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# TRINITY TODAY

## Trinity Faith Model





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## LIVING OUR FAITH

In the previous few minutes, I had seen the most beautiful thing that eyes can see: the glory of God shining in the radiance of creation. I had heard the most beautiful thing that ears can hear: friends telling friends that they love one another. And I had felt the most beautiful thing that any heart can ever feel: the love of God and the love of others.

— Brian D. McLaren

Whenever the church, or a pastor, attempts to tell people how to “live our faith”, I tend to want to duck and run. It gets altogether too serious, rule-oriented and formulaic. You and I have grown up learning how to reduce big ideas into rules, systems or “how-to” steps. That may work for a lot of things, but I’m not sure it works for us as followers of Jesus.

I am enthralled with the fact that early followers of Jesus were called “People of the Way” — those who were living in the “way” of Jesus. The earliest followers of Jesus found themselves congregating (pun intended) in each other’s homes and celebrating the meal Jesus instituted by sharing an actual meal around an actual table. Life was new and experienced in new ways: Romans, Greeks, Jews, men, women, free people and slaves, rich and poor all belonging to one another as they gave themselves over to a new way of living — more inclusive, more free, more generous, more graceful.

Whenever I preach, I realize Jesus never reduced a sermon to three memorable points. He told stories — many of which were not exactly obvious in their meaning — by using metaphors (the

kingdom of God is like...) and images from everyday life (shepherds, brides, a house built on sand). It was the kind of truth-telling that was accessible, durable and multi-layered — shocking in its twists, turning all sorts of conventional wisdom upside-down (see the story of the Good Samaritan, for example: you can never trust a Samaritan...well, actually, you can). Learning how to “live our faith” was, for Jesus, individual and contextual; the classroom was real life, with real relationships, in real time. Hardly anything theoretical. Few rules.

I believe this is one of the reasons faith is taught in community: in our homes, through our relationships, in the context of calling one another “brother” and “sister”. Faith is caught, more than taught. It is shared in real life, through real situations, in real time. We have mentors and role models, faith teachers and midwives, novices and masters — all learning with each other and through each other. Faith-learning is a social activity: it is cloud-based (since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...), home-based, field-tested and lived out in plain view.

It is the reason I believe in congregations: they are a way to learn our faith. How many teachers have you had? How many role models? Who apprenticed you in the faith, and who are you apprenticing now? That is part of our work as a congregation, and you will see Trinity become even more intentional about inter-generational learning, small groups and community. These forms are the transmission vehicles for faith learning.

In the pages of this issue of *Trinity Today*, you will see an emerging model of faith development that Trinity will be using to guide its intentional learning opportunities. It comes out of a desire to describe what we teach and how we learn on this Way of Jesus. We have much to share with each other as we explore the faith handed down to us, the faith we experience, and the faith we have yet to know. We have much in common with the earliest followers of Jesus: we are all on this journey of growing “into the fullness of Jesus” with one another.

Take some time in this season of your life to learn, to grow, and to be in community with others who are on the “Way” of Jesus.



## WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING?

As we settle into all the routines of the fall – kids are back to school, football season is in full swing, sandals exchanged for sweaters – we have a great opportunity to look at not just what has to get done, but what we want for this next season. While September seems to be a month of solving schedules, October seems like a great time to be intentional about what you want for yourself, to think about how you want to be enriched.

One of the things I love most about my job here at Trinity is that I am always always learning, and I am around people who love to learn and who are passionate about staying engaged! My hope is that Trinity provides a variety of options for you to grow and stretch and be enriched – whether it’s Sunday morning learning (Every Service Every Sunday!), or yoga on Wednesday nights (8 p.m. in the Garden Room), or your small group, or one of the other many options we have (See the Adult Learning Guide for the full array – you can find Adult Learning Guides in the Commons, Narthex and the Church Office, and also online at [trinitylc.org](http://trinitylc.org) –> Connect)

Personally, this fall, I’ve had a lot of fun preparing the classes I teach on Sunday mornings. I get to focus on some of my favorite teachers, put myself in the way of inspiration, and figure out how to share that with all of you!

In that spirit, here are some quotes, thoughts and ideas that have been interesting to me lately, and which have all ultimately found themselves on a post-it note or index card at my desk:

“Stories make us more alive, more human, more courageous, more loving.” – *Madeleine L’Engle*

“The way we do anything is the way we do everything.”

“Is there something in your life that you’re excluding from your practice?” – *Michael Stone*

“When we look deeply into the physical world, all we find are relationships. And relationships are what nourish us. We are made of each other.” – *Michael Stone*

“The key to happiness is letting each situation be what it is instead of what you think it should be.”

“Smile. Breathe. Go Slowly.” – *Thich Nhat Hanh*

“The one light appears in diverse forms.” – *Atharva-Veda*

“No mud, no lotus.” – *Thich Nhat Hanh*

What’s inspiring you? What are you learning? Please tell me all about it! I hope that as we roll into fall, as the air crisp and kisses our cheeks, as the leaves crunch under our feet and color the trees, may you find yourself inspired and enriched in countless ways.

# HEAR YE, HEAR YE! GET YOUR LUTEFISK TICKETS

*By Lowell Saterbak*

I have been involved with the Lutefisk celebration for many years, from setup/takedown to cooking in the Water Department garage. For some reason, I was “invited” to coordinate ticket sales about nine years ago.

Back then, the event focused on Trinity’s members and close community, so ticket sales were fairly simple and direct. As the years progressed and we decided to dedicate the dinner’s profits to Hunger Missions, it became obvious that we needed to expand our promotion of the dinner to our metro area. Consequently, our sales methods had to be more organized.

Fortunately, the computer and the Internet provided a great tool to promote, keep records, and give the working committees solid information about ticket sales so they could purchase food and paper. We also promote Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner through ads in local newspapers and are sent to area newspapers and churches — it’s even listed on LutefiskLoversLifeline.com!

Ticket sales run seven days a week and start about five weeks before the dinner. We have roughly 20 Trinity members and staff who sell tickets at the church, answer phone messages left on the “Lutefisk Line” or respond to requests sent via the Trinity website. This year’s tickets will cost \$20 for adults and \$6 for children in Kindergarten through 6th Grades (the meal is free for children younger than five). The price increase is a result of increased food costs.

Last year we served about 760 guests at the Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner and, interestingly, far more than half were not from Trinity or even the Stillwater area! The Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner is a yearly highlight for me: so many people offer such great compliments on their way out the door — and they come back year after year!

