bring all our friends!

Jr. high ski trip

Jan. 16-18

Save the date to travel to Spirit Mountain in Duluth, MN to hit the slopes and shred the terrain park! The trip is going to be awesome this year so bring your friends! In addition to skiing and boarding, we'll enjoy fun games and worship! Contact Cory at ext. 144 or cjones@trinitylc.org for more information.



TRL – Trinity Rec. League!

If you are looking for a time and place to hang out with friends and play basketball, volleyball or any other sports TRL/Open Gym is almost here! We kicked off TRL with a Dodgeball Tourney in November! Keep an eye out for TRL postcards for upcoming features. Every Sunday from 2-4 p.m., December thru February, will be Open Gym. Grab your friends and come play a pick-up game of basketball, indoor soccer, or whatever you want! Contact Cory @ 439-7400 ext. 144 or cjones@trinitylc.org for more information.

the River

The River is a place where sr. high students – like you – can come and be a part of what God is doing at Trinity. The River is an opportunity for you to get and stay connected with friends and God! Come and worship through awesome music, learn and experience more about who Jesus is and have fun with friends. The River meets at 7 p.m., Wednesdays in the Garden Room. See you there! For more information contact Cory Jones at 439-7400, ext. 144 or cjones@trinitylc.org. Remember to look for and join the River group on Facebook.com



children's ministries

Family Fall Festival

Family Fall Festival Fun!

The Family Fall Festival on October 24 was a fun-filled, family-focused evening of celebration. It exploded with carnival games, free candy, cookie decorating and a special visit from Dr. Dizzy who was with us at Power Lab, our Vacation Bible School.

As families arrived they had their family photo taken in their fun, friendly costumes. As the children made their way around the games, they received special Bible Memory Buddy Cards that will help them remember that Jesus loves them! A picnic dinner was provided for all to enjoy!

Thank you to everyone who came and helped set-up, take down, serve the meal and run the wacky carnival games.



Children's November mission project

Our mission for the month of November is supporting Valley Outreach. We're calling it our "Gifts in a Jar" mission. These gifts will have your family's favorite cookie ingredients or soup ingredients layered in a glass canning jar. As a family, have fun filling the canning jar or any jar that can be sealed tightly with the dry ingredients of your favorite Christmas Cookie Recipes or a favorite soup recipe that keeps you warm during the winter months. Have fun decorating the glass jar and attaching the recipe on the outside.

In October the children collected supplies to fill shoeboxes that will go to Operation Christmas Child. The children did a great job and we have wrapped over 20 boxes so far! Please contact

Rebecca Christiansen at ext. 125 or rchristiansen@trinitylc.org with questions.



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Sat.,
Nov. 22
during
5 p.m.
worship

*Presented by
Trinity's
Children's Choirs and
Fine Arts Academy*

worship opportunities

- Wednesdays, 7 p.m.: The River (Grades 9-12 youth worship)
- Saturdays, 5 p.m.: Evening Worship, Communion
- Sundays, 9 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m.: The Walk, Communion, Nursery
- Sundays, 7 p.m.: the.source Alternative Worship

Baptisms

- Aiden Robert Sherley, son of Ryan & Jennifer Sherley
- Mikko Jay Houge, son of Jeffrey & Stacy Houge
- Madeline Rose Norell, daughter of Don & Mary Norell
- Soren DeWolff Carlson, son of Brian & Harmony Carlson

Congratulations to...

- Cory & Cindy Jones, on the birth of their son, Malachi Daniel, on Thu., Oct. 9

Altar Flowers

- Nov. 15 & 16 – In honor of our granddaughter, Olivia Hovland whose baptism is Nov. 15, given by grandparents Don & Dee Hovland
- Nov. 15 & 16 – In loving memory of Joyce Arones, given by the Ruth Circle
- Nov. 22 & 23 – In loving memory of Ruth Hawkinson, who died Nov. 23, 2007, given by Gene & family
- Nov. 29 & 30 – In loving memory of Harold Wm. Asmus and our son, Eugene Wm. Asmus, given by Esther Asmus
- Dec. 6 & 7 – In loving memory of Franklin, husband & father, and Deanna, daughter & sister, given by Evelyn Peterson & family

Sympathy to...

