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OUR FEARLESS ONE-DAY WAPO CAMPERS!



Fall Worship on Page 11.



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LEAD PASTOR CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE

This is an exciting issue of *Trinity Today*—when we get to celebrate all the ways we worship, learn, serve and do community together as the Body of Christ. Please read carefully through this issue, paying close attention to the dates, times and new offerings!

September 10—This morning we will join with the rest of the ELCA in *God's Work. Our Hands*. An annual denomination-wide day of service! We will gather at 9 a.m. for worship. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE THIS DAY!) We will share communion, be lifted by the Word and bless all into a morning of service. Then we will divide up among a wide variety of service projects for a couple of hours of work. And gather back at church to share stories and a treat.

Contemplative Worship/ Service of Prayer (for Healing)

We are introducing a new service to the community this fall. Centered on the Word of God, we will gather in a safe, confidential time of prayer. We haven't settled on a name for it yet, but will begin by calling it Contemplative Worship. The second Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. we will gather for quiet, confidential prayer, music and a time of healing and contemplation. This is the perfect service for those who are weary, grieving or simply in need of quiet. We will have music, candles and prayer stations.

It is also a wonderful service for those who are new to church because all that is asked of you is to come and know your presence is enough.

Please join us for the first experience, **Sunday, September 10 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel**. Invite others.

If you have questions, please check with Pastor Chris. Also, see page 11 for more information.

Brothers and sisters all,

The beginning of a new year is a good time for us to think about what it means to be church.

As church, we are the Body of Christ created by God to bear God's mission to the world. We are created by God, *for God's sake* in this place and this time. It helps to think of God as our convener. For without God, we would not be. The relationships we enjoy and the ministry we share only exist because God first called this particular body of Christ into being.

As church, this is an exciting and challenging time for Trinity. It is "kairos" time; a ripe time; a liminal time; the between place. We look to our past to learn and draw strength even as we lean into our future; uncertain but for God's promise that *there is a future and a hope*.

It is an anxious time to be church in our country. That much is true. Baby boomers, of which I am one, are coming to the end of their paid working lives. The things that defined us are dropping away: jobs, titles, important roles within our treasured institutions. With the generations ahead of us, we are tired. We have worked hard to maintain the institution that is our church. We long for younger folks to come and be part of what we are doing. We long for them to take the reins and carry the institution into the future.

But perhaps God, who is still creating, has other ideas.

For years the "attractional model" of "doing" church worked well. If we offered great programs, the latest innovations in worship, if we made ourselves seem relevant, the people would come. But our culture has shifted away from "becoming members." The number of people who identify themselves as "unaffiliated" with a faith community is growing. People are not seeking clubs to join. Instead, young and old are seeking community and meaning.

The young people we long for don't come to carry the institution forward. They don't come to be like the generations ahead of them. They aren't waiting

for an institution to empower them for transformative work in the world. They are doing transformative work. What they are seeking is a community that will offer spiritual grounding for the work they are already doing.

They have different priorities and a different sense of call. And they are called. It's just that they are more interested in being part of a movement than they are in joining a club or a church.

If we are nothing else, as church we are a movement! We are a kingdom movement. We are called to come alongside what God is up to in the world, creating space for the poor and marginalized to find their place at the table. We are called to come alongside the redemptive work of Christ in restorative justice, the reclaiming of the health of our creation and the dignity of every single person.

We are a movement for the sake of the good news of the gospel; for the sake for our neighbor; for the sake of the world.

We are a people. We are a body, together. We are each uniquely gifted for the sake of partnering with God and with one another for God's work. The claim of our baptism is not for our own sake, but for God's sake.

It's easy to get grumpy about worship styles and favorite programs and old traditions. I know I do. But it draws our energy and our attention away from the people hungry to be grounded in the life-giving Word and it draws our attention away from the people sitting next to us, the people who are our siblings in Christ, our family. We are not competing with one another for our favorite hymn. We are partnering with one another to bring the love of Christ to the world.

It sounds daunting because, well, it is. But God has a hope for us. And work for us to do. God's work. And we will in the next few months begin the work of listening to God, listening to each other and listening to our community to discover just what that God work is for Trinity.

Blessings and hope for a bright future in the name of Christ,

Pastor Chris

Trinity Financial Update

July Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2017

	This Year	Last Year	Budget	% of Budget	'17 Year End Projection
Contribution Income	1,127,819	1,146,384	1,300,000	87%	1,271,730
Other Income	<u>409,653</u>	<u>613,860</u>	<u>445,360</u>	92%	<u>435,341</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,537,472</u>	<u>\$ 1,760,244</u>	<u>\$ 1,745,360</u>		<u>\$ 1,707,071</u>
less: Expenses	<u>1,681,097</u>	<u>1,942,126</u>	<u>1,745,360</u>	96%	<u>1,825,452</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ (143,625)</u>	<u>\$ (181,882)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ (118,381)</u>

Adjust for 3rd St. Property Sale:

Gross Proceeds:	\$ 194,000
less: Closing Costs: (fees, Assessments & Commissions)	<u>\$ 30,173</u>
Net proceeds:	\$ 163,827

Allow for FY 2016 Deficit: \$ (122,951)

Excess Proceeds: \$ 40,876

Revised 2017 Fiscal Year-end Projection: \$ (77,505)

Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,050,204	3,174,742
Increase (Decrease)	<u>(117,402)</u>	<u>(113,619)</u>
Long-Term Debt - End of July	<u>\$2,932,803</u>	<u>\$3,061,123</u>

Financial Highlights

Thank you for your continuing, generous support of Trinity's ministries! Please read the following short article carefully, as we need your help. As this issue of *Trinity Today* goes to press, we are entering the final two weeks of Trinity's 2017 fiscal year, which ends August 31. July's income fell short of our projections. As you can see from the Financial Update above, the year-end projection based on July 31 results has Trinity ending its fiscal year at a deficit of \$77,000.

As of July 31, 119 pledge giving units' contributions are short year-to-date by \$59,000. We ask that you please check the status of your giving against your pledge and make every effort to make it current. If August contributions equal last year's and everyone that has pledged were to bring their pledges current through August, we would end the year with a deficit of \$18,000.

Additional gifts are needed to fully eliminate the deficit.

Thank you for your time and contributions. God's peace to you!

2018 Budget Preview Meetings

Save the date and plan to attend one of our 2018 Budget Preview Meetings. You will get a first look, as well as answers to your questions about the budget for the coming year.

