

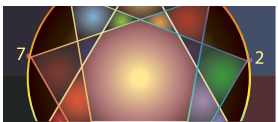
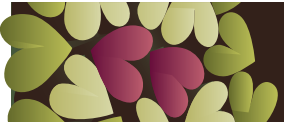
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# TRINITY TODAY

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Things are  
**FALL-ING**  
into place at  
Trinity

Drive-In worship is "closed for the season" and the leaves are starting their dances of color as people of all ages are getting ready to learn, connect, engage and celebrate at Trinity!

Wednesday Learning began Sept. 19, Sunday Learning begins Sept. 23, Confirmation begins Sept. 26 and adult learning kicks off in all different directions in the next few weeks! It's all pretty "animated," with many ways to draw yourself into God's story, tell your story, learn more about the core stories of the Bible or discover how you best serve God!

# PASTOR DAN POFFENBERGER



## What is your story?



When I was a boy, my maternal grandmother and grandfather lived with us. They were immigrants from Denmark at a young age, found each other in America and shared a life together in a small town in Iowa, where my grandfather, Otto, was the town barber. As I grew, I became more aware of their story, and gradually, inevitably, it became part of my story, along with my father's "Pennsylvania Dutch" story. These are the roots of my identity.

We know our identity through story. We learn whose we are and who we are by learning our story, emphasizing some parts, forgetting others, and

growing into a narrative that informs our identity and through which we gain a perspective on our world. Conversely, if we do not know our story, we cannot know who we are.

Those of us who follow Jesus are part of a particular story – some would say the singular story of this world – that shapes our identity and our world view. To live apart from this story robs us of our identity, and we risk forgetting who we are. Many people have this form of “spiritual amnesia;” they are disconnected from the primary story of their lives. Others have never found themselves in this story; they simply do not know it. For others, the story has become corrupted, and they intentionally distance themselves from it.

This year, we have designed worship to better connect us with God's story; “Animate: Drawing yourself into God's story” is the theme. The specifics of this were outlined last month in this space. Today I wish to encourage you to take advantage of *Animate*; sign up to receive the weekly emails, come to worship regularly, and commit yourself to the spiritual practice of reflecting on the theme through the weekly take-home materials.

We live in a culture of stories – we are told that we are fundamentally consumers, or members of a certain political party, or told that our identity is found in what we do or what we own. As Christians, our identity is found in the beauty of the story of God as revealed in the person of Jesus. We are not just consumers, nor are we primarily Republican or Democrat.

The story of Jesus runs counter to culture and challenges any story that strives to tell us that we are anything less than beloved children of God, created with great love and intention. Our stories tell us that we can find life in following the Way of Jesus, and in trusting the Spirit of God to enter our lives and guide us in all that we do.

To know our story we worship, we study, we experience community – and, most of all, we live the Way of Jesus. We live into our identity by trusting Jesus just enough to answer his call to come and follow him into the world.

Join me in worship this fall as we “Draw ourselves into God's story” and discover our identity by knowing our story.

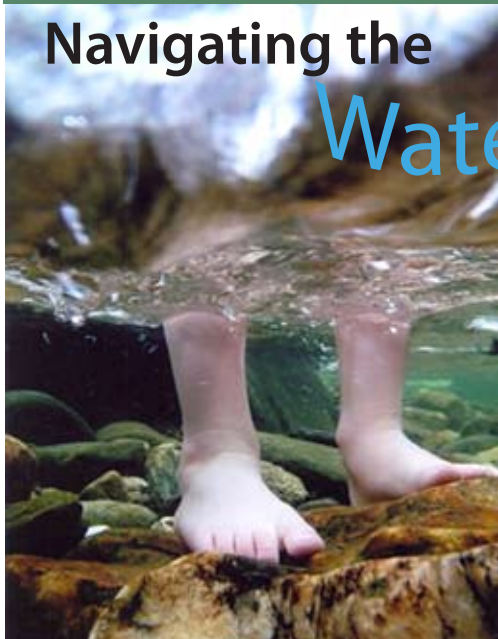
I will see you in worship!

*Pastor Dan*





# Navigating the Waters of Life



My family and I love the St. Croix river. This summer we enjoyed the refreshing dip of coolness that only a swim or soak in the river can bring. My husband, Kevin, and I have also discovered that “river walking” provides a great work out. Walking upstream creates significant resistance, especially when the water is up to one’s neck. Our reward for moving against the current was a delightful float back to where we started and then we would work our way upstream again, float down and repeat. Our trusty dog would swim against the current beside us until she tired and made for shore to rest and watch or run along side to make sure we were fine. River walking reminds me that we are sons and daughters, workers, parents, volunteers, musicians, athletes, writers, cooks and so much more. We, the body of Christ, are busy. As people of faith, we try to live out our baptismal calling in a culture that increasingly moves against us in this effort.