- Laure Lundequam, whose father passed away
- Harold Segelstrom, whose sister passed away
- Lisa Thiets and Sue (Schleusner) Bird, whose mother, Linda Wielander, passed away
- Carol Johnson, whose mother, Dorothy Robbins, passed away
- Sharon O'Neill whose brother, Jack Hoadley, passed away

worship attendance

Oct. 18 & 19

5 p.m.....135
9 a.m.293
10:30 a.m. ...223

Oct. 25 & 26

5 p.m.....125
9 a.m.271
10:30 a.m. ...329

Nov. 1 & 2

5 p.m.....108
9 a.m.455
10:30 a.m. ...345

Nov. 8 & 9

5 p.m.....122
9 a.m.343
10:30 a.m. ...310

Sat., Nov. 15

- 8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Lib.
- 9 a.m. Gr 7 Conf. Dodgeball: Gym
- 10 a.m. Drama Workshop: Choir Rm
- 1 p.m. Rehearsal/children's musical: Worship Cntr
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION
- 6:15 p.m. Congr. Potluck: Garden Rm

Sun., Nov. 16

- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. Marriage Group: Living Rm
- 9 a.m. Marriage Group: Lib. Conf. Rm
- 9 a.m. Club 56: Luther Hall
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 2)
- 9 a.m. Two-by-Two: Rm 110
- 9 a.m. Bible Explrs: Garden Rm
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 2)
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Explrs: Luther Hall
- 10:30 a.m. This I Believe-II: Garden Rm
- 10:30 a.m. Marriage Group: Rm 108A&B, Lib Conf. Rm
- 7 p.m. the.source Worship: Youth Cntr

Mon., Nov. 17

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
- 9 a.m. Men's Leader. Team: Commons
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Congr. Council Mtg: Office Conf. Rm
- 7 p.m. Bible Study: Office Conf. Rm

Tue., Nov. 18

- 7 a.m. Gratitude Mtg: Office Conf. Rm
- 7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Liv. Libr.
- 9 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm
- 9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level
- 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr 3-4): Gym
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Cntr
- 7 p.m. This I Believe-II:Living Rm

Wed., Nov. 19

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
- 9 a.m. Pilates Stability Ball: Narthex
- 9 a.m. Paul's Letter Study: Garden Rm
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms Noon Hilltoppers: Garden Room
- 4:15 p.m. Bell Choir (Gr 3-6): Choir Rm
- 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir: Worship Cntr
- 5 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir: Choir Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
- 6 p.m. Bible Explrs: Gym, Youth Cntr
- 6 p.m. Club 56: Luther Hall
- 6 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 7-8): Narthex
- 6 p.m. Wed. Learning: Lower Level
- 6 p.m. Marriage Grp: Office Conf. Rm
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells (Adult) Rehearsal: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 9): Rm 108A, Rm 108B
- 6:30 p.m. Conf. (Gr 7-8)
- 7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm, Worship Cntr
- 7 p.m. Conf. (Gr 9)
- 7 p.m. River Worship (Gr 9-12): Garden Rm



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november 15 – december 12 calendar

Thu., Nov. 20

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level
6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr 3-4):
Gym

Fri., Nov. 21

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
7 p.m. T-giving Extravaganza:
Garden Rm, Gym

Sat., Nov. 22

8 a.m. AA Mtg; Liv. Libr.
5 p.m. Children's Choir Musical:
Worship Cntr
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMM.

Sun., Nov. 23

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
NURSERY
9 a.m. Bible Explrs: Garden Rm,
Youth Cntr
9 a.m. Two-by-Two: Rm 110
9 a.m. Sunday Learning
9 a.m. Healing Touch:
Libr. Conf. Rm
9 a.m. Club 56: Luther Hall
10:30 a.m. Bible Explrs: Luther Hall
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
NURSERY
10:30 a.m. This I Believe-II:
Garden Rm
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning
7 p.m. the.source Worship:
Youth Cntr

Mon., Nov. 24

7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym

Tue., Nov. 25

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg; Liv. Libr.
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group:
Office Conf. Rm
6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr 3-4):
Gym
7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal:
Worship Cntr
7 p.m. This I Believe-II:
Living Rm

Wed., Nov. 26

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
9 a.m. Paul's Letter Study:
Garden Rm
Noon WORSHIP, COMM.,
pie served after service
No Children's choirs
learning
No Confirmation
7 p.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
pie served after service
7 p.m. No River Worship

Thur., Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Day
7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.

Fri., Nov. 28

Office/Building Closed
7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.

Sat., Nov. 29

8 a.m. AA Mtg; Liv. Libr.
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
5 p.m. Singles Connection:
Worship/Restaurant

Sun., Nov. 30

1st Sunday in Advent
No Sunday Learning
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
NURSERY
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
NURSERY
7 p.m. the.source Worship:
Youth Cntr

Mon., Dec. 1

6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr K-2):
Gym
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Luther Hall
Tue., Dec. 2
7 a.m. Gratitude Mtg:
Office Conf. Rm
7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Liv. Libr.
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level
1 p.m. Martha Circle:
Home of Helen Orff
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group:
Office Conf. Rm
6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr 3-4):
Gym
7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal:
Worship Cntr