Sunday, October 8, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Living Room

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Living Room

STEWARDSHIP

by Claudia Swendseid,
Stewardship Team

I have been thinking about stewardship a lot these days, probably because as leader of the Stewardship Team I have a responsibility to deepen my own understanding and practice of stewardship if I hope, with God’s help, to serve effectively in this role.

My understanding of stewardship begins with my belief in God as creator of all that I am and have and the whole wide world. We affirm this belief publicly through the Apostles’ Creed when we worship together at Trinity Lutheran Church. *I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

I also understand stewardship as God’s purpose for each of us in God’s creation—that is, to steward what God has given us, with the specific time and capabilities and resources with which God has blessed us—for the very glory of God.

We see examples of God’s stewardship call to us throughout the Bible, including at the creation of human beings. In Genesis 1, God tells the humans created in God’s own image that everything God has created is theirs: “I have given you...every tree with seed in its fruit; everything that has the breath of life.” Then God tells the humans that their role in the creation is to take care of it on God’s behalf. God created us stewards.

In Genesis 2 and 3, we see our first biblical example of human stewardship in action. All goes well at first. Adam and Eve care for the garden, living out their lives as faithful stewards in harmony with their Creator. But then, they defy God by eating from the one tree God instructs them to leave alone. So God drives Adam and Eve out of the garden and into the world—our first biblical example of unfaithful stewards.

Many lessons can be drawn from the early chapters of Genesis, but I will focus here on lessons relevant to stewardship.

First, human beings are created stewards. It is God’s purpose for us, the role for which each one of us is created. How each of us practices stewardship depends on the unique talents God has given us and the needs of the particular time and place in which we live. So while the birds of the air and the lilies of the field glorify God simply in their presence, we glorify God through caring for God’s creation.

Second, just as stewardship encompasses all of creation, it involves every aspect of our lives. So I seek to practice stewardship in how I use my time and capabilities, how I care for my neighbor, how responsible I am in the use of physical resources, how generous I am in giving of my financial resources, how faithfully I engage in the body of Christ. “We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord, from Thee.”¹

Third, while being a steward is not a choice, faithful stewardship, or not, is a choice we make every day. Speaking only for myself, I often fall short, even as I aspire to faithful stewardship. It’s one thing to admit that God owns it all. It’s another thing to commit myself to using all that God has given me in God’s own way for God’s glory. I for one often want to jump in with my own plans for how I use my time, capabilities, and money, rather than trusting to God’s plan.

From Eden until today, it seems then that humans have struggled to practice faithful stewardship. With the exception of Jesus, of course; he modeled biblical stewardship at every turn during His time on earth. Jesus talked a lot about stewardship, by the way. Many of his parables feature the handling of time, talent and money to teach deeper principles about discipleship, and He reminded His followers that our hearts follow our treasure (Matthew 6:21). Jesus the perfect steward—we seek to follow his example.

¹ Lutheran Hymnal, *We Give Thee But Thine Own*, by William W. How, 1823-1897



Did you know that 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck? Or that 64% of Americans can't cover a \$1,000 emergency? This doesn't have to be true for you! All you need is a practical plan for your money—and Financial Peace University IS that plan!

This fall Trinity Lutheran is excited to be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU). FPU is a nine-lesson, money-management course that teaches practical steps on how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, save for the future, give generously, and secure your family's future! Classes will begin with a meal followed by 90 minutes of educational time. Childcare will be provided. If you are struggling with debt, feeling overwhelmed by financial decisions and want to take control of your money once and for all this class is for you.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 12 from 6-8 p.m. and will run through November 14. (There will be no class on October 31). Cost for the class and materials is \$115. Limited scholarships are available. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Karri at kanderson@trinitylc.org.



**Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace University at Trinity**
Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m.
September 12–November 14
Garden Room, \$115

GLOW Local – this year is focused on enjoying nature's local amenities



God Loving Outdoor Women

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

All are welcome!

Fall Book Study

Mondays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6 from 7-8 p.m. in the Living Room at Trinity

Join us for a cozy book discussion as the days turn cooler. Lynae Olson will be the study leader. Please contact Lynae to let her know of your interest and you will be notified by email when a book is chosen. You can also contact Lynae with any questions.

Lynae Olson, lynae.ke.olson@gmail.com



Explore Frontenac State Park, on the Mississippi River

Saturday, October 10, Meet at Trinity at 8:30 a.m. to carpool

Frontenac State Park is approximately 56 miles south east, and is one of the best spots in the country to view birds migrating in the spring and fall. More than 260 species of birds have been recorded there. In October we should see lots of migrating birds and beautiful fall colors. We will enjoy lunch before returning to Stillwater.

Please RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com, Sandy Weber at stillweber@hotmail.com or Deborah Gillis at deborahgillis@earthlink.net

Doing Good is Good for You

by Sue Peterson, Faith Community Nurse

We know that volunteering makes an immeasurable difference in the lives of others. We also know that volunteering makes us “feel good” as well. Did you know you are actually improving your life and maybe even your health by giving back?

In a 2013 health and volunteering study, conducted by UnitedHealth Group and the Optum Institute, it was revealed that adults who volunteer report that they feel physically, mentally and emotionally healthier. One report says that people who volunteer over 100 hours a year are some of the healthiest people in the U.S. It showed that as a result of doing good for others you may experience the following health benefits:

- “happiness effect” comes from a release of endorphins; decreased risk of depression
- sense of belonging; building friendships and community
- increased sense of self worth
- connection to a higher purpose; increased sense of meaning
- reduction of stress
- decreased blood pressure
- greater longevity
- reduced risk of heart disease from increased physical activity
- reduced symptoms of chronic illness and pain
- increased brain function; delay or prevention of Alzheimer’s and other dementias (Johns Hopkins University study)

By doing good for others, as God has instructed, you will be improving other lives as well as doing good for yourself (see the graphic at right). Start reaping your health and wellness benefits and improve the well being of your faith community by volunteering at Trinity.

We have many opportunities, including the volunteer visitation ministry for our homebound members. See the article on the next page and watch for announcements for visitation training/orientation later this Fall.

For more volunteer opportunities visit us at the Congregational Care booth at TrinityFEST on September 17 or contact Sue Peterson, Faith Community Nurse or other members of the care team.