As a parent of three active young people (ages 15, 17 and 20), I know that faith formation opportunities sometimes fall right into our laps, but most often we need to be very intentional with our calendar to work it into the mix. One way we trust will help you and your family transform your faith adventure is by lining up Wednesday activities.

Simultaneous ministry opportunities for pre-school through grade 9 are just one way of working the current to create successful participation as we grow our faith together! It is no secret that a faith-filled life does not happen by simply floating downstream with the current. One must make a concerted effort to head upstream and come through the doors of church together as family and as a worshiping community. Our children not only hear what we say, but they watch and do as we do.

Understanding who Jesus is and how his teachings and actions affect our life are all woven into the fabric of what we do at Trinity.

From baptism to confirmation, from first communion to summer camp and from first discoveries at Sunday/Wednesday Learning to an all-out worship experience at The River, the more we learn, the more we want to learn and the easier it is to find our way in the water that used to pull us in a different direction.

So how will we measure success in children, youth and family? We can look at the numbers in children’s ministry areas. For example, last year we hosted 142 kids at Vacation Bible School (VBS); this year, we had 175 children attend a week of learning to “Trust God”. Though bigger numbers tell a happy story of participant growth, the even greater measure of success is whether the teachings of faith and how we fit into God’s story take hold and work in everyday life. The Children’s Ministries team was blessed with stories from families whose children had attended VBS and how they were choosing to “Trust God” in challenging situations. Cousins who had been at VBS chanted from the back of their speedboat, “Trust God, Trust God” to their cousin learning to water ski! Helping Hearts and Hands camp focused on serving others. We transformed the camp to



by Jody  
Nyenhuis,  
Interim  
Director of  
Children,  
Youth & Family  
Ministries

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be service-driven each week with only one final “play time” on the river the last day. We had 58 upper elementary campers compared to 32 in 2011.

As Interim Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, I want every person who calls Trinity home to feel part of God’s family and to know that we are not alone on this journey, that we are in fact an integral part of God’s story. Let’s team up and condition our souls to navigate the waters of life wearing our faith wherever we go.

The strengths that God has infused me to minister with are: activator, arranger, command, intellection, input and learner. It has been wonderful to develop and use these strengths with a fantastic team of women who care deeply for the children of Trinity and their families. I look forward to what God has planned for our future together in ministry as staff and youth explore and navigate the waters of adolescence and the teen years.

***Together on the journey!***

*Jody Nyenhuis, Interim Director of Children, Youth and Family*



Tom Thiets  
Director of Missions

# MISSION

## MINISTRIES

*Right: Solar panels will save \$1000 every month on the electrical bill.*



### Facts about the Hospitalito Atitlan:

The new Hospitalito Atitlan is a 25,000 square foot facility that serves about 1200 patients per month.

This energy-efficient facility includes:

- Four labor and delivery beds
- Five patient consultation rooms
- A surgical suite with two operating rooms with pre- and post-op rooms
- Inpatient beds for 16
- Pharmacy
- Laboratory
- Central sterile supply departments
- Laundry and kitchen

The hospital has a fulltime staff of about 40 employees including physicians, nurses, allied health professionals and administrative staff. Volunteer medical professionals from around the world complement the existing staff providing added clinical and research expertise.

### Volunteer at the Food Shelf

Oct. 22, 24 & 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We are looking for workers on the dates above. Valley Outreach Food Shelf is located at 1911 Curve Crest Blvd., W., Stillwater. Contact Kathy Hagen at [sprucehaagen@comcast.net](mailto:sprucehaagen@comcast.net) or 426-7176 if you can help.

While the community streams in the door to their local hospital for aid, the construction is not complete. Many small projects need attention now, and a few larger ones are on the horizon.

On November 10-17 a team will serve alongside our Guatemalan partners in a variety of services and projects. The team will focus on surgery and converting a standard van into a full-service ambulance. We will also assist in completing some tile work, painting, and other needs as the week unfolds.

You are always welcome to support this ministry by sharing your talents or resources.

Please know that the Santiago community desires that you feel the depth of their gratitude for your love and partnership.