Remember to buy your tickets early — I look forward to seeing you at the dinner!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Lutefisk (with an e) is the Norwegian spelling – Lutfisk (without an e) is the Swedish spelling

Lutefisk is a Norwegian specialty and literally means “lye fish”

In Nordic countries, Lutefisk is made from stockfish (air-dried whitefish/cod) or klippfisk (dried/salted whitefish/cod)

The process of treating the fish with lye is called “luting”

The “jelly-like” consistency of lutefisk is caused by the breakdown of the protein in the fish

There is a specific sequence of soaking and re-soaking treatments that needs to be done to reconstitute the dried fish into the “end product” of Lutefisk

Lutefisk is usually served with a cream sauce

Lutefisk and lefse are traditional Scandinavian foods served at a Christmas Eve meal

Madison, MN claims to be the “Lutefisk Capital of the U.S.,” with the largest per capita consumption of lutefisk

Glenwood, MN claims the title of “Lutefisk Capital of the World”

In a local park in Madison, MN, there is a 25-foot long fiberglass fish named Lou T. Fisk

More lutefisk is consumed in the U.S. than in Scandinavia  
Lutefisk is high in protein and low in fat

The first mention of lutefisk is in a letter penned by Swedish King Gustav I in 1540

## Save the Date! Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Thu., Nov. 6 – Garden Room

Seatings at: 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45 p.m.

\$20 adults, \$6 children Kindergarten-Grade 6; Free for children younger than 5.

Enjoy a holiday tradition: lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, lefse, pie and more. Dine-in or take-out. Tickets go on sale in mid-October. All proceeds benefit hunger programs. Supported by matching funds from Thrivent. Volunteers needed.

Contact Jeannie Wendorf, 651-439-7400, ext. 111, [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org)

## THE LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER: A Dual Ministry – Working to Alleviate Hunger While Celebrating Scandinavian Heritage

By Jeannie Wendorf, Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Co-Chair

When we donate to, serve at, or buy a ticket for the Lutefisk & Meatball

### MIN-IS-TRY

*n. The act of serving*

Dinner, we are involved together in ministry. Think about it: different generations serve together at the meal for the common purpose of raising money for hunger missions — isn't that the very definition of ministry? All proceeds from the dinner (minus the cost of the food itself) are used in some way, shape or form, to alleviate hunger. In the past, monies raised at the dinner have been used to offset the cost of our meal-packing event, which in turn feeds flood victims to our north, as well as families in Tanzania and Haiti; proceeds also have gone toward implementing many other projects focusing on alleviating hunger.

Heritage is important to me! You can spot my cube in the Church Office right away: it's the one with

all of the Scandinavian decorations. Even though my ethnicity is ½ German and ¼ each Swedish and Norwegian, when you grow up in Scandia,

you are surrounded by everything Scandinavian! Although "heritage" may have been more important back in 1871 when Trinity began as the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church — those recent immigrants longed for the company of others who shared their common background and language, celebrated the same traditions, and worked together to make a community — that doesn't mean we shouldn't celebrate the heritage of this church! The people who founded Trinity may have passed on, and with them the traditions of the past, but sitting at a table with others to enjoy a plate of lutefisk, lefse and conversation keeps us in touch with our heritage. That, too, is a ministry.

Please step forward and volunteer to be a part of this dual ministry! There are a wide variety of tasks available — before, during and after dinner. If you have any questions, would like more information, or are ready to volunteer, please call me at 651-439-7400 ext. 111 or email me at [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org).

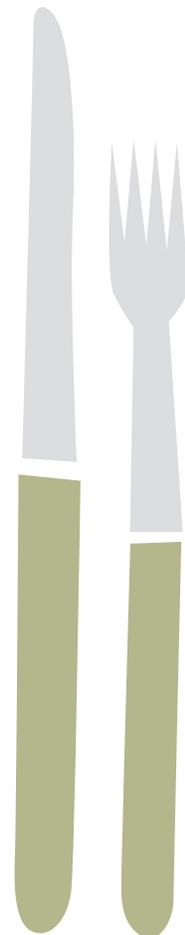


### HER-IT-AGE

*n. Something passed down from preceding generations; tradition*

### CALL FOR PIES!

We need your homemade pies for the Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner! Apple, Pumpkin or Mincemeat — more than one is always welcome! Please contact Debi Orff at 651-283-5215 with what you are bringing. Thanks to all who are willing to contribute!



# MISSIONS

By Tom Thiets, Director of Missions Ministries



## WHY DO WE SERVE?

On a fairly regular basis, I receive inquiries about the volume and breadth of Trinity's Mission Ministry. The conversation typically starts with a question: "How do you get so many people involved?" My typical answer is a rather short: "We invite them!"

I then explain that I firmly believe mission experiences provide an avenue for people to engage their faith through their gifts and strengths; that your living faith needs to be part of your life; that the physical interaction of serving alongside your neighbor brings the great commandment from Mark 12:30-31 to life:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.*

Jesus' words place the significance of mission service front and center in our



faith.

For me, Trinity's mission statement — To Love, Transform, and Serve — compels us into action, with Christ's commandment at the heart. In our faith journey we grow in our love relationship with our God. In this, we are transformed (born anew) and sent into the world to follow Christ's command from Matthew 28:19: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

While not desiring to run contrary to the Lutheran doctrine of "Faith Alone" — where we affirm that our justification or salvation is by faith alone, not works — I move forward with a firm understanding that a faith in Christ Jesus generates a love that seeks to serve our neighbors in need. So, it all truly begins with love.

The next question I receive addresses the breadth of the mission opportunities: "How do you decide where to serve?" Once again the answer is short: "I don't. God does." This is neither a trite nor a dismissive answer: it is the foundation for the prayerful discernment that goes into deciding which ministries to include in the mission opportunities here at Trinity. As a new ministry opportunity surfaces, prayer begins. We then engage in deep discussion with those who proposed the mission idea, as well as other mission leaders in similar ministries. We always desire to help, but we also do not want to diminish or disrupt an existing ministry; we strive to enhance. Once again, scripture provides the framework for the thought



process involved in the decision-making process, this time from Matthew 25:37-40:

*...Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Mission is about meaningful service meeting the needs of our neighbors — not our needs. It is about giving ourselves away in the faith of Jesus Christ. It is about love: Love God. Love yourself. Love your neighbor.

Samaritan Purse's founder Bob Pierce, (echoed by current president Franklin Graham) perhaps says it best:

**WE CAN'T HELP EVERYONE,  
BUT WE CAN HELP THOSE WHOM GOD PLACES IN OUR PATH.  
THEN WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD FOR OUR ACTIONS.**

# W O R S H I P M I N I S T R I E S

# SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING HOUR

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Over the past few months, our pastors have taken us on a journey to deepen our experience in communion. A part of that has been how those who serve communion are assigned.

Serving communion to others is one of the great joys of worship!