YogaDevotion

Come and experience God’s presence through the practice of yoga.
New session begins September 21!
All classes in the Narthex (except when otherwise noted).

YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo
Thursdays 9-10 a.m.
September 21–October 26
\$48/6 weeks

Yin YogaDevotion
Thursdays 10-11 a.m.
September 21–October 26
\$48/6 weeks

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

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



Corporation for National & Community Service-The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research, May 2012
www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/healthbenefits_factsheet.pdf

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



Care Bears were a big thing during the late 1980s and through the '90s. The cute and colorful Care Bear characters could be found nearly everywhere—in books, on school supplies, pajamas, toys, and of course, as lovable stuffed bears. These were all fashioned after the Care Bears television series which ran for many seasons. The Care Bears stories took place in an imaginary, faraway place, up in the clouds. They lived in “Care-a-Lot,” which was part of the “Kingdom of Caring.” Care Bears went all around the world on “Missions of Caring.” Children loved the Care Bears. They were also greatly beloved by parents and grandparents for the lessons they taught. One episode I especially appreciated was entitled, “It helps when someone cares!” In it, the combined power of the Bears’ caring hearts was able to overcome the evil adversary by chanting, “I care! I care! I care!”

Every Care Bears episode conveyed some type of message relating to compassion and caring for one another. Many parents believed they were worthy of thirty minutes of TV time. Nevertheless, these heart-warming stories were all make-believe, and they made a relatively short impact. Conversely, real-life examples and models of caring are known to make life-long, indelible impressions on children—and adults too.

Case in point: Our Volunteer Visitation Ministry workgroup met recently, and, before we embarked into the details, we shared our thoughts on, “How does your faith inform your perception and understanding of Visitation Ministry?” The resounding theme was that we had had important persons in our lives who modeled their faith by caring for and visiting others. (Not one person mentioned Care Bears.) Several in the group reflected that these real-life models instilled in them a sense of call to bring care and comfort to others, to offer hope, and remind others of God’s presence. The shared theological premise was that Christ taught us to give of ourselves and serve others, just as God has cared for us. We agreed that visitation experiences were fulfilling and enjoyable for the visitor and much appreciated by the one receiving the visit—it’s a “win-win,” arrangement!

At Trinity we are making good progress towards developing a customized visitation program that will connect our



homebound persons with volunteers who have a heart for, and feel called to, face-to-face supportive visits. We want to provide regular points of connection to those who aren’t able to attend worship or other church activities. Note: There are no age restrictions, since “life happens” to people of all ages. Our Visitation Ministry volunteers are called to build the Kingdom of God and to participate in Trinity’s real-life, “Missions of Caring.”

If you, or a loved one, would appreciate a supportive visit, please contact Pastor Deb Ost or Faith Community Nurse, Sue Peterson. Likewise, if you feel called or drawn to participate in our volunteer visitation program (as a direct visitor or in a supportive role), contact Pastor Deb at dost@trinitylc.org, 651-323-1309; Sue Peterson at speterson@trinitylc.org, 651-323-1335; or Zanny Johnson at zjohnson@trinitylc.org, 651-323-1341.

Reinventing Our Wheels

Several years ago, Trinity had a system in place to offer rides to worship using our Trinity van. For various reasons, that fell by the wayside. Nevertheless, needs for transportation to worship still remain within our faith community. One of the two top priorities of our Congregational Care Ministry team is the development of a “Rides to Worship” program. This time however, we’re going to match individual drivers with persons who want to “hitch a ride” to worship.

Our first step is to identify those who need/want rides to worship, either regularly or occasionally. Then we’ll gather a group of folks who can provide rides (once or twice a month).

Just recently our Care Team received two requests for rides to worship. We are grateful that individuals and their families are reaching out so we can try to cover those needs.

If you, or a loved one, need a ride to worship, please contact Pastor Deb Ost; Sue Peterson, Faith Community Nurse; or Zanny Johnson, Congregational Care Coordinator. Likewise, if you would like to participate in our “Rides to Worship” program (as a driver or in a supportive role), contact Pastor Deb, dost@trinitylc.org, 651-323-1309; Sue Peterson, speterson@trinitylc.org, 651-323-1335; or Zanny Johnson, zjohnson@trinitylc.org, 651-323-1341.

CELEBRATING SENIORS

Worship, Communion & Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, 11A.M.-1P.M.

Worship Center & Garden Room

Featuring:

Summertime Quartet

Questions? Contact Zanny at 651-439-7400, ext. 341 or zjohnson@trinitylc.org



Roger Bosmoe will be filling in on tenor.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



▲ Gilo Agwa Gora is a Presbyterian minister and part-time pastor of Foundation of Life Faith Community

▶ Justin Grimm, a Lutheran, and Gilo Agwa Gora, a Presbyterian, work together in ministry with Anuak refugees.

▶ Justin Grimm, director for evangelical mission and assistant to the bishop for Next Generation Ministries for the St. Paul Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



▲ Gilo Agwa Gora, who works with Anuak refugees in Minnesota, kneels as members of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board executive committee and the PC(USA)'s national staff place hands on him as they pray for his ministry.

Here we share with you an article and photos that highlight our common mission work with the Anuak refugees who have come to Minnesota. This piece appeared in the July *Presbyterian Outlook*. Please see www.pres-outlook.org for more information.

Lutheran and Presbyterian partnership welcomes African refugees in Minnesota

July 18, 2017 by Leslie Scanlon

ST. PAUL, MINN. (Outlook) This is a story of how two Christians interested in immigrant ministry (one Lutheran, one Presbyterian) are working together to help Anuak refugees who've come to Minnesota, having been forced out of Ethiopia and South Sudan.

It's also a story of what could be: ecumenical cooperation in mission; pooling of funding and ideas; taking what's been learned from working with one immigrant group and applying those lessons to working with others.

For Gilo Agwa Gora, a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister, a graduate of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa and a native of Ethiopia, the idea of ecumenical cooperation is organic. The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus he grew up in is Lutheran, with a history of PC(USA) cooperation. "That was still in my heart" when he moved to the United States, Gora said. He was surprised to find that "here, you don't work together."

Gora is the part-time pastor of Foundation of Life Faith Community, a 1001 new worshipping community serving Anuak immigrants in the Twin Cities – about 3,000 of whom have come to Minnesota after being forced to leave their ancestral lands.