Thank you for your prayers and support. – Tom Thiets

*Below: Building design allows natural light to illuminate the hallways and for airflow to keep the building comfortable.*



As I strolled down the hallways of the new hospital in Santiago, Atitlan Guatemala my heart was filled with joy. While there was some sense of satisfaction from seeing the new facility that hands from Trinity mission teams helped build; the joy came from observing the people of the community as they walked in the door. While they arrive wrapped in the concern of being sick or injured, I witnessed the sense of relief that washed over their faces as they entered. For inside, they found a medical staff of Guatemalans and volunteers from various countries prepared to help.

From a vision that started in the midst of a tragic mudslide that killed hundreds of people and destroyed the old, but newly remodeled, hospital in 2005, this new hospital sits like a beacon on a hill providing light in the darkness of injury, illness, and pain as the only 24/7 emergency, surgical, and obstetrical care hospital within a two-hour radius.

**MISSION**  
updates



# GROUPS & TEAMS



## Raptor Center Adventure

*Thu., Oct. 18, 1-4 p.m.*

*Meet in Commons at noon to carpool  
15375 Norell Ave. N.,*

*Marine on St. Croix; Cost: \$12*

Want a wild experience? Come spend an afternoon at Lee & Rose Warner Nature Center. A naturalist will connect us with one of the many natural communities at Warner. This will include a nature walk as well as a program where we will meet one of the live raptors and learn about these fascinating birds. The Center is operated by the Science Museum of Minnesota. Register online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org). Contact Kay Sanders at 439-2082 with questions.



## GLOW: Bible Study – Ruth

*Mondays, Oct. 15, 29; Nov. 12, 26*

*7-8 p.m.; Cost: \$6*

*Home of Kat Carlsen*

*220 4th St. S., Stillwater*

*Kat Carlsen, [katdcarlsen@gmail.com](mailto:katdcarlsen@gmail.com)*

## RETIRED MEN



## Mindekirken Tour –

### Norwegian Bishop & Lunch

*Tue., Oct. 9, 9 a.m.*

*Meet in Trinity 4th Street parking lot  
to carpool; sign-up in Trinity Commons*

Destination is the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church (Mindekirken) at 924 10th Ave., Minneapolis. Maps will be provided. Newly appointed Bishop of the Norwegian Lutheran Church,

Helga Haugland Byfuglien, will present the program. Norwegian Kolt Bord (cold sandwiches) will be served for lunch at a charge of \$7 payable there. Contact Bob O'Neil at 770-8881 or [Irviking@comcast.net](mailto:Irviking@comcast.net) with questions.

## Habitat for Humanity Work Day

*Fri., Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. – Garden Gate project in Woodbury (same location as last year, just south of Lake Elmo)*

Men and women from Trinity are invited to participate for a day on a current Habitat for Humanity housing project. This is a great chance to provide hands-on work for an important housing initiative. If you like to work with your hands, want to learn new skills or generally enjoy working with others on building projects, this is for you. Further details regarding this project will be available in late September or early October. Contact Vic Thalacker at 439-9782 or [vpthalacker@usfamily.net](mailto:vpthalacker@usfamily.net) with questions.



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

## Be a part of Food for Thought this year


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

## Hilltoppers featuring Pastor Dan Poffenberger

*Thu., Oct. 18; noon-1:30 p.m.*

*Garden Room – Suggested donation \$5*

Come participate in warm fellowship, enjoy a tasteful lunch prepared by Susan Carr and the Hilltopper team, and learn Trinity updates from Pastor Dan. This event is primarily geared for retired people, but all ages are welcome to attend.



# GRATEFUL HEARTS GENEROUS LIVES

## STEWARDS TRUST GOD'S ABUNDANCE

written by Michele Hermansen  
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For a number of years, our Gratitude and Vibrant Stewardship teams have strived to inspire a culture of gratitude and generosity, and share the transformational power of giving. We are expanding on that theme to incorporate all the aspects of living life as grateful and generous stewards. Each month we will go deeper into one of the six *Characteristics of Vibrant Stewards*, listed on the right.

A steward is "one who cares for that which belongs to another." Believers humbly acknowledge that God is the source and owner of all that exists. Therefore, we are all stewards. What we have is not ours to do with as we wish – it is God's. We are stewards, on behalf of God, of all that we have and all that we are.

When we understand what stewards really are, we realize it is a way of life, not a program.

