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# TRINITY TODAY

God's work.  
Our hands.



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## LEAD PASTOR CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Our hearts do, indeed, follow our money and our energy. And God covets your hearts. In fact, God covets the entirety of your lives and yourselves; everything you are and everything you have.

First, let me thank you for the generosity of money, time and spirit you have shown in the past year of ministry together. While we didn't quite make the budget we set for ourselves, (It's not too late to support the 2017 budget!) we did achieve a great deal. You gave, you served, you worshipped and together we are growing in a spirit of hopefulness about God's future for Trinity. And God does have a future and a hope for us.

And now the time has come to create the next set of goals to support us as we come alongside what God is up to here. My job in this column is to talk about money goals. Please keep reading. Seriously.

Talking about money at church is hard. People often struggle to meet their financial commitments and achieve their financial dreams at home. It can be hard to imagine how to respond to the call of the church to give more or even to give at all.

How does church money work, after all? And what is your role in it?

Although there are business aspects of church finance, **church finance is much more about how we live in discipleship together...more like family finances.**

In a family, everyone contributes to the well-being of the whole. We contribute money, if we have money. We each contribute energy and time as we are able. It's "all hands on deck" to keep a family humming. So it is at church. Everyone who has money is called upon by God to give money for the ministry we share as a congregation. We are also called to share time and energy. In the earliest church, "All who believed were together and had all things in common." (Acts 2:44)

Foundationally, we confess that **everything we have** is first a gift to us from God. It's easy to reason that we work hard for our money, so it's ours to spend as we wish. But the capacity and will to work are first given us by God. Our very life is a gift from God.

So "our" money is not earned by our own efforts but in collaboration between us and God. And God demands the first fruits of that shared labor be given in service of equipping the body of Christ to be bearers of God's kingdom in the world. It is BIG work that we do. And it demands BIG from us all to make it happen.

And everyone has a fair share to contribute. You do! Sure, some have more money than others. That's why fair share giving is based on giving a percentage of our income. If everyone gives the same (or greater) percentage, then we are making equivalent "sacrifices" with our money.

I give approximately 10% of my income to our life together at church. It took me a long time to get to 10% and there are days it pinches. Hard. But you don't have to start there. I sure didn't.

We did some math and discovered that if everyone gives 3% of their income, we can meet our budget. There won't be much extra but we will meet it. Those of us who are able or who feel called to giving can give more; then we can expand our ministries.

Your congregation needs you to participate with your finances. More importantly, it is God's expectation that God's people give first to God because then our hearts are more firmly oriented in the direction of God. And we can be more readily shaped by God for God's intention for the world.

Perhaps 3% feels overwhelming. Start at 1%. Anything you give (or anything you give more than last year) is growth in faith and draws your heart along with it. Giving money to church is discipleship. Discipleship builds faith. And faith builds the kingdom of God.

If you read this column all the way through, just ask me for a "marker" of that achievement.

Information will be coming later this month that will explain more about our "family" goals to meet our commitments and achieve God's dreams for Trinity.

If you have questions, you need only ask.

Blessings,

*Pastor Chris*

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Jesus speaking in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:21

If you pledged for the last fiscal year ending August 31 and are not current with that pledge through August 31, your congregation needs that fulfilment so we can close the budget year cleanly and hopefully.

### Worship Texts

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

October 1 **Ephesians 2:1-10**  
Grace Alone

October 8 **Romans 3:21-31**  
Faith Alone

October 15 **Hebrews 4:14-5:10**  
Christ Alone

October 22 **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**  
Scripture Alone

October 29 **Isaiah 43:1-13**  
To the Glory of God Alone



## Thank you! *by Gail Olson, Council President*

How can we thank you enough? The Trinity Council has been continuously gratified by the strength of this congregation in the face of some pretty significant challenges in the past three years. So many good things are happening at Trinity and in our local and global communities because of you, working with our fantastic staff. Whether you sing in the choir or play in the band, usher at worship services, clean the kitchen, participate in local or global missions, serve on Trinity committees or work groups, host a Circle, remember others in prayer, visit those who are ill or homebound, organize the Retired Men's outings, fill shelves at Valley Outreach, teach Sunday School, make quilts, paint offices, tend gardens, make birthday calls, help in the office, make stewardship calls, make intentional gifts of time and resources, or do myriad other labors of love, you are a vital part of Trinity's ministry. We thank God for your faithfulness, your creativity, your hard work, and your good spirit. Through all these things, Trinity lives out the work that God calls us to do.