At the 5 p.m. Worship service, Mimi Murphy has faithfully set up and coordinated servers for a number of years and will continue to do so. If you attend the 5 p.m. service and would like to serve, please be in touch with her.

At 9 a.m., Sylvia McCallister is the go-to person for servers and set-up. At that service, we need six servers every week. If you are interested in serving, please contact her either in person on Sunday morning or via email at [sylviamccormack@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviamccormack@hotmail.com). New servers are welcome and anticipated!

At the 10:30 a.m. Worship service, the presiding pastor will ask, from the table, for people to come forward and serve.

Think about this and do volunteer if the Spirit moves you!

In all these settings, all are welcome — in the words of the great hymn writer Marty Haugen



Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome in this place.

— Carol Carver

## Adult Bell Choir

*Mondays, 6 p.m.*

*Chapel*

No experience necessary! Come and enjoy the wonder of the bells. It's easy and fun. We play once a month for the 9 a.m. Sunday service and all enjoy a rewarding and uplifting experience. Contact Debi Orff for more information at 651-283-5215.

## GODSPELL

Are you interested in being involved in a production of the musical "Godspell"? This could be in any of a variety of ways: acting, building sets, costuming, stage techs...

If so, be in touch with Phil Kadidlo via mail at [pkadidlo@trinitylc.org](mailto:pkadidlo@trinitylc.org) or Carol Carver at [ccarver@trinitylc.org](mailto:ccarver@trinitylc.org)

We ask this only to take the pulse of the congregation to see whether this is something we should look into! We are looking at staging the production in late March, 2015.

Beginning in Advent, we'd like to change the Sunday morning schedule at Trinity to allow for a learning hour in between the services. With the change, the schedule would be as follows:

**9 a.m. Traditional Service**

**10 a.m. Learning Hour**

**11 a.m. The Walk  
Contemporary Service**

## WHY?

Trinity's staff, Congregational Council, and the Faith and Family 2020 Vision Team have been brainstorming about how to best serve and engage our congregation. As the Faith & Family 2020 Vision Team learned in its yearlong research of how to build a strong faith — as well as its survey of the congregation — there is a hunger for more intergenerational opportunities.

With this learning hour, we would have the time and the space to offer those opportunities. On special church service days, or when we have guest musicians, we could plan unique intergenerational events. On other Sundays, the 10 a.m. hour would be a time for Children's Learning and Adult Education, as well as for middle school and high school young adults to gather (or attend Adult Learning); small groups also would have an opportunity to meet at that time. Even better: Children would be present at both Worship services.

The bottom line? This new schedule encourages all of us to learn together and worship together.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We want to know what you think about this idea. So, we'll hold listening sessions on Sunday, Oct. 12 after both services. Come and learn more about why we'd like to make this transition, and tell us what you think. We've also created a simple online questionnaire (just one question!) so that you can let us know what you think about this. You can access the questionnaire at <http://tinyurl.com/Trinity-Worship-Survey>.

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT  
NEW POSSIBILITIES ARE AHEAD!**



## Afternoon Hike at Willow River State Park

Sun., Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy the crisp fall air, wonderful friendships and beautiful fall colors. We will meet after church to carpool to Willow River State Park near Hudson, Wisc. (A Wisconsin State Park permit is required). We will share a picnic lunch then hike to the waterfalls and the scenic overlook above it. Bring your own beverage and a side to share for the picnic. Five mile round-trip hike. For more information or to RSVP for this event, please contact Lisa Corcoran at [e.w.corcoran@gmail.com](mailto:e.w.corcoran@gmail.com).



## 2014-2015 Food for Thought Dinner Dates:

Oct. 25, 2014 • Jan. 10, 2015  
March 7, 2015 • April 25, 2015

Reegister online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) by Sept. 21, 2014.

Details:

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

Online registration allows the leadership team to determine whether you desire to participate as a regular or substitute and schedule accordingly. Glenda Bjorum, 651-439-8521, [bjorumsing@aol.com](mailto:bjorumsing@aol.com)

## Hearts of the Home Moms

Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 15, 22, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Hearts of the Home is an interdenominational Christian-based group of moms who believe in supporting and nurturing each other through fellowship, small groups, prayer and service. Each meeting begins with fellowship and a brief devotional, followed by a small group study. Everyone is welcome, regardless of religion or ability to pay, and we are super excited to see you! If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Maggie at 406-544-3304 or Amber 704-609-7132.



## AWE: Active Women's Events MN History Center: A Storm of Witches

Sat., Oct. 18, 10 a.m. lecture

Meet in the Commons at 8:45 a.m. to carpool to 345 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul \$17.50, register online by Friday, Oct. 10 at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) or in the Church Office, payment due when you sign up. Lunch on your own at Fabulous Ferns

*This event is open to women & men of all ages.*

Emerson W. Baker, professor of history at Salem State College in Massachusetts will lecture on the Salem Witch Trials that began in January 1692. Salem Village in colonial Massachusetts witnessed the largest and most lethal outbreak of early American witchcraft. The resulting Salem Witch Trials persist as one of the most mysterious and fascinating events in American history. Lunch to follow lecture on your own at Fabulous Ferns, 400 Selby Ave., St. Paul. Please remember to reimburse your driver for parking and gas. Please contact Donna Harder at 651-351-5043 or 651-329-7047 if you have questions or are willing to drive for the carpool.

## Tuesday Book Group

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – Trinity's Library  
Join other women in friendship and lively conversation about fiction and non-fiction books covering a wide variety of topics and themes.

Jenny Hammer, 651-439-4351

## Working Moms

Sept 13, 27; Oct 11, 25; Nov 8, 22; Dec 6, 9:30 a.m. – Tin Bins, Stillwater

Working Moms is a small group of supportive women living and learning about motherhood while managing their careers. You will find laughter, encouragement, coffee, sweet treats, and amazing friendship. Elaine Knodt, [Elaine\\_Knodt@yahoo.com](mailto:Elaine_Knodt@yahoo.com), Melissa Haase, [mhaasedvm@gmail.com](mailto:mhaasedvm@gmail.com)

## Supporting Women as Professionals (SWAP)

Monthly on Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Tin Bins, Stillwater

Take an intentional "break" to gather for a relaxing lunch and time to socialize, reflect, laugh and build relationships with other professional Christian women. Future dates and restaurant locations will be announced throughout the year via email. To be placed on the email list, please contact Jolene Patterson at [Jolene.Patterson@AndersenCorp.com](mailto:Jolene.Patterson@AndersenCorp.com) or 651-485-2004.

## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. – Living Room

We are studying Kathleen Urtel Johnson's Bible study, *Whole Bible, Whole Life*. We start with prayer requests, and pray for these people at the end of our meeting. All of the study and Bible readings are done in class, so we have no homework, and everyone is invited to come as they are able. We are always open to new members. Lynn Schurrer, 651-430-1632, [Lschurrer@aol.com](mailto:Lschurrer@aol.com)

## Sunday evening book group

Second & fourth Sundays starting Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

Kowalski's, Stillwater

Join other women in friendship and lively conversation about fiction and non-fiction books covering a wide variety of topics and themes. Jenny Hammer, 651-439-4351

## RETIRED MEN



### Retired Men's Group Minnesota State Patrol Tour

Oct. 14, 2014

This tour of the East Metro Division will give us an insider's perspective of the challenges and operations of the Minnesota State Patrol and the vital part they play in keeping Minnesota safe.

Dwight at [dwightpederson@hotmail.com](mailto:dwrightpederson@hotmail.com) or 651-439-2078.



### Game Dinner & Fish Fry

Nov. 18, 2014, 6-8 pm.

Garden Room – \$25

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

#### MVP PUPOSE STATEMENT:

To provide opportunities for men (18 and older) to gather around sports themes for food, fellowship and inspiration.

### Yin Yoga is back!

Wednesdays; 8-9 p.m. – Garden Room  
FREE! All ages/levels welcome.

Pastor Stephanie invites people of all ages to learn this calm yet challenging yoga style that targets the ligaments, bones, and joints. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Stephanie Vos, [svos@trinitylc.org](mailto:svos@trinitylc.org), 651-439-7400, ext. 113

### The Bridge Tai Chi Chuan

Mondays; 6:30-8 p.m. – Gym  
\$25/month

These sessions are for people of all Tai Chi levels and offer an exploration of body, mind and spirit connections.

Participants will improve:

- Mind/body awareness
- Energy level
- Flexibility
- Balance and coordination
- Concentration
- Lower back strength
- Reduce stress

Participants will also be more centered and self-aware. Contact David Teschler, 612-991-5117.



#### Sunday Mornings

Beginning the first weekend in October, we will be hosting a small group at 9 a.m. on the first and third Sundays of every month. Anyone who is looking to strengthen their relationship and explore their faith in greater depth is invited to attend! *If you are interested in participating, or know someone who might be, please contact Zach at [zacharylee@lovecommitsucceed.com](mailto:zacharylee@lovecommitsucceed.com).*



### Contemplative Practice Group

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. – Returning indoors to the Narthex Oct. 2

Join us each week for a spiritual practice group focused on contemplative living; the awareness that God is intimately present within and among us. Practices include; Lectio Divina, Silent Meditation, Guided Meditations, Prayer, Poetry and Creative Practices. Call Jody Thone for more information 651-439-7400 ext. 119 or email her at [jthone@trinitylc.org](mailto:jthone@trinitylc.org)

### Introduction to The Enneagram

Sat., Oct. 4, 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 morning retreat will introduce the nine distinct personality types and show you how you can rediscover your way of connecting to God. *Led by Jody Thone*

### Living Your Strengths Class

Mon., Oct. 13, 6-8:30 p.m. – Living Room

Cost: Class \$20, Class & Book\* \$30

\*Note: You must take the Clifton StrengthsFinder™ prior to attending this session; you will need a book if you have not yet taken it.

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. This Trinity workshop is 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 Walt Ogburn & Amy Karlstad*

# Beneath the Surface of Trinity's Faith Model

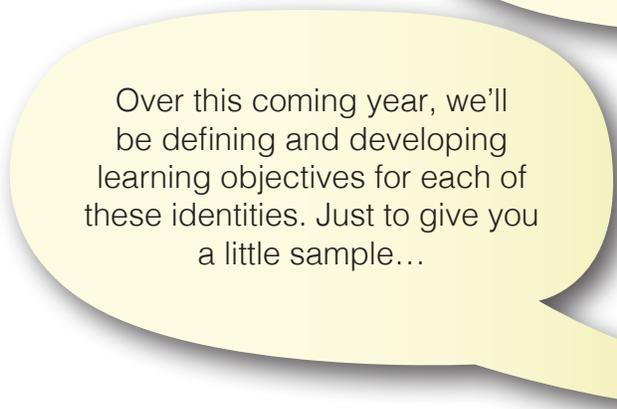
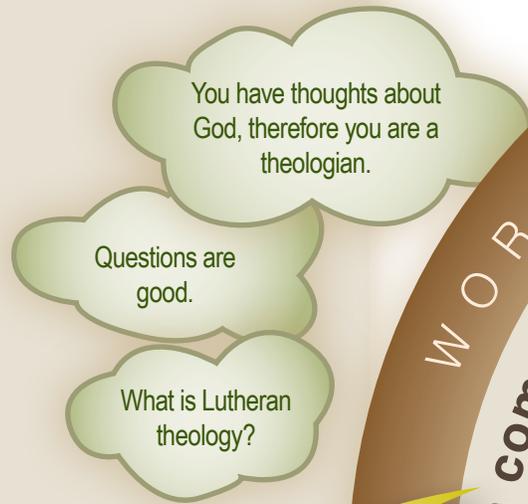
*Pastor Stephanie Vos and Jody Thone*

Here at Trinity we've built a culture of learning and growth with a focus on these six elements: central to our identity is that we are **Beloved Children of God**, and in the Christian church we live that out as **Followers of Jesus**. Trinity has a long history and special heart for engaging **In Service to Our Neighbors**. More recently, we have also begun to understand and appreciate that we are **Theologians**, **Grateful Stewards**, and **Uniquely Designed to Make a Difference**.