With that background for common understanding, the first characteristic is:

### Stewards Trust God's Abundance

*We believe that we are called and freed to be caretakers of all that we are and have.*

When we trust God's abundance, this trust transforms our lives. Abundance begins with the magnitude of God's creation. Genesis 1:28-31 clearly describes our place in creation, and the privilege we have to care for this earth as God's representative. The psalmist is

awed at the honored place God gives us in the world as written in Psalm 8:3-9, "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers...what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ...You have given them dominion over the works of your hands, you have put all things under their feet... Oh Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

*We embody an attitude of abundance and generosity rather than scarcity.*

The apostle Paul expressed this in 2 Corinthians 9:8. For those of us who live in America, recognizing and trusting in God's abundance should be easy. Most of us have more than enough to meet the day's needs. But sometimes we allow an attitude of scarcity, and the fear of insufficient resources, to overshadow the evidence of God's abundance.

Our consumer culture surrounds us with messages that we don't have all we need. We are promised that products, things, experiences we buy, will make our lives more complete and happy. As a result, we can become convinced that we really don't have enough. Lynne Twist's book, *The Soul of Money*, is particularly insightful in its examination of money's influence in our lives and the liberation we experience when we embrace life through the lens of sufficiency. The book is available in Trinity's Library. Another good

resource on this subject is the "Share Save Spend" website ([www.sharesavespend.com](http://www.sharesavespend.com)).

As stewards who trust in God's abundance, we learn that we have enough and we are enough as God created us. God's grace is sufficient for each day. We live in gratitude and God's abundance flows through us, expressed in generosity.

### Begin Each Day With A Full Cup!

Mondays thru Oct. 22, 9-9:45 a.m.

River Moon Coffee Café at  
Stillwater Public Library (upper level)

Use 3rd Street entrance

Cost: \$20 includes River Moon coffee  
and take-home materials for each week  
plus 1 book or CD

Whether your cup is already  
overflowing with gratitude or your  
heart is heavy and you're looking for  
a way to fill your cup, join us for  
coffee and take-home resources for  
the entire week.

Ann Wolff, 260-3855 or  
[wolff701@msn.com](mailto:wolff701@msn.com)



- growing in the grace of giving -

## CHARACTERISTICS OF VIBRANT STEWARDS

### 1. Trust God's abundance

- a. We embody an attitude of abundance and generosity.
- b. We believe we are called and freed to be caretakers of all that we are and have.

### 2. Ground themselves in biblical and theological principles

- a. We believe in God as creator, and Jesus as role model and redeemer.
- b. We listen to and interpret all of scripture with an ear for stewardship themes.

### 3. Hold a holistic perspective

- a. We steward our whole lives including our time, energy, wisdom, bodies, money and other resources.
- b. We integrate our faith into our whole life.

### 4. Accept interdependence

- a. We ground ourselves in God's presence.
- b. We nurture an attitude of loving kindness toward all of God's creation.

### 5. Promote justice

- a. We seek to understand the impact of social systems and structures.
- b. We align our decisions and actions to work toward universal peace and justice.

### 6. Embrace financial health as an expression of faith

- a. We allow money to flow to and through our lives in ways that nourish us and our world.
- b. We recognize that our capacity to give is defined by our heart, not our pocketbook.

# CARE MINISTRIES



## You are invited to become a BeFriender

*Training session: Sun., Oct. 14, 10-11 a.m.*

Last spring, five members of Trinity were commissioned as BeFriender Ministers. The program has done well since its inception and we are offering training again.

BeFrienders are lay volunteers who provide pastoral care to people in difficult and transitional situations such as illness, loneliness or in the loss of a loved one. They embody the caring presence of God and the faith community.

Since their role is to care, not cure, the skills BeFrienders learn in training allow them to respond to any pastoral care need with confidence that they can provide a nonjudgmental and compassionate listening presence.

BeFrienders gain a deeper understanding of unity in Christ by appreciating the value of each member of the community. BeFrienders experience how Christ calls us to be together in joy and in pain.

You are encouraged to come and hear the story of BeFriender Ministry. Talk to those who've been through the training and are now serving in this vital ministry. A schedule of training dates will be available and refreshments will be served. Contact Pastor Candee at ext. 107 or [cmoser@trinitylc.org](mailto:cmoser@trinitylc.org) with questions.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## Wendy & Sandy Sydlewski Lucas, Lydia and Landon

About a year ago, Wendy decided she wanted to reconnect with her faith. Trinity's resources that have helped her do that include:

1. Life coaching from Jody Thone
2. Independent learning on an on-going basis with Pastor Siri
3. Theology Pub this summer with Pastor Dan and others
4. Bringing her children to Sunday Learning each week

Sandy is Wendy's mother and lives with the family, helping with meals, childcare and life! She looks forward to getting to know more people in the Trinity community. Wendy is an orthodontist with a practice in White Bear Lake. The whole family cheers for the Green Bay Packers.