He's now working with Justin Grimm, director for evangelical mission and assistant to the bishop for Next Generation Ministries for the St. Paul Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Both men spoke July 18 at the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board executive committee retreat, being held July 17-19 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"I get to work with our new congregations, our baby congregations," Grimm said. That includes 10 or so immigrant fellowships – two Latino, two Chinese, several Hmong and an African group. In doing that, he had conversations with Jeff Japinga,

executive presbyter of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, and jointly they cobbled together two years of funding for Anouk outreach – with funding from the PC(USA), the ELCA, the presbytery, the synod and, most recently, donations from local congregations as well.

The hope: This cooperative ministry could provide a model for others to use. The idea of ecumenical mission work is a possibility internationally too. José Luis Casal, the PC(USA)'s director of world mission, said he will participate in a meeting in December at which the mission directors from a number of denominations will discuss ideas for the doing more ecumenical ministry together internationally.

Grimm said Presbyterians and Lutherans in the Twin Cities also are discussing other possibilities for cooperation – including possibly partnering together in an outreach to young retirees and millennials living in downtown St. Paul. The idea, he said, is "what can we do better together than we could do alone?"

The funding for the Anuak ministry provides a part-time salary for Gora – who also works as a nursing home chaplain (and who wants to find the funding to become a full-time pastor). After he graduated from seminary, Gora said of the Anuak people: "My heart was with them. I had to do something here."

He described his ministry with the Anuaks as holistic – helping them with both spiritual and physical needs, and to bridge cultural differences that play out in complicated ways across the generations. He teaches them practical skills: how to use credit cards and how to get loans, for example. He convenes teleconference worship services for those who have to work and can't come to church. He tries to address the root causes of emerging problems such as a rising divorce rate among many refugees, or tensions between parents and their children about how to accommodate to a much different American culture.

"The culture here is very challenging" to new arrivals, Gora said.

The night before, for example, he was called to the home of a woman who had threatened to kill herself – distraught over a relationship with a man that had ended and did not lead to marriage, in part because of differences in cultural understandings. "I became a counselor to her and her family," Gora said. "Their tears were running down. ... Those two cultures sometimes may fight. But through God we are able to help."

Gora tries to tell the young Anuaks that "we need to be thankful to this country" and "say thank you for friends who welcome us here." The teenagers and young adults need support too, as they feel the tensions of sometimes adjusting faster than their parents and being pulled between two worlds. "If we don't support the refugees, it will be a problem in the future," he said.

Gora and Grimm have plans for the future. They hope they will be able to extend their work to the Oromo, another Ethiopian ethnic group.

Grimm is trying to encourage Gora, who travels to towns like Austin and St. Cloud in Minnesota to meet with Anouk communities there, to exercise self-care – to spend time with his family, to remember to sleep. Grimm and Gora spoke together recently before 600 Lutherans at a synod assembly meeting – describing their work together and their vision for what happen when creative grassroots ministry is done ecumenically. "I thank God," Gora said. "When Lutherans and Presbyterians come together, I think it's some kind of miracle."

Following their presentation, Gora knelt while the executive committee and representatives of the PC(USA)'s national staff laid hands on him – praying for his ministry and the immigrants he serves.

The executive committee retreat continues through mid-day July 19.

Good Seats Still Available
 – An Invitation to Sit AND Sing with the Trinity Choir
 For me, choir is one example of the way we should live as a church. Choir is a family that works together to the glory of God to bring out the best in everyone for the good of everyone. Choir is a family always ready to expand and welcome new members. The Trinity Choir welcomes all from high-school age through ageless.

What is the objective of the choir? Simply — we facilitate/lead worship. As brothers and sisters, we should all worship together, and the choir provides the musical pillars for that worship. We all depend on one another, and we must be present to each other, giving of our own voice and accepting the voices that others contribute. Then we make something beautiful together, to in some small way give praise to God who allowed us to love as one family in the first place.

Here are my four top objectives for the Trinity Choir. 1) We lead and enliven the congregation's song. 2) We sing music that the congregation cannot, such as leading psalm settings. 3) We serve as a (not so) small group within the church caring for one another and forming our faith through music. 4) We sing challenging music to glorify God. We all have different gifts that enable us to meet these different goals and objectives, but we must use them together. If you are gifted in music, please consider helping us as we lead worship with music.

The Trinity Choir meets on **Wednesday evenings from 7–8:30 p.m.** in either the Worship Center or the choir room. We sing most Sundays at 9 a.m. worship. **Rehearsals begin on September 6** and our first worship event will be at TrinityFEST on September 17. Occasionally we will join with the 10:30 a.m. worship ensemble to “raise the roof.” This coming season we will also collaborate with the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra in a Trinity Christmas concert including all the choirs from Trinity on Sunday afternoon, December 17.

I hope to see many new faces and hear new voices on September 6! If you have any questions, do be in touch!

– Carol Carver, ccarver@trinitylc.org

Opportunities in Worship

If you haven't noticed—it takes more than just pastors and staff to produce worship! Staff and the Worship Ministry Team do the work of creating worship, but to actually give it life, we need your assistance. Please take a moment to consider the following opportunities and be in touch with the team leader with your questions and to sign-up.

Ushers and Greeters Ushers and greeters are our front line on Sunday mornings—they are Trinity at its very best. USHERS welcome members, newcomers, and visitors as they arrive for worship, provide them with bulletins, assist with seating if necessary, gather the gifts to bring forward at the offertory, guide worshippers to the Holy Communion and stand ready to assist in any way necessary. GREETERS offer a warm welcome for worshipers at both entrances to Trinity as they arrive for worship and often are called on to give directions to visitors and new comers. These are wonderful opportunities for small groups or families, as well as individuals. To volunteer be in touch with Ann Wolfe at wolff701@msn.com

Assisting Ministers These people take an important part in worship at 9 a.m. Their main role is that of intercessor, a person to lead the congregation in prayer for the concerns of the whole world, the church on earth, and the people gathered for worship. The Assisting Minister also may lead the congregation in portions of the liturgy and assist with the celebration of the sacraments by helping with the distribute of the bread and wine to the congregation during communion, and acting as a representative of the congregation in the celebration of baptism. This is not a new role for 9 a.m. worship, if you would like to join this team be in touch with Carol Carver, ccarver@trinitylc.org or 651-323-1307. Training will take place in early September.