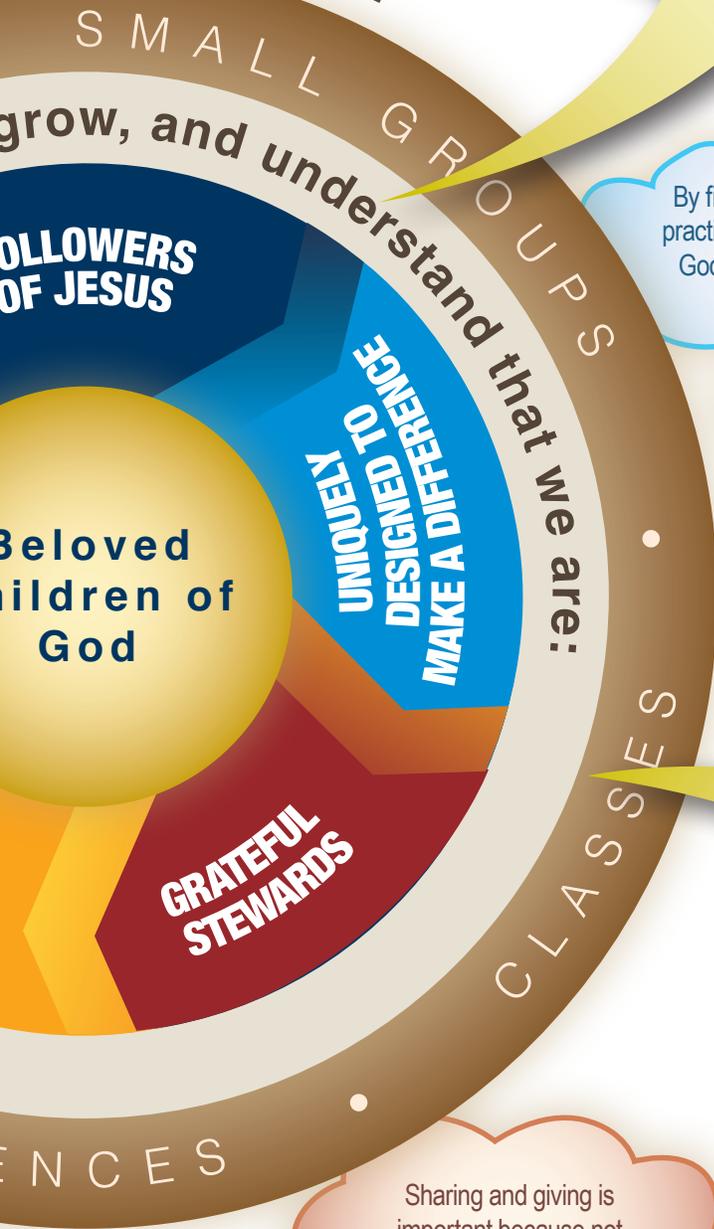
With Stephanie's arrival as Pastor of Lifelong Learning, and Jody's historical context and work across various ministry areas over the last ten years, we were dreaming about possibilities and potential, and started asking questions like:

- What are the cornerstones of Trinity's faith development process?
- How do we grow as a community of faith? What are we teaching?
- How do we align across all ages and stages of development?

So this spring and summer we spent time engaging all of Trinity's staff in feedback and conversations, and with their help and input, we came up with this model.



# Faith Model



We experience Christ in our daily lives.

— We learn, grow, and understand that we are —  
 This is a lifelong, ongoing process of discovery and identity. Wherever you are in your story with God, there's always another chapter! As people of faith, we are continually enriched by our connection and development in these areas.

By finding our spiritual practices, we connect to God and can discern our callings.

In the depth of your design you meet God.

God gave you gifts to make a difference in the world.

You are loved by God.  
 God is always present.  
 God loves and cares about everyone.

Keep your eyes peeled for more on the faith model and its place in our larger mission and work here at Trinity!

The outer ring are our primary experiences of faith – there are multiple ways that we are community together! We have a beautiful tradition of **Worship** together – traditional, contemporary or drive in!; we gather in **Small Groups** – as a large church we need and value these intimate connections to share and nurture our faith; we enrich and stretch our minds to learn and experience new things together in **Classes**, and we journey near and far to serve the world through **Mission Experiences**.

Sharing and giving is important because not everyone has enough.

We are stewards of all we are and all we have.

We are stewards of all creation.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



## Confirmation Kicks Off With a Bang! (And How YOU Can Be Involved)

By Kristin Tranby, CYF Specialist (Grades 7-9)

On Sept. 17, Trinity's young adults in grades 7, 8, and 9 gathered in the Worship Center for the start of an exciting year of Confirmation learning. It was great to see friends and small groups reuniting and to see just how much our junior high students have changed over the summer!

Each 7th Grader received a new Here We Stand Lutheran Study Bible. Each week we'll dig into God's word as we journey through the Narrative Lectionary and discover how these stories from long ago are still relevant to our lives today.

Pastor Stephanie will be spending time with the 8th Grade students this year, learning about how God's unique design of each of us empowers and equips us to make a difference in the world.

Pastor Dan and Jody Nyenhuis will be journeying with our 9th Grade students through the Discourse curriculum, helping each student articulate his or her personal beliefs about God. As a change to Confirmation this year, 9th graders will affirm their baptisms in April — we'll have more details about that as we get closer!

Our 10th Graders have almost reached the next milestone in their faith journeys! On October 26, we will celebrate with them as they affirm the promises made at Baptism and step into ownership of their personal faith in God. The Rite of Confirmation Service is on October 26 at 2 p.m.!

And now, for your part in all of this! Each congregation member is invited to pray for our young adults. Pray for strength and patience as they navigate the hallways and classrooms at school. Pray for kindness and love for them and their fellow classmates. Pray for happy homes and lives with balance in an overly busy world. Pray that each Confirmation young adult will know that they are the light of the world — and for confidence to shine that light brightly wherever they go. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

**JR. HIGH  
\* MINISTRY**

**We are excited to announce that Christian Hip-Hop artist Agape will be leading our Confirmation worship on Wed., Nov. 5! Parents and congregation members are invited to worship with us!**

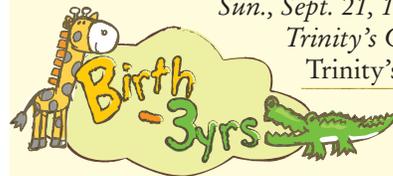


## Play & Pray Group

Sun., Sept. 21, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Trinity's Gym

Trinity's 2014-15



Play & Pray Group is ready to go!

Parents of children ages birth to three are

enthusiastically invited to attend. It's a great way to meet other parents who are experiencing the same things you are — and a fun time for the kids to play with friends.

## Goodbye Kristin Tranby

By Kristin Tranby, CYF Specialist (Grades 7-9)

Just over a year ago, I joined the Trinity staff to lead and develop the Confirmation ministry for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. It has been a wonderful year of learning about the lives of our Confirmation young adults and embracing the innovative ministry that Trinity does so well. My family and I have found many wonderful opportunities to engage in furthering our own faith formation and have developed relationships with many of you, and for that we are so grateful.

After a lot of prayer and consideration, we have decided to continue on the path God is laying out before us, and will be leaving Trinity on Friday, Sept. 26 — I have accepted a call as Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Christ Lutheran in Lake Elmo.

So, I say good-bye to you here (and hopefully to many of you in person as well!) and thank you for welcoming all of us into the life of the congregation here. I have been blessed! With the amazing staff here, as well as amazing congregational leadership, the Confirmation program will continue to flourish, impact the lives of Trinity's young adults and empower them to go be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. I'm so excited for the future of Trinity and wish you all of God's blessings as you continue that journey.