# ON PURPOSE MINISTRIES

## On Purpose Fall Classes

### Living Your Strengths\*

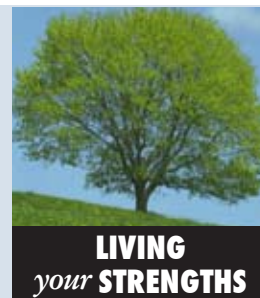
Thu., Oct. 25 6-9 p.m. – Living Room

\$30 (Includes *Living Your Strengths* book and the Clifton Strengths Finder™) \$20 Class only

\* Note: You must take the Clifton Strengths Finder™ prior to attending this session.

Based on the work of the Gallup organization and over two million interviews, *Living Your Strengths* is a process that helps you identify, affirm and serve from your strengths. It includes the Clifton Strengths Finder™ assessment and Trinity's own workshop designed to bring us together to explore our strengths and learn about the incredible power of our community when we serve God from our strengths.

Led by On Purpose Team Members Amy Karlstad, Walt Ogburn and Jackie Peterson



## Enneagram Learning Opportunities

### Introduction to The Enneagram

Sat., Oct. 6, 9 a.m.-noon – Garden Room

Cost: \$40 (includes book), *Discovering Your Personality Type* and materials

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

Led by Jody Thone

### Enneagram Toolkit Series

Sundays, Nov. 4, 11 & 18

10:30 a.m.-noon – Living Room

Learn more about the Enneagram and how to use it in your life. There is no charge for this series, but please register online.

#### Nov. 4 Levels of Health

Learn about the 9 levels of health in the Enneagram, your personal “wake-up call” and “red-flag warning sign” along with how to continue on your journey to wholeness.

#### Nov. 11 Stress Points & Arrows of Integration

Learn about the arrows or lines of movement in the Enneagram. Recognize your patterns under stress and your direction of integration. Learn how the Enneagram helps us to grow and develop our potential.

#### Nov. 18 Practices for Growth

Learn about daily practices for each Enneagram type.

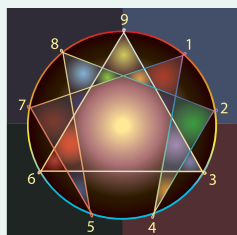
Led by Jody Thone and Tim Gillis

## What are mindfulness practices? An Experiential Introduction

Sun., Oct. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Living Room; Free

We will learn the difference between pain and suffering in life, be aware of the power of the mind and its affect on the body, and begin to practice the mindfulness of eating and breathing.





## Introductory Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

*Mondays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Nov. 5, 12, 19; 9:30 a.m. – noon  
All day Friday, November 9  
Living Room & Narthex  
Held at Trinity but register at  
www.seedsofmindfulness.com*

Introductory Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction courses follow the research-validated model developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn in his book, *Full Catastrophe Living*, featured in Bill Moyer's Emmy-winning PBS special, *Healing and the Mind*. There are MBSR programs in hospitals, HMOs, mental health centers, corporations and integrated care clinics all across America and the world.

These courses teach people how to integrate 2,600-year-old Eastern practices into contemporary Western everyday life. Physical, emotional and spiritual suffering is healed and transformed by integrating body and mind in the present moment without judgment or expectation. Each session involves learning and practicing: walking, eating, sitting and/or yoga meditation, didactic presentation, group discussion and homework assignments.

MBSR is designed for, and can be especially helpful to, those who experience: anxiety and depression, chronic pain and illness, cardiac disease, the demands of caregiving, life-threatening illness, grief, spiritual emptiness and difficulty finding balance and peace in current life circumstances.

The classes cultivate ease, compassion and clarity in living life more openly, less reactively and with increased contentment. Participants learn and practice the basic skills and principles of MBSR and begin to experience their impact on everyday life, health and well being. *This 27-hour class meets weekly for 2-1/2 hours and includes one 7-hour day of mindfulness.*

*Up to 27 CEUs are available for educators, medical and mental health professionals. Fees: \$320 and \$41 materials fee (book and three CDs)*

*Led by Judith Lies, LMFT*

# LIFELONG LEARNING



## Building your Personal Theology: God

*Tuesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, & 30  
6:30-8:30 p.m. – Garden Room  
Cost: \$30 per person or \$40 per couple  
for participant journal*

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

## Finding your place in God's story

*(and helping your child find theirs)*

*Wednesdays, Oct. 3; Nov. 7; Dec. 5; Jan. 9; March 6; April 3  
6:15-7:15 p.m. – Garden Room*