Many of you helped to initiate our fall season on September 10 with "God's work. Our hands." Sunday (see photos on pages 8-9), where scores of Trinity members joined forces to do projects in the community, including river clean-up, buckthorn removal (always a popular pastime!), tying fuzzy blankets for Camp Noah and others in need, delivering meals (the cinnamon in Norma's rolls filled the common space with yummy aromas), enjoying fellowship with those living at local residential facilities, and more. All of this was part of a nationwide effort by congregations across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to demonstrate God's love by making life better for individuals and our communities. Next year we hope to have even greater participation, and to see LOTS of yellow t-shirts around our neighborhoods. And, as this issue goes to print, we look forward to our formal start of the Fall season with TrinityFEST and (new this year) Hymns & Hops, Children's and Youth Faith Formation, lifelong learning classes and events, and more.

Now, with Pastor Chris in place as our new lead pastor, the continuing care and ministry of Pastor Deb, and readying to call a new associate pastor this Fall, we

are poised to jump into bigger dreams and learn what God calls us to do and be in the future. We look forward to being on that journey with you.

As I come to the end of my term on council and as president of the congregation in November, I also want to thank each of you for your support, your challenges, your encouragement, and your prayers. I also ask forgiveness for any hurt or offense I have caused and for the shortcomings of my actions or inactions. I finish my time in this role with great appreciation and respect for our council members and know that the council will provide great leadership going forward. Since there will be a vacancy on council, I encourage you to consider nomination for this important role.

Your love of Trinity and its mission and ministry are remarkable and one of God's great gifts. Again, thank you!



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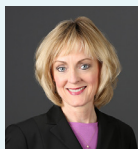
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## Update on 4th Street Entrance Facelift & Building Security

In the July edition of *Trinity Today*, we announced that Trinity's 4th Street entrance would be undergoing a much-needed renovation. The facelift has begun!

To date, new entrance doors, closers and hardware, and new walk-off flooring inside the entrance have been installed. The resurfacing of the small parking lot at 4th and Myrtle, adjacent to the Green Space, is now in process. The old asphalt has been removed and a new gravel base has been installed. Once the base settles, the re-surfacing will be completed.

New carpet is on order for the area outside the elevator and bathrooms, and down the ramp, stairs and landing area to the lower level and will be installed in mid-October.

The plan uses \$60,000 of repurposed Opening Doors Appeal funds re-designated by donors for building renovation to pay for these much-needed improvements.

The improvements are intended to provide a welcoming appearance to our building, and address safety and security concerns in our parking area, door entrance and flooring in and around the 4th street entrance. Because this is Trinity's main entrance, it is used multiple times every day by both pedestrians and for deliveries and transport of everything from flowers to choir risers and equipment. Over time, this heavy use has taken its toll and the doors no longer lock correctly. The design of the doors also limits visibility in and out of the doors. The new doors and hardware will alleviate these issues.

We have also installed new electronic door locks on our main entrances on 3rd & 4th streets. This change is to improve the security for the children attending pre-school in our building and to give better protection to our building resources. As a result, Trinity's 3rd Street entrance is now a controlled-access door, locked during weekday school hours, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., and accessible only with a special key fob. The 3rd Street entrance will be open for special worship events and funerals. Please use the 4th street entrance to visit Trinity for other events.