*God's peace!  
Kristin Tranby*

*(and Cory, Everett and Kieran too!)*

## Thank you, Kristin

It has been a blessing to work with Kristin Tranby as our confirmation program lead this past year! Kristin brings a deep love for kids of all ages and models her faith and joy to everyone she meets. It is with gratitude and thanksgiving that we send Kristin onto her next ministry call in the world. She will be missed, but we are thankful she will be a partner in ministry in the St. Croix Valley.

*Jody Nyenhuis, Director of Children, Youth and Families Ministries*

## The Bible Buzz at Trinity

Throughout September, we've had a Bible display in the Narthex. Scripture is an important part of our faith formation: the Bible helps us learn how to live our faith out day by day. This year, you will continue to hear more about "Keeping the Promise" of Baptism. Part of that promise is finding our place in God's story.

Beginning this October, we will give a beautiful Baptism booklet to each family at the baptism of their first child. This booklet can be placed in the family Bible to mark all subsequent births, baptisms, and other spiritual moments.

When children reach age two, we will give them the Jesus Bible. This is a beautiful nurturing scriptural text just right for reading out loud. As children head off to kindergarten, we will give them the SPARK Storybook Bible. Then, when they begin 4th grade, we will present them with the hardcover NRSV Bible, which has great maps, stickers and helpful descriptions of biblical terms. Finally, when our young adults begin Confirmation in 7th grade, they will receive the Spark Lutheran Study Bible.

We have all of these Bibles on display in the Narthex. Please stop by and take a look at them — and be sure to ask any CYF specialist how we're encouraging the use of these Bibles in Sunday/Wednesday Learning, Confirmation and high school ministry.

Pull your Bible out and follow along with the recommended reading each week!

—Jody Nyenhuis,  
Director of Children's, Youth and  
Family Ministries



# Super Sunday & Wonderful Wednesday!

By Jody Nyenhuis, Director of Children's, Youth and Families Ministries  
We have a little something for everyone in Children, Youth and Family Ministries! Check us out:

## SUNDAYS:

9-10 a.m. — Children's Learning

## WEDNESDAYS:

5:30-6:15 p.m. — Family Pizza Time

6:15-7:15 p.m. — Pre-K to 6th grade learning

6:15-7:30 p.m. — Confirmation

7:30-9 p.m. — The River

If you tend to skip the CYF pages of Trinity Today because you don't think you "fit in" the age categories, think again! **YOU ARE NEEDED** in the lives of Trinity's children — either as a small group leader and or as an impact adult!

I challenge you to consider leading a small group of kids this year — it will change your life and grow your faith in wonderful and unexpected ways.



## WELCOME SANDY TROYAN

Children's, Youth and Family Ministries welcomes a new face: Sandy Troyan, the new specialist for Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grades.

Sandy grew up in Philadelphia and obtained a degree in theology from Roanoke College in Virginia; after that, she went on to graduate school in Children, Youth & Family

Ministry at Luther Seminary. She graduated in 2012 and continued her work at CYF Collaborative in Minneapolis to assist three congregations in fostering relationships between youth and adults. She's eager to begin working at Trinity because it offers her an opportunity to collaborate with a larger staff and interact with children ages four to nine. She loves this age group because it allows her to fully embrace her teaching philosophy, which centers around play as a natural path to learning about God.

"I really love the idea of play," she says. "In Children's Ministry, we play with one another and we also play with God. Children are still at a place in their lives where they're curious and willing to do that. As we get older, we often forget how to play with God and with theology."

Sandy hopes to do a lot of creative play with the kids this year, walking alongside them as they play and wonder about God.

When she's not teaching children, Sandy enjoys biking, baking, and sewing clothes, quilts and bags. She's also quick to point out that she's an ardent Penn State football fan!

Please welcome Sandy the next time you see her at church!

STEWARDED FAMILY FAITH AND FINANCES TOGETHER

By Tim Coltvet

There are family conversations that happen in our household simply because of the statement above. They happen because of God’s grace. I would like to share one recent encounter here.

When my kids were “tweens,” I came face-to-face with the multi-billion dollar American industry largely influenced by their age demographic. Now that my daughter is well into her teenage years, and my son is not far behind, I still battle the cultural script that courts them into ideologies of “no limit” spending with a mirage of false happiness beckoning on the horizon. However, in an intriguing twist, my wife and I now see the possibilities for earning power in our kids’ lives. A lawn mown here, a baby-sitting job there, and suddenly the little piggy bank is not quite big enough for each of our kids.

What does it look like for a teen to manage one’s own money with a holistic sense of stewarding one’s resources with convictions of faith?

...IN A SPENDTHRIFT WORLD... IT BECOMES ESSENTIAL THAT WE SHARE CONCRETE STORIES THAT REVEAL THE CREATIVE AND REDEMPTIVE POWER OF GOD AT WORK.

...BECAUSE OF THE SURPASSING GRACE GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.

II CORINTHIANS 9:12

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR A TEEN TO MANAGE ONE’S OWN MONEY WITH A HOLISTIC SENSE OF STEWARDING ONE’S RESOURCES WITH CONVICTIONS OF FAITH?

One evening, after a satisfying family meal, my wife and I invited some conversation on the topic by wondering aloud what people do with the money they make: “Where does it go?” Mindful of stewardship lessons they learned at home and here at Trinity, the response was pre-emptive and a bit snarky, “Share, save, spend” they rattled off. (In other words, “We already get it, Dad! We know the drill!”) But, how to share, with whom to share, and when to share became pragmatic questions; honest questions that invited more of our collective imagination. “So, how do you share?” I asked openly.

Rather than a direct answer, I love how kids will often bypass the original question and sink into their deeper quandary: “I think I get giving to our church each week, but how else do we give?”

The opportunity to define “church” as a wider community than our local congregation seemed to be the invaluable lesson on this particular evening.

“Let’s hop online and check out Lutheran World Relief,” I suggested. “This is part of ‘church’, too.”

Clicking through the various pages, we were able to see LWR’s commitment to worldwide issues around the areas of water, emergencies, agriculture, climate, health and livelihoods, and civic participation. At the bottom of each page, under these six headings, were concrete dollar amounts and assets that can be donated to people who are in need. The figures varied from \$1 to help a child with malaria receive medicine, to \$10 to provide a family with a treated

bed net and proper education on its use to avoid malaria infection, to \$35 for an emergency water filter for a family coping with disaster.

These reachable goals got our kids’ attention. Not only did they become more confident that their financial stewardship could be —and is— connected to God’s larger story of grace and restoration in the world, they also began imagining how their own personal faith and finances continue to walk hand in hand. For me, it was an opportunity to affirm that our Trinity offering actually goes to agencies such as LWR through our ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response fund.

“This is just the beginning,” I thought to myself. But in a spendthrift world that’s clamoring for ever more of our financial commitments —our kids’ financial resources included— it becomes essential that we share concrete stories that reveal the creative and redemptive power of God at work.