*Join in this experience of discovering God's story, and how you are a part of it. Taught creatively, accessible for everyone, this experience is designed for:*

- Parents of confirmation students who want a refresher to "keep up" with their student
- Parents of Children's Ministries students who want to better facilitate the spiritual growth of their children
- Anyone from the Trinity community who wants to find their place in God's story

*Led by Pastor Dan Poffenberger*

*Note: This experience happens while all confirmation students are celebrating monthly worship. Enjoy pizza with students and guides from 5:30-6:15 p.m.*

## Old Testament Great Course

*Sundays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16  
10:30-11:30 a.m. – Garden Room; No cost. Come when you can.*

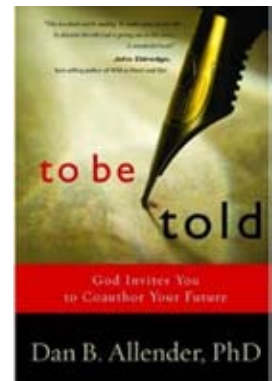
Has the Old Testament always puzzled you? Are you curious about how to interpret some of the key Old Testament stories? In this course, you will take a deep, academic dive into the best research and thinking about the key Old Testament stories that we will be engaging in worship throughout the fall.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

## Love your Story – Book study discussing the book

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

*Saturdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10  
9:15-10:45 a.m. – Library Conf. Room  
Cost: \$10 book fee*

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



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## tlc Children & Youth summer CAMP 2012

### Trinity Summer Camps Grow

The CYF staff is constantly looking to provide faith-filled summer opportunities for children and Youth. **Summer camp experiences** allow kids to continue to discover their faith **in new and exciting ways**. **Summer camp also provides staff with extended opportunities to connect and build relationships with our children and young adults.**

- Camp WAPO youth camp and SEEDS weekend was a new camp adventure for Trinity kids this year. Twelve students attended the youth camp and seven students enjoyed the SEEDS weekend. We are hoping to grow this wonderful faith experience next summer!
- Vacation Bible School is always a hit with families. We filled our Gym with 175 families, up from 145 last year! Sixty fantastic volunteers helped with SKY Vacation Bible School where we learned that no matter who we are, how we feel, what people do, what happens or where we are, we can "Trust God!" *We were able to purchase more than 160 mosquito bed nets for the children of Tanzania. Thank you for your generosity!*
- Helping Hearts and Hand is a service-based camp where kids and leaders are able to fulfill their purpose and be God's hands and feet! This year 59 students lived out their faith, compared to 32 in 2011.

## J R . & S R . H I G H

- Florida Beach camp is always a blast for senior high campers! Trinity staff and interns traveled to Florida with 30 students; approximately 10 were non-trinity students. It was an amazing trip with a number of students experiencing God for the first time!
- The summer edition of The River youth worship drew in 30-45 students each week. These are Trinity and non-Trinity students who enjoy a fun and meaningful worship experience with their peers.
- A number of adult leaders continue to meet with their senior high small groups as part of the J-Group experience, which involves approximately 20 students and 3 leaders.
- Senior High students served as Counselors-in-Training at Luther Dell Confirmation Camp. These 25 students are an excellent example of "Servant Culture" that has been built into our senior high ministry. Luther Dell Camp provides a choice of two different weeks of camp; 46 students attended the first week and 34 the second week.

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

register  
online  
at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

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



### LADC NEWS

The lower level of Trinity is buzzing with energy from our young friends, age 16-months to 5-years-old, who attend Lake Area Discovery Center. LADC and Trinity have been in a partnership for five years. The Trinity site has grown from 61 kids in 2011 to 100 kids this year! We are excited as this wonderful partnership continues!



# YOUTH MINISTRIES



## Senior High Fall Fling 2012!

*Fri., Oct. 19 to Sun., Oct. 21  
Camp Shamaineau in Motley, MN  
For students in grades 9-12  
Cost: \$140*

Fall Fling will be an awesome time of growth and fellowship together with fun and games, great worship times and challenging messages from amazing speakers. Horseback riding, a high ropes challenge course, indoor climbing wall, campfire donuts and s'mores, sports (including a flag football tournament and much more) will all make it something you don't want to miss (some activities may have an extra cost)!

Contact Cory Jones @ ext. 144 or [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org) with questions or for more information. Register online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

## 116 Clique Concert

*Fri., Nov. 16; \$20*

*Epic Event Center – Minneapolis, MN*

*For students in grades 9-12*

116 Clique is a group of amazing Christian rappers. Contact Cory Jones @ ext. 144 or [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org) before Nov. 1 to secure a ticket.