Wed., Dec. 3

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
9 a.m. Paul's Letter Study:
Garden Rm
9 a.m. Pilates Stability Ball:
Narthex

9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms
11 a.m. Christmas Sr. Comm.
Worship/Lunch:
Garden Rm, Worship Cntr
4:15 p.m. Bell Choir (Gr 3-6):
Choir Rm
5 p.m. Alleluia Choir:
Worship Cntr
5 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir:
Choir Rm

5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
6 p.m. Marriage Group:
Office Conf. Rm
6 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 7-8):
Narthex

6 p.m. Bible Explrs:
Gym, Youth Cntr
6 p.m. Wed. Learning:
Lower Level

6 p.m. Club 56: Luther Hall
6:30 p.m. Conf. (Gr 7-8)

6:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells (Adult)
Rehearsal: Chapel
6:30 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 9):
Rm 108A, Rm 108B

7 p.m. Conf. (Gr 9)
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal:
Choir Rm, Worship Cntr
7 p.m. River Worship (Gr 9-12):
Garden Rm

Thur., Dec. 4

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level
1 p.m. Miriam Circle mtg:
Living Rm
2 p.m. Caregiver Support Group:
Joseph's Restaurant
6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr 3-4):
Gym

Fri., Dec. 5

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
Sat., Dec. 6
8 a.m. AA Mtg; Liv. Libr.
8:30 a.m. ADVENTure (Gr 3-6):
Luther Hall
8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Angels:
Garden Rm, Gym
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
NURSERY

Sun., Dec. 7

2nd Sunday in Advent
9 a.m. Marriage Group:
Lib. Conf. Rm
9 a.m. Sunday Learning
9 a.m. Club 56: Luther Hall
9 a.m. Marriage Grp: Living Rm
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
NURSERY
9 a.m. Two-by-Two: Rm 110
9 a.m. Bible Explrs: Garden Rm
10:30 a.m. Bible Explrs: Luther Hall
10:30 a.m. Marriage Group:
Rm 108A&B, Lib Conf. Rm
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMM.,
NURSERY
Noon Mexico Mission Mtg:
Garden Rm
2 p.m. TRL Gr 9-12: Gym
7 p.m. the.source Worship:
Youth Cntr

Mon., Dec. 8

Advent Pause Week
7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr K-2):
Gym
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Luther Hall
7:30 p.m. Bible Study: Liv. Library

Tue., Dec. 9

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg; Liv. Libr.
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level
9 a.m. Retired Men's Group:
Garden Rm
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group:
Office Conf. Rm
6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr 3-4):
Gym
7 p.m. Heart of Home Moms
Special Event: Garden Rm
7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal:
Worship Cntr

Wed., Dec. 10

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
9 a.m. Paul's Letter Study:
Garden Rm
9 a.m. Pilates Stability Ball:
Narthex
4:15 p.m. Bell Choir (Gr 3-6):
Choir Rm
5 p.m. Alleluia Choir:
Worship Cntr
5 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir:
Choir Rm
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
6 p.m. Wed. Learning: Lower Lvl
6 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 7-8):
Narthex
6 p.m. Club 56: Luther Hall
6 p.m. Bible Explrs:
Gym, Youth Cntr
6:15 p.m. Marriage Group:
Office Conf. Rm
6:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells (Adult)
Rehearsal: Chapel
6:30 p.m. Conf. (Gr 7-8)
6:30 p.m. Conf. Leaders (Gr 9):
Rm 108A, Rm 108B
7 p.m. Conf. (Gr 9)
7 p.m. River Worship (Gr 9-12):
Garden Rm
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal:
Choir Rm, Worship Cntr

Thur., Dec. 11

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
9 a.m. Little Tots: Lower Level
6 p.m. R.O.C.K. B-ball (Gr 3-4):
Gym
Fri., Dec. 12
7 a.m. AA Meeting: Liv. Libr.
12 p.m. Mpls. Professional
Women's Lunch
7:30 p.m. VocalEssence Christmas
Concert: Worship Cntr

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Hilltoppers/Senior Worship & Communion

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Hilltoppers
Nov. gathering
Wed., Nov. 19
Noon
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Don't miss this one!

Senior Worship
& Communion
Wed., Dec. 3
11 a.m.
Worship Center

Suggested donation: \$3

Our program is "The Weatherman and the Singing Lady" featuring Bud Kraehling and his wife, Shirley Lockwood. We'll hear stories from the early days of WCCO TV with songs. People of all ages are welcome.

Immediately following the service, please join the CareGivers in the Garden Room for a Christmas Dinner and entertainment. We are fortunate to have "Curtis and Loretta" with us to perform a Victorian Christmas. Curtis and Loretta (Simonet) play a number of instruments, including harp, mandolin, mando-cello and celesta (bell-like tones.)