## GRADING & SEEDING UPDATE

Backhoes and dump trucks moved dirt around the old Post Office site in September as part of the grading phase on the land.

The Congregational Council authorized the work, upon the recommendation of the "Opening Doors" Task Force. The Task Force made the recommendation because the area must be stabilized to prevent erosion, support Trinity's existing structure, and improve its appearance.

The grading included seeding, so you should see some grass out there very soon!

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Eiselt at (651) 439-7400 ext. 142.



As we do so, may we always remember to frame the discussion within the framework of grace. As the Apostle Paul writes,

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

*II Corinthians 9:7-12*

## TRINITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

*By Bob Eiselt, Parish Administrator*

Trinity's fiscal year ended on August 31. At every year-end, Trinity has its financial books "reviewed" by an outside accounting firm, per our Constitution. Periodically, we take a further financial step, in the interest of transparency and sound financial resource stewardship, and have our financial books "audited" to assure ourselves and our members that our financial books are in good order. With this fiscal year-end, we will have our financial books audited. The difference between an "audit" and a "review" is in the extent of the auditors' review of internal controls, confirmation of account balances, and more extensive testing of selected transactions. The audit will result in an opinion letter from the auditors, which will appear in this year's annual report. For more information about what an audit entails, our accounting firm offers an excellent explanation here: [www.foleykalseim.com/auditing.php](http://www.foleykalseim.com/auditing.php) If you have any questions about the audit, or Trinity's overall financial health, please don't hesitate to contact Bob Eiselt at 651-439-7400 ext. 142 or [beiselt@trinitylc.org](mailto:beiselt@trinitylc.org).

CARE  
MINISTRIES



CARING IN THE INTERIM

WHAT I LEARNED FROM MY MOTHER

I learned from my mother how to love  
the living, to have plenty of vases on hand  
in case you have to rush to the hospital  
with peonies cut from the lawn, black ants  
still stuck to the buds. I learned to save jars  
large enough to hold fruit salad for a whole  
grieving household, to cube home-canned pears  
and peaches, to slice through maroon grape skins  
and flick out the sexual seeds with a knife point.  
I learned to attend viewings even if I didn't know  
the deceased, to press the moist hands  
of the living, to look in their eyes and offer  
sympathy, as though I understood loss even then.  
I learned that whatever we say means nothing,  
what anyone will remember is that we came.  
I learned to believe I had the power to ease  
awful pains materially like an angel.  
Like a doctor, I learned to create  
from another's suffering my own usefulness, and once  
you know how to do this, you can never refuse.  
To every house you enter, you must offer  
healing: a chocolate cake you baked yourself,  
the blessing of your voice, your chaste touch.

~ Julia Kasdorf  
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I shared this poem at our Caring Friends meeting last month. Julia Kasdorf  
so beautifully and eloquently captures what we are called to: being there.  
Not fancy words; not even words at all. Just learning to create from  
another's suffering our own usefulness, and to never refuse.

*Deep blessings, Zanny Johnson*

PASTOR  
OF CARE  
MINISTRIES

CALL  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE

The Care Ministries Pastor Call Committee has been working hard! We have interviewed qualified candidates and have been impressed with the gifts these individuals could bring to Trinity.

In early September, the Call Committee asked Trinity's Core Leadership team to interview two finalists for the position. We now have a preferred candidate whose name has been presented to the Congregational Council.

The Congregational Council will announce the next steps in the Care Pastor call process over the next few weeks; look for communication from them shortly. As with all pastoral calls, we will hold a congregational meeting to extend the call; you will be notified as soon as we have a date and time for that.

In a parallel process, we also have a final candidate for the position of Parish Nurse. Look forward to an announcement shortly about this new member of our Care Ministries team.

Exciting times! We are looking forward to an expanded ability to provide care to our community and friends. Stay tuned!

*Call Committee Chairs,  
Walt Ogburn and Dana Miller  
with Pastor Dan Poffenberger*

**"Opening Doors"  
Task Force Update**

The "Opening Doors" Task Force continues to meet weekly and is now preparing its report and recommendations. It is expected that the report will be given to the church council by the October 1 deadline.

—Doug Johnson, "Opening Doors"  
Task Force Chair

# CELEBRATING SENIORS LUNCHEON

Trinity's Celebrating Seniors 2014-15 season kicked off on Wed., Sept. 10. More than 50 people enjoyed Worship with Pastor Chuck Claus and music with Judd Orff. After worship, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch while the Amazing Jeffo performed — and yes, he really is amazing. As his placard says, he's not your typical blind magician! Although he can't see, he can still perform magic tricks that amaze the eyes. Magic is his ministry, and throughout his performance he weaved in stories about faith, perseverance, and maintaining a sense of humor. All in all, it was a great time with good friends.



## THANK YOU!

Did you know that every member of Trinity receives a phone call on his or her birthday?

Several unseen angels divide up the list of Trinity members and then take time out of their day to wish you well on your day. If you see these folks around church, be sure to thank them:

- Wilma Edhlund
- Lori Houston
- Amy Karlstad
- Carol Smith

And we can't forget the coordinator: Jeannie Wendorf!

BTW: Jeannie is looking for more birthday callers, so if you have the gift of time and a little bit of organization (to remember to make the calls!), please contact Jeannie in the Church Office.

# W O R S H I P

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

- **Saturdays, 5 p.m.**  
Evening Worship, Communion
- **Sundays, 9 a.m.**  
Traditional Worship, Nursery, Communion
- **Sundays, 10:30 a.m.**  
The WALK Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Communion

# W O R S H I P

## A T T E N D A N C E

<b>August 30 &amp; 31</b>	<b>September 13 &amp; 14</b>
5 p.m. .... 56	5 p.m. .... 56
Drive-In .... 407	Drive-In .... 283
10 a.m. ....	10 a.m. .... 269
<b>September 6 &amp; 7</b>	
5 p.m. .... 39	
9 a.m. .... 247	
10:30 a.m. ... 184	

# B A P T I Z E D

- **Audra Jean Barr**, daughter of Christopher & Samantha Barr
- **Avery Michaela Susla**, daughter of Jeffrey & Laura Susla

# S Y M P A T H Y

- Family & friends of **Chris (Jim) Duchow** whose mother, Merida Lundstrom, passed away on Aug. 26
- Family & friends of **Cliff Nelson** who passed away on Sept. 2
- Family & friends of **Kay Phernetton** who passed away on Sept. 2

### Recipe of the Month

## Purloined Pumpkin Pie

Back in the day, my Grandma Wilkowske gave this recipe to her neighbor, a bigwig at a local canning company. She apparently hated the pie recipe the company had on the back of its canned pumpkin and wanted to show the bigwig they could do better. The next year, without a word to Grandma, this recipe appeared on the can! (And it's pretty similar to one I recently saw on that company's current canned pumpkin.) Why not bake one (or six) of these for the Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner...?