## the River

7:30-9 p.m.  
Garden Room

The River will be in its new home and starting at a new time on Wed., Sept. 26! We will be in the Garden Room from 7:30-9 p.m.

## J-GROUPS

Hey sr. high students, if you would like to be a part of a small group that you can journey together through life and faith, contact Cory Jones @ ext. 144 or [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org). Each J-Group will have a fun and caring adult leader that will walk alongside you on your journey. Your J-Group can meet whenever and wherever you decide! Bible studies and other faith guides will be provided for meaningful faith discussions. **Fun and caring adults:** If you would like to be a J-Group leader, please contact Cory at [cljones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cljones@trinitylc.org) or ext. 144. Senior High Ministry is always looking for adults (21+) to be a part of students lives!

## Confirmation begins for leaders, students, parents

*Wed., Sept. 26*

**NEW TIME: 6:15-7:30 p.m.**

Exciting changes are coming this year including all confirmation group worship once a month, service projects, spiritual practice, family meals and much more!

## Rite of Confirmation

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

This service is an exciting time of a recognizing the past three years of confirmation and also a time of looking toward the future of your continued journey of faith in Jesus! Important dates for the Confirmation weekend:

*Sat., Oct. 27, 9-11 a.m. – Garden Room*

Pictures and rehearsal for Confirmation service at Trinity

*Sun., Oct. 28 – 2-3 p.m.*

Rite of Confirmation service at Trinity

## If you haven't registered for Confirmation, please do it now!

Confirmation is going to be a blast so tell your friends and get signed up! Contact Kari Kahl at 439-7400, ext. 134 with questions.

register   
online  
at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)



# WORSHIP

## OPPORTUNITIES

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

# BAPTIZED

## AT TRINITY

- **Carmen Jolien Reyzer**, daughter of David Reyzer & Brook Radke
- **Zola Wren Gubricky**, daughter of Eric & Melissa Gubricky
- **Beckett Otto Hintze**, son of Ernest & Andrea Hintze
- **Colton Crosby Jonnes**, son of Jacob & Hiedi Jonnes
- **Adilene Kay Swenson**, daughter of Scott & Deidra Swenson

## Pastor TJ on sabbatical

Beginning in September I will be on a sabbatical. This is a time to learn and grow and get one's life in a place that will recharge and reenergize ministry.

For me this is an opportunity to refocus and strengthen my passion to be a pastor. I will take time to study and learn how to be more effective in preaching, leading and teaching. I look forward to time spent connecting to Jesus in prayer and reading. I hope to get to a monastery for part of my time and to engage in the spiritual practice of listening for God's voice.

I will not be picking up phone messages at church or checking email. Please contact the people below with questions:  
**Children's Ministry:** Jody Nyenhuis  
**Junior High & Confirmation Ministry:** Jody Nyenhuis  
**High School Ministry:** Cory Jones

*God bless you all, TJ*



# WORSHIP

## ATTENDANCE

Aug. 18 & 19	Aug. 25 & 26	Sept. 1 & 2	Sept. 8 & 9	Sept. 15 & 16
5 p.m. .... 30	5 p.m. .... 36	5 p.m. .... 46	5 p.m. .... 65	5 p.m. .... 55
Drive-In .... 353	Drive-In .... 406	Drive-In .... 454	Drive-In .... 242	9 a.m. .... 407
10 a.m. .... 99	10 a.m. .... 77	10 a.m. .... 100	10 a.m. .... 230	10:30 a.m. ... 205

# SYMPATHY

- The family and friends of **David Otto**, who passed away Aug. 7
- The family and friend of **Bill Nelsen** who passed away Aug 21.
- The family and friends of **Carl Duberg**, who passed away Aug. 22
- **Jock (Sandy) Ruben** on the death of his brother, Donald Ruben

# THANK YOU

On behalf of our mother, Helen Falde, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Pastor Candee Moser during the last four months of hospitalizations, recuperations, and transitions. Pastor Candee's prayerful support, presence, and words of encouragement were meaningful for Mom, and also to us as we waited during the tests, procedures, and days of recovery. Sometimes Pastor Candee's visits were brief but her timing, particularly just before surgery, were blessings to us all! We truly believe that the outcomes were 'miraculous'! Pastor Candee's role in

supporting our family was inspiring and uplifting—much like the Holy Spirit! We will not forget her support and care, and we are grateful for sharing her time and gifts with us all!