Communion Assistants Many people say that serving communion is one of the most meaningful things they do in life. By serving in this capacity you are an intricate part of the worship life and the lives of the people you serve. There is also a place for you if you would like to be the person/couple/family who sets the table for worship, prior to 9 a.m., or cleans up after the 10:30 a.m. service. If serving or setting the table are of interest to you, be in

touch with either Sylvia McCallister at sylviamccormack@hotmail.com or Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com

Altar Guild Altar Guild members are our unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to ensure that the Worship Center is physically ready for worship. They meet weekly and are known to have more fun than is imagined as they work. If you are available occasionally for one morning a week, be in touch with Joanne Brown at Cgjb@aol.com

Sunday Hospitality At Trinity we encourage all to share refreshments between services on Sunday morning. This is a time for fellowship that we honor and enjoy. If you might be willing to give one Sunday a month, or a quarter, to this ministry, be in touch with Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com

Visual Arts This is a group of artists and crafts people who design and carry-out seasonal imagery to celebrate God's grace and to reflect the seasons of the church year through the use of color, flowers, plants, and art work in the Worship Center. If you are interested in working with this group contact Carol Carver at ccarver@trinitylc.org or 651-323-1307

Bread Bakers Trinity serves some of the tastiest communion bread this side of heaven! Baking communion bread is simple and is a great “behind the scenes” way to contribute. Our bakers are a very flexible group, so time invested is manageable. If you are interested in sharing your passion for baking and Trinity, be in touch with Susan Carr at gogriswald@msn.com

As you can see, there are many and varied ways to serve. We hope you will give a bit of your time and talent in worship at Trinity!

Worship Texts

Below are the scripture texts that will be used on the date listed to prepare the message for worship.

September 3 **Matthew 13:47-50**
 The Fishing Net

September 10 **Matthew 18**
 God's Work. Our Hands.

September 17 **Genesis 1:1-2; 4a**
 Creation by the Word

September 24 **Genesis 27:1-9, 15-23; 28:10-17** Jacob's Dream



WORSHIP *Fall* 2017

Worship is the center of our lives together at Trinity, where Holy Communion is celebrated weekly at both Sunday morning services, and everyone, without exception, is invited to receive the bread and wine. Because it is Christ's table it is open to all—or, in the words of Marty Haugen "for everyone born, a place at the table". My hope is that you will find your place with us at the table, there are many options, some new, read about them here and join us at Trinity this fall.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 a.m.—worship led by choirs, organ, and instrumentalists, incorporating historical, yet relevant elements of Lutheran worship. Here you will participate with robed clergy and worship leaders. You will sing hymns, songs, liturgy and psalms from a worship book and hear music from the Renaissance to the contemporary, from Bach to Gospel and a message relevant to our lives today.

10:30 a.m.—worship led by an ensemble incorporating the best of contemporary Lutheran music. Through worship leaders, electric bass, drums, keyboards, and other instruments, the congregation engages in a time of praise and worship following the historic pattern of Lutheran worship (Gathering, Word, the same message as at 9 a.m., Meal, and Sending.)

5 p.m.—Contemplative Worship *new!*

Contemplative spiritual and prayer practice spans the ages from ancient to post-modern times. On the second Sunday of each month (September – May) gather for a meditative service held in the Heritage Chapel. Prayers for peace will rise as well as prayers for healing and strength. This is a new worship opportunity for Trinity; you are encouraged to participate whether you have burdens you are carrying, or if you just want a time of quiet reflection. This service begins on September 10.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:15 p.m.—Family Worship

Several times this coming season Wednesday night learning for grades 3-9 will take the form of worship. Through this, children, youth and families will participate and learn about worship as well as gain an appreciation of Lutheran worship. Communion will be served and the Word spoken. On the following dates students and their families will attend worship, rather than classes:

November 1
December 6
January 10
February 14 (Ash Wednesday)
April 25

Wednesday worship is not limited to families; all are invited!

God is here for us in worship. In the Word and Sacraments of the Church (Baptism and Holy Communion) God forgives, heals, guides and shares how deeply you are loved. See you in worship!

September 10 *God's Work. Our Hands. One worship service at 9 a.m.* After worship we join the ELCA in an annual denomination-wide day of service!

Second Sunday Contemplative Worship at 5 p.m.

September 17 TrinityFEST Sunday **one worship service outdoors at 10 a.m.**

September 24 regular fall worship begins with **services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

One Worship Service

Several weekends during the year, we come together for one worship service on Sunday morning. We hold these services as important because they include elements that are common to all of our worship services and elements that represent our diverse talents and gifts. These services are normally held at 10 a.m. For this coming year, 2017-2018, we have five such services scheduled:

- **September 17** Trinity FEST—worship on the green space
- **October 29** Reformation Celebration with Bishop Patricia Lull preaching
- **December 17** Advent/Christmas worship led by Children's Ministry
- **December 31** Lessons & Carols
- **March 25** Palm Sunday worship with special guest Will Esch

Family Sundays

Several times this coming year we will experience Family Sunday. On Family Sunday, families worship together at either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. services, which are created with all ages in mind. There is NO Sunday School on Family Sundays. The following dates are Family Sundays:

November 19
January 21
February 18
April 29

Time to register!

Sunday School

\$35: Age 4-Grade 2; 9-10 a.m.,
Sunday Mornings

Wednesday Learning

\$50: Grades 3-5; 6:15-7:30 p.m.,
Wednesday Evenings

Confirmation

\$100: Grades 6, 7, 8, 9; 6:15-7:30 p.m.,
Wednesday Evenings

Children's Choirs

Free: Grades K-5; 5-5:45 p.m.,
Wednesday Evenings

Choir begins
Sept. 13

Sunday School
begins Oct. 1

Wednesday Learning
and ALL Confirmation
begins Oct. 4

Online Registration at:

www.trinitylc.org > then
select REGISTER > then
select 2017-18 Children
and Youth Ministry

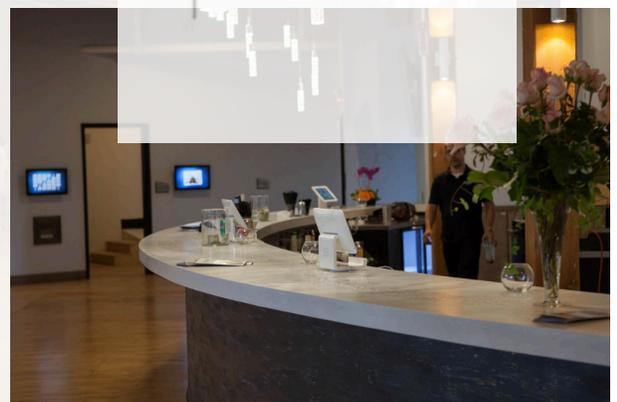
Trinity Parent/Caregiver Night at the JX Event Center September 24 from 4:30–6:30 p.m.