—Linda Flood, Food Services Manager

### Ingredients

1 unbaked 9" pie shell	1/2 C granulated sugar	1/2 t salt
1 15 oz can pumpkin	1/2 C brown sugar	1 t cinnamon
3 eggs, slightly beaten	1/4 t cloves	1/4 t nutmeg
	1/4 t ginger	1 cup half&half

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450°. (Special note: you will reduce the heat to 350° after 10 minutes of baking, and bake for an additional 40-45 minutes)
2. Combine eggs, sugars and spices and beat well. Blend in pumpkin
3. Add cream and beat well.
4. Pour into pie shell.
5. Bake at 450° for 10 minutes and then reduce oven temp to 350°. Pie is done when knife inserted in center comes out clean.
6. Don't worry, pie will deflate as it cools and might even crack. This just shows you where to put the whipped cream.

# T R I N I T Y

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

Trinity's van is available for the Sunday, 10 a.m. worship service at Trinity. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office at 439-7400 between 9 a.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Thursday to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times for senior residences if you have reserved a seat:

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

# T R I N I T Y

## T O D A Y

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SPECIAL NOTICE:

**COMMUNITY  
MEAL-PACKING  
EVENT**

November 8-12, 2014

We are changing the timing of our annual Community Meal Packing Event from February to November. We will be gathering this November 8-12, 2014 at the Andersen Windows Headquarters in Oak Park Heights. Please watch for future notices and announcements about registration. For more information, please contact Tom Thiets at [tthiets@trinitylc.org](mailto:tthiets@trinitylc.org).

## Wed., Oct. 1

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms: Upper/Lower
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Room
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr 7-9): Worship Center
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 6): Lower Level
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area
- 8 p.m. Yin Yoga: Garden Room

## Thurs., Oct. 2

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 2 p.m. Healing Touch Group: Room 108B

## Fri., Oct. 3

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

## Sat., Oct. 4

- 8 a.m. Keeping the Promise: Living Room
- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Luther Hall
- 9 a.m. Intro. to Enneagram: Garden Room
- 5 p.m. Worship, Communion
- 7 p.m. 10th Gr. Confirmation Retreat: Youth Center
- 7:30 p.m. Valley Chamber Chorale Concert

## Sun., Oct. 5

- 9 a.m. Couples Small Group: Library Conf. Rm.
- 9 a.m. Lifelong Learning Class: Living Room
- 9 a.m. TRADITIONAL Worship
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 6): Lower Level
- 10:30 a.m. The WALK CONTEMPORARY Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning Class: Living Room

## Mon., Oct. 6

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bridge for Trinity: Garden Room
- 1:30 p.m. Commodity Food Distribution: Valley Outreach
- 6 p.m. Jubilate (Adult) Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. GLOW-Fall Book Discussion: Offsite

## Tuesday Oct. 7

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center

## Wed., Oct. 8

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Play & Pray Group: Gym
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 6): Lower Level
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area
- 8 p.m. Yin Yoga: Garden Room

## Thurs., Oct. 9

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 1 p.m. Martha Circle: Living Room
- 7:30 p.m. SPCO Concert: Worship Center

## Fri., Oct. 10

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

## Sat., Oct. 11

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Luther Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Working Moms: Chilkoot Cafe
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

## Sun., Oct. 12

- 9 a.m. On Purpose-Listening to Each Other: Liv. Rm.
- 9 a.m. TRADITIONAL Worship
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 6): Lower Level
- 10:30 a.m. On Purpose-Listening to Each Other: Liv. Rm.
- 10:30 a.m. The WALK CONTEMPORARY Worship
- 11:30 a.m. GLOW: Willow River State Park
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Group: Kowalski's-Stillwater

## Mon., Oct. 13

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 1 p.m. Rebekah Circle: Library
- 6 p.m. On Purpose-Living Your Strengths: Liv. Rm.
- 6 p.m. Jubilate (Adult) Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday Oct. 14

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Retired Men-MN State Patrol Tour
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Leah Circle Meeting: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center

## Wed., Oct. 15

### NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OR CONFIRMATION

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms: Upper & Lower
- 10:15 a.m. Linden Sr. Communion
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. NO RIVER WORSHIP
- 8 p.m. Yin Yoga: Garden Room

## Thurs., Oct. 16

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library

## Fri., Oct. 17

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

## Sat., Oct. 18

- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Luther Hall
- 10 a.m. AWE: MN History Center
- 5 p.m. Worship, Communion

## Sun., Oct. 19

- 9 a.m. Couples Small Group: Library Conf. Rm.
- 9 a.m. Lifelong Learning Class: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 6): Lower Level
- 9 a.m. TRADITIONAL Worship
- 10:30 a.m. The WALK CONTEMPORARY Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning Class: Living Room
- 3 p.m. Cantus Concert: Worship Center

## Mon., Oct. 20

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 4 p.m. Cong. Council Mtg.: Office Conf. Rm.
- 5:30 p.m. L & M Dinner Committee Meeting: Liv. Rm.
- 6 p.m. Jubilate (Adult) Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday Oct. 21

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center

## Wed., Oct. 22

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Rom
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Learning: Lower Level
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area
- 8 p.m. Yin Yoga: Garden Room

## Thurs., Oct. 23

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Narthex

## Fri., Oct. 24

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Raymie Johnson Sr. Communion
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 10:30 a.m. Oak Park Senior Living Sr. Communion
- 1:15 p.m. Oak Ridge Apts. Sr. Communion

## Sat., Oct. 25

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Luther Hall
- 9 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal: Garden Room
- 9:30 a.m. Working Moms: Chilkoot Cafe
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION
- 6 p.m. Food for Thought Dinner Group

## Sun., Oct. 26

- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3 yrs-Gr 6): Lower Level
- 9 a.m. Lifelong Learning Class: Living Room
- 9 a.m. TRADITIONAL Worship
- 10:30 a.m. The WALK CONTEMPORARY Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning Class: Living Room
- 2 p.m. Rite of Confirmation: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Group: Kowalski's

## Mon., Oct. 27

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6 p.m. Jubilate (Adult) Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. GLOW-Fall Book Discussion: Offsite

## Tuesday Oct. 28

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center

## Wed., Oct. 29

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms: Upper & Lower
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Rom
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Learning: Lower Level
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area
- 8 p.m. Yin Yoga: Garden Room

## Thurs., Oct. 30

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library

## Fri., Oct. 31

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

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