Lastly, we know that Mom's name appeared several times on the Prayer Chain as well as on other personal prayer lists. And, we know other Trinity members paid visits. So, we wanted to send a 'thank you' to acknowledge all prayers of support and personal visits!

*Thank you,  
 Carol & Greg Magnuson  
 Karen and Ed Stuart  
 Dave & Beth Falde*

# TRINITY

# TODAY

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# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 12

### Fri., September 21

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

### Sat., September 22

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

### Sun., September 23

- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr6): Lower Lvl
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10:30 a.m. Couples Group: Rm 108B

### Mon., September 24

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Gratitude Class: Off-site
- 5:30 p.m. Lutfisk Mtg: Rm 108B
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

### Tue., September 25

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Rm 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: The Bikery
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
- 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library
- 6 p.m. MVP-Football: Garden Rm
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

### Wed., September 26

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study: Rm 108B
- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Rm
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-9): Upper Lvl
- 6:15 p.m. Wed. Learning (3yrs-Gr6): Lower Lvl
- 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Garden Room

### Thu., September 27

- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm
- 11:30 a.m. SWAP: Off-site
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Team meeting: Office Conf. Rm

### Fri., September 28

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

### Sat., September 29

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

### Sun., September 30

- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr6): Lower Lvl
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10:30 a.m. Couples Group: Rm 108B

### Mon., October 1

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Gratitude Class: Off-site
- 9:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation: Living Rm
- 1:30 p.m. Commodity Distribution: 4th St. Entr.
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

### Tue., October 2

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Rm 108B
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: The Bikery
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
- 1 p.m. Martha Circle Mtg: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

### Wed., October 3

- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Hearts of Home Moms: Commons
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Rm
- 5:45 p.m. Confirmation Leader Mtg: Worship Ctr
- 6 p.m. Jubilate Bells (adult): Heritage Chapel
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-9): Upper Lvl
- 6:15 p.m. Wed. Learning (3yrs-Gr6): Lower Lvl
- 6:15 p.m. Finding Your Place: Garden Rm
- 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Garden Room

### Thu., October 4

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

### Fri., October 5

- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 10:30 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
- 1 p.m. BeFriender Mtg: Rm 108B

### Sat., October 6

- 8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
- 9 a.m. Enneagram Intro: Garden Room
- 9:15 a.m. "To Be Told" Book Study: Libr. Conf. Rm
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION
- 8 p.m. Valley Chamber Concert: Worship Ctr

### Sun., October 7

- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. Couples Group: Rm 108B
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr6): Lower Lvl
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10:30 a.m. Couples Group: Rm 108B
- 10:30 a.m. Mindfulness Practice?: Living Rm
- 10:30 a.m. Old Testament Great Course: Garden Rm

### Large print bulletins available at all services

If you prefer a large print bulletin, please ask an usher as you enter the Worship Center. We hope these help make your worship experience more engaging and enjoyable.

### Mon., October 8

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Gratitude Class: Off-site
- 9:30 a.m. Mindful Meditation: Living Rm
- 1 p.m. Rebekah Circle Mtg: Library
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

### Tue., October 9

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Rm 108B
- 9 a.m. Retired Men-Mindekirken
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: The Bikery
- 9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Leah Circle Mtg: Narthex
- 9:45 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
- 10:15 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
- 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. Personal Theology-God: Garden Rm
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

### Wed., October 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study: Office Conf. Room
- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Rm
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-9): Upper Lvl
- 6:15 p.m. Wed. Learning (3yrs-Gr6): Lower Lvl
- 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Garden Room

### Thu., October 11

- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex

### Fri., October 12

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

### MISSION OPPORTUNITY:

#### Embroider towels to support the Sunshine Ministry

The Sunshine Ministry is financially supported through the sale of dish cloths and embroidered dish towels at the Lutfisk & Meatball dinner on Nov. 1. If you wish to pick up towels to embroider, they are available in the Church Office or, if you can't pick them up yourself, contact Julie Jolivet at 439-7400, ext. 108, and she will get the towels to you.

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## MVP

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**Tue., Sept. 25**

*6-8 p.m. – Garden Room*

**CELEBRATING  
FOOTBALL**

Event Price: \$25

**Special Guest Speaker:**

Leo Lewis (*former MN Viking*)

**Speakers:**

Todd Fultz

George Thole

Stillwater Pony Coach Beau LaBore

**Special MVP Song by:** Tim Quarberg

Come for great stadium fare food  
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