All parents and caregivers of incoming Trinity Sunday and Wednesday faith formation kids are invited to a mixer and informational gathering at the fantastic JX Event Center in downtown Stillwater on Sunday night, September 24 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. Trinity's Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Ministries are hosting this event to help parents and caregivers connect with other adults who have kids in Trinity programs, hear the ministry vision for Trinity CYF ministry in 2017-18, and take home schedules and details for your specific-age child(ren). The night kicks off with a cash bar/social time from 4:30–5 p.m., followed by a get-fired-up-for-parenting talk led by Pastor Chris, and concludes with break-out time for details on your child's specific ministry program.

The JX Center is in the historic and newly-remodeled Connelly Shoe Factory building on Second Street in Stillwater, across from the city parking ramp. It is a beautiful place to host a gathering, and we're very fortunate to have it for the evening. It's going to be a fun, low-stress, informational time that you won't want to miss, so save the date!

Sunday Faith Formation (for children 4 years to 2nd grade) will begin October 1.
Wednesday Faith Formation (for kids 3rd grade to 9th grade) will begin October 4.

JX | EVENTVENUE



123 2nd St. North
in Stillwater



LAKE AREA Discovery Center

How to Play with Your Kids

by Sarah Adams, LADC Site Director

LADC's new school year starts on September 5. With so many new changes in your family's life and schedule, sometimes it can be hard to remember to play. Take advantage of this precious time you have while they are still young.

"Through play, children learn to take the perspective of another; they learn self-control and the ability to take turns, negotiate, compromise, and work out conflicts. In fact, studies show that children who play make-believe or games with rules are more empathetic, less physically aggressive, and more cooperative with other children and adults." (http://www.niu.edu/ccc/curriculum/play_learning.shtml)

Not only is it so important for your child to participate in play, but it's also important when you take the time to join in. Maybe you think I'm crazy...with all the things that need to be done how is it possible to find the time to play with your child? I challenge you to make time...even if it's only 5-10 minutes because that time will have such an impact on your child.

When you get down on your child's level and ask to join in whatever he/she is doing, you show interest in your child. Quite honestly, who doesn't like it when someone shows an interest in what they are doing? Even as adults, we carry on conversations in which we ask about other people and vice versa. When you show interest in your child, you can build

a bond that let's your child know that you want to know about him/her and you are willing to take time from your busy schedule to be with your child.

So how do you play with your child? How do you engage your child in a meaningful way? The key to engaging in great play with your child involves 3 basic steps. First, get down on your child's level. Many children are used to being talked down to, but it makes a difference when you meet them at their level. Second, you can ask questions, but make sure you listen and give your child your undivided attention. Have you ever been talking with someone who is looking at his/her phone and trying to talk to you at the same time? Just like adults, kids can tell when you are paying attention to them. Lastly, try as much as possible to let the play be child-directed. Kids hear rules every day about what they should and shouldn't do. Give your child the chance to be in charge and decide how things will go. Let him/her be creative and come up with ideas independently. Your time with your child will be so much more meaningful if he/she has made the decisions instead of just going along with what you want to do.

Now I challenge you to build that fort out of furniture and actually go inside of it or pick up a toy and play along with your child. No matter what you choose to do, enjoy it because kids don't stay young forever.

For more information on Trinity's Lake Area Discovery Center, visit www.ladcfamilies.org, or call Site Director Sarah Adams at 651-323-1264.



Baptism Class

Tuesday, September 12
6:30 p.m.

Office Conference Room

Who should attend? Anyone interested in baptism at Trinity! Questions? Contact Jeannie in the Church Office at 651-439-7400, ext. 302 or jwendorf@trinitylc.org.



WELCOME BABY!

Mari Elise Crusinberry
Born 7/26/2017
7 lbs. 10 oz.
21 1/4 inches long



Proud parents Kelsey (our Interim CYF Lead/Youth Specialist) & Mike Crusinberry

MEXICO.MISSION.2017

Mexico Mission Information Meeting

Sunday, October 1 at 12:00 p.m. in the Garden Room

The trip will take place March 15-22, 2018. It is open to youth in grades 9-12. Any youth or adults interested in joining this experience should plan to attend this meeting. Questions? Contact Kelsey Crusinberry at 612.439.7400 ext. 340.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

tlc summer CAMP 2017

Enjoy these photos of our
WAPO Youth Campers.



From the Trinity Library by Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer

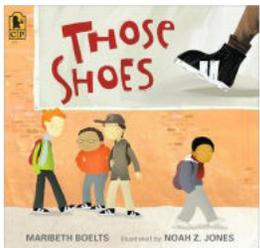


"For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant."

– Martin Luther

Martin Luther was a German professor of theology, a person who questioned, who desired to learn, and to understand. In terms of the Bible he "wanted to know what it was and what it meant." The Trinity Library mission includes "providing materials and programs that encourage the study of God's Word and the growth of each person's relationship with God." Resources which 'shake the branches' to give greater meaning to the Bible are developed cooperatively with pastors, small groups, recommendations, and reviews of literature.

Among the most curious and questioning among our church community are the younger learners. The children can grow in faith, service, empathy, kindness, friendship, gratitude, and diversity through reading. Bible stories, children's



Bibles, and familiar 'I Can Read' faith stories support learning. The following books include some of our new acquisitions for children that just may 'shake some branches.'

Those Shoes (EB) Jeremy sees friends at school with new shoes, which he cannot afford. He feels *empathy* for his friend Antonio, who is wearing shoes that are so old they need to be taped together. Teasing, poverty, empathy and generosity are themes in this story.

The Spiffiest Giant in Town (ED) A delightful story about kindness through George the giant who buys new clothes but decides to share them with animal friends. George sings a song that becomes a recollection of his day in rhyme.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee (ES) Amos, too sick to work at the zoo, experiences friendship as he receives care from the animals he has helped. This book is a past winner of the Caldecott and Best Children's Book of the Year awards.

Splat Says Thank You (ES) Through sweet and humorous lists Splat the cat figures out a way he can cheer Seymour the cat

and express gratitude for their friendship. You may just laugh out loud!

A Family Is A Family Is A Family (EO) A teacher asks students to think about diversity in types of families and what makes each family special. The children discover one thing that matters to all of them.

Maybe God Is Like That Too (EG) A young boy wonders where God is in the city. Grandma helps him see God's Spirit in people around him and faith develops. Make a Biblical connection to this story as you read this to children by opening your Bible to Galatians 5:22-23.

She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed The World (920.7 CLIN) Author Chelsea Clinton recognizes 13 women who have impacted our country through their persistence, speech and actions. Children are made to feel important and to reach their goals regardless of obstacles. The women represent diversity and varying achievements.

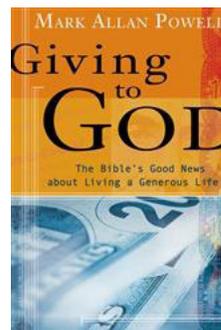
Jonah and the Whale (EG) Children will learn about obedience and Jonah's answer to God's call. God's compassion and care for all people is shared in this familiar Bible story as Jonah travels to Nineveh to help others.

The Trinity Lutheran Church community shares the love of Jesus as they study, serve, teach, support and minister to our local and worldwide family of God. The following resources focus on mission, study, and personal reading enjoyment. Martin Luther, in his reference to shaking a mighty tree, wanted to know the Bible and it's meaning. Perhaps these books will help you in your spiritual journey.

Giving to God: The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life (248.6 POWE) James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from God." Trinity's Stewardship Team read this book to increase understanding about how we give back to God. "Powell presents stewardship as an act of worship, and expression of faith....

shows Christians the way to a better life and a better relationship with money. (Eerdmans Pub.)

The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us (241 FEIL) Author Bruce Feiler (Walking the Bible) focuses on

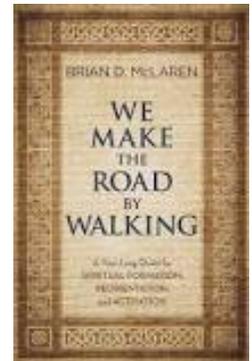


the impact of the story of the first couple and how they impacted Western art and culture. He also explores the undying love of God for people, love, loss and redemption.

Talking About Death: A Dialogue Between Parent And Child (155.9 GROL) This compassionate read-along picture book answers questions children may have about death. Pastor Ost recommended this book which looks at children's developmental stages and what they are able to comprehend.

The Warmth of the Heart Prevents Your Body from Rusting—a French Recipe for a Long Life, Well-Lived (155.6 HENN) Are you wondering about aging? Author Hennezel is an internationally renowned psychologist who presents ideas about approaching the later stages of life with confidence, optimism and fulfillment.

We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation (248.4 MCLA) McLaren provides a 52-week journey of readings, organized by the church year. "This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today." (Jericho Books Publisher)



What Is The Bible? How An Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything (200 BELL) Author Rob Bell's publisher, Harper, states readers will be provided "... insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it truly inspiring and essential to our lives." Bell shares that *What Is The Bible?* is transformative and may shape daily lives of readers.

The monetary gifts, donations of books, memorials, sharing of talents and time have greatly benefited the Trinity Library. You are encouraged and welcomed to visit the library located on the lower level of the church. Like Martin Luther, we are all learners and seekers, desiring to further our understandings of the Bible and God's direction in our lives. Come 'shake some branches!'

Welcome to Food For Thought!

by Glenda Bjorum, Coordinator

One of the strong programs we have at Trinity Lutheran Church is the small group ministry. There is something for everyone including mission groups, Bible and book studies, yoga, women's groups, retirement groups, senior groups and the list goes on. Food For Thought is one of the small group ministries that brings couples and friends old and new together at the dinner table over a pre-planned meal complete with recipes. Food For Thought meets in private homes four times between November and May with four couples or pairs at each dinner. Recipes are sent via email a few weeks before the scheduled date. In October participants receive a schedule that includes a member roster with contact information, meeting dates and also, what each couple or pair is responsible to bring for each date. The host prepares the main course while the others bring the appetizer and side dish or the salad and bread or the dessert and wine and sparkling beverages. Each time the assignment changes and so do the people attending the dinner. Scheduling is very difficult, but we try very hard to make sure you dine with different pairs as often as possible.

In a church the size of Trinity it is often difficult to get to know people in the congregation which is why Food For Thought is a good vehicle for making the connection. Putting a name with a face, sharing meaningful faith topics, discovering common interests, and participating in genuine Christian fellowship are some of the special rewards we experience at the dinners.

The dates for the 2017-18 season are Saturdays November 11, January 20, March 10, and May 5. These dates are merely guidelines and can be adjusted to meet the needs of each group. Registration is open until September 22 and may be completed by contacting Glenda Bjorum at bjorumsing@aol.com with your names, address, phone number and email. There will be a Food For Thought booth at TrinityFEST on Saturday September 16 and Sunday, September 17 where you can also sign up. Take advantage of the Food For Thought small group ministry and enjoy a delicious dinner while you celebrate your Trinity friends—both old and new!



Saturdays

November 11

January 20

March 10

May 5

Sign up by September 22

Contact:

Glenda Bjorum bjorumsing@aol.com

The Retired Men's Group presents

RETIRED MEN



Minnesota State
Capitol Tour
**Tuesday,
September 12
at 11 a.m.**

(Meet at Trinity to carpool)

Visit the shiny Minnesota State Capitol — refurbished, renovated and restored from top to bottom to its original 1905 glory. Discover its history, art, and architecture: connect with its amazing stories. Even before the renovation, our State Capital was believed to be one of the nicest in the United States.

We will carpool to the Tavern Grill in Woodbury for lunch. The tour provided by the Minnesota Historical Society will start promptly at 1 p.m. After the tour, we will be joined by a Minnesota State Representative who will give us some additional insights about the Capital and government dealings.

Limited to 35 people. Maps for parking will be available at church.



Questions? Please contact Roger Funk at rlfunk67@me.com or 651-439-4036.



The Active Women Events Group (AWE) invites you to:
**Tour of the New Fire Station &
Stroll on Our New Bridge (choose your distance)**

Thursday, September 28

10 a.m.

Cost: FREE

Lunch to follow at Mallards in Bayport (pay for your own).

Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons at church to carpool.



Contact: Colleen Baldrice at (651) 226-5496 or colleenbaldrice@gmail.com

Sign-up in the Commons on Sunday between services or in the Church Office during the week.

RETIRED MEN



The Retired Men's Group & AWE invite you to:

A Minnesota
Orchestra
Christmas:
Home for the
Holidays
**Thursday,
December 21
at 7:30 p.m.**



The magic of the season comes to life in this heartwarming show of songs, Sarah Hicks conducting; and stories featuring a new work by Minneapolis' own storyteller laureate Kevin Kling and director/co-writer Peter Rothstein.

40 tickets have been reserved at a cost of \$50/ticket. Tickets available for purchase through Sunday, October 15, 2017. Contact Jon Fogelberg (see below) to reserve your ticket.

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To the family and friends of Duane Meyers.
- To the family and friends of Len Nestrud.

WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE

July 23	August 13
9 a.m.116	9 a.m.121
10 a.m.208	10 a.m.113

July 30	August 20
9 a.m.114	9 a.m.99
10 a.m.262	10 a.m.222

August 6
 9 a.m.102
 10 a.m.258

WORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Sunday Worship on September 3
 9 a.m. INDOORS at Trinity
 10 a.m. OUTDOORS at the Drive-in

Sunday Worship on September 10 and 17
 10 a.m. (one service only)
 5 p.m. Contemplative Worship on September 10

Regular Sunday Worship begins September 24
 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Watch Worship on Valley Access Channel 18

Wednesdays: 1 p.m., 7 p.m.
 Thursdays: 1 a.m., 7 a.m.
 Fridays: 4 p.m., 10 p.m.
 Saturdays: 9 a.m.
 Sundays: 11 a.m.



Bridge for Trinity

Monday, September 11, 8:45-11:45 a.m.
 Garden Room, \$5

Note: date change due to Labor Day holiday. Come and bring friends for a morning of casual, fun bridge with men and women of all levels. Advance notice is not necessary.



A special THANK YOU to Connie Benson, Joanne Brown, Linda Erickson and Lynn Schurrer for their generous donation of time, energy and “elbow grease” to clean and polish the Trinity Kitchen. Everything shines, including the trash cans! (As you use the Trinity kitchen, please help us to keep it clean by washing your dishes, wiping up spills, and in general cleaning up after yourself and groups—thank you.)

TRINITY TODAY

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Sunday Morning Hospitality Yes, we do need you!

by Ann Wolff, Hospitality Coordinator

Warm thanks to:

- **Coffee crew** for refreshments between services;
- **Greeters** for a warm welcome at the door;
- **Ushers** for handing out bulletins and collecting offering;
- **Communion assistants** for serving Communion.

Sign-up for once/month, or for an entire month or two, or for scattered Sundays, by contacting Ann Wolff at (651) 439-1972 or wolff701@msn.com. THANKS!

Literature Lovers’ Night Out

Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m., Worship Center
 Tickets: \$11 available through Valley Bookseller

Literature Lovers’ Night Out comes to Trinity! Hosted by Valley Bookseller, this is a moderated program featuring national and local authors, light refreshments and drawings for prizes. Attendees must reserve a spot by stopping in or calling Valley Bookseller at 651-430-3385 to purchase their \$11 ticket.

Fantastic event for friends, date night or book clubs — get some inspiration for your next riveting read! For more information contact Pastor Karri at kanderson@trinitylc.org.

Featured Authors for September:

Eleanor Brown *A Paris All Your Own*
 J.T. Ellison *Lie to Me*
 Ann Hood *The Book That Matters Most*
 Leah Weiss *If the Creek Don’t Rise*
 Gabrielle Zevin *Young Jane Young*

CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2017

Friday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4—Labor Day Holiday

- Building/Office Closed
- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6—No River

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 11 a.m. Celebrating Seniors Worship & Fall Luncheon: Worship Center, Garden Room
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room, Worship Center

Thursday, September 7

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 2 p.m. Healing Hearts Group: Room 108B
- 7 p.m. Literature Lovers Night Out Event: Commons, Garden Room
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 9

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

Sunday, September 10—God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 5 p.m. Contemplative Worship: Heritage Chapel

Monday, September 11

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8:45 a.m. Bridge for Trinity: Garden Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tuesday, September 12

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 11 a.m. Retired Men's Group State Capitol Tour: Meet at Trinity to carpool
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6 p.m. Financial Peace University: Garden Room
- 6:30 p.m. Baptism Class: Office Conference Room

Wednesday, September 13—No River

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

Thursday, September 14

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Room 108B
- 6:30 p.m. Hymns & Hops: Outdoor Green Space

Sunday, September 17—TrinityFEST Sunday

- 9 a.m. TrinityFEST (Ministry Fair, Food Trucks, Kid's Activities): Outdoor Green Space
- 10 a.m. Worship: Outdoor Green Space

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6 p.m. Financial Peace University: Garden Room

Wednesday, September 20—No River

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Moms Fellowship (formerly Hearts of the Home Moms): Lower Level
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room, Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room, Worship Center

Thursday, September 21

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Yin Yogadevotion: Narthex
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center

Friday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

- 9 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 4:30 p.m. Trinity Parent/Caregiver Night: JX Event Center

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Library, Room 108B
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6 p.m. Financial Peace University: Garden Room

Wednesday, September 27—No River

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Supporting Women As Professionals (SWAP): Offsite
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room, Worship Center
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room, Worship Center

Thursday, September 28

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. YogaDevotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Yin Yogadevotion: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Narthex
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Room 108, Youth Center
- 7:30 p.m. SPCO Concert: Worship Center

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

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

September 3

Last day of Summer Sunday Worship 9 a.m. indoors at church, 10 a.m. outdoors at the drive-in in Houlton, WI

September 10

God's Work. Our Hands. One worship service at 9 a.m. After worship we join the ELCA in an annual denomination-wide day of service! Second Sunday Contemplative Worship at 5 p.m.

September 17

TrinityFEST Sunday one worship service outdoors at 10 a.m.

September 24

Regular fall worship begins with services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



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New this year! **Saturday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Hymns & Hops**
With special musical guests The Fleshpots of Egypt • Food • Drinks
Sunday, September 17 Outdoor Worship at 10 a.m.
9 a.m.-Noon • Ministry Fair • Food Trucks • Kid's Activities