If you have questions or concerns about these exciting improvements, please contact Bob Eiselt, Parish Administrator at [beiselt@trinitylc.org](mailto:beiselt@trinitylc.org) or any member of Trinity's Facility Team: Mark Gieseke, Tom Hosek, Brian Larson or Dave Swager.

## Trinity Financial Update PRELIMINARY

### August Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2017

	This Year	Last Year	'17 Budget	% of Budget	Preliminary '17 Year End
Contribution Income	1,282,064	1,289,086	1,300,000	99%	1,282,064
Other Income	436,165	672,414	445,360	98%	436,165
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,718,229</u>	<u>\$ 1,961,499</u>	<u>\$ 1,745,360</u>		<u>\$ 1,718,229</u>
less: Expenses	1,835,308	2,084,450	1,745,360	105%	1,835,308
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (117,079)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (122,951)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>		<u><u>\$ (117,079)</u></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: \$ (76,203)

#### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,050,204	3,174,742
Increase (Decrease)	<u>(128,672)</u>	<u>(124,537)</u>
Long-Term Debt - End of August	<u><u>\$ 2,921,532</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,050,204</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance-August 31	\$ 843,394	\$ 872,221

### Note on Veterans Service

The annual Veterans Service at Trinity will not take place this year. Instead the Veterans Service Leadership Committee has decided to honor our veterans during worship on November 12. Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers who put together this beautiful service for 20 years. If you are interested in taking on the leadership for an event to honor our veterans in November of 2018, please contact Pastor Chris.

Please also note the Stillwater Veterans Memorial hosts an annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Memorial located at 136 Pine St. W in Stillwater. This year the service is on Saturday, November 11 at 11:30 a.m., following the annual downtown salute to veterans.

### 2018 Budget Preview Meetings

Please join us at 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

### Annual Meeting

Please join us at the regular annual meeting of our congregation. It is held in November because our fiscal year-end is August 31. You have an important role to play in the ministry and management at Trinity!

**Sunday, November 19, Garden Room**

11:45 a.m. Lunch

Meeting begins at Noon

### Financial Highlights

The Financial Update includes **preliminary** fiscal year-end numbers which are subject to final adjustments and the auditor's review. Final results will be in the Annual Report which will be available prior to the Annual Meeting on November 19.

Included in this month's Financial Scorecard is the balance outstanding on our Line of Credit. This line of credit has been in existence for a number of years and does not represent "new" debt. While the current line of credit is similar to last year, it is important that the congregation be informed. It will be discussed at the upcoming budget forums. If you would like more information about this, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Chris, Treasurer Tom Olsen or any member of the congregational council (as listed on Page 3). Thank you.



# STEWARDSHIP

by Katie Beaudet Monroe

Fall is in the air! The kids are back in school and it's a time when we enjoy the cooler weather, the beautiful colors of the St. Croix Valley and, of course, savor an occasional pumpkin spice latte from Starbucks! For us at Trinity it also means kicking off an exciting year of lifelong faith formation with programs and opportunities for everyone—Sunday Faith Formation, children's choir, Trinity Choir, Wednesday Faith Formation and Family Worship, bread baking, knitting ministry, Sunday morning hospitality, book clubs and Bible study, yoga and tai chi classes, fine arts committee, etc., etc. In addition to the many programs that take place under our roof, Trinity also takes our worship into the community and the world, guided by the thoughtful leadership of Trinity's Missions Board.

Fall is also when the congregation of Trinity is asked to give prayerful thought as we prepare to pledge our gifts to Trinity for this next year. Trinity's programs, activities and outreach require financial resources and this is the work of our entire congregation. The Stewardship Committee has defined stewardship as *recognizing that all we have is a gift from God, all we have belongs to God, and all we have is to be used to serve God and enjoy God.*

The members of the Stewardship committee ask that you consider your God given blessings as you make your pledge for this year. For those of you who are able, an additional financial gift to further enable our work at Trinity would also be greatly appreciated.

In the past few months, the stewardship articles have talked about how stewardship plays a part in our lives and how we all have to make choices on what we do with our financial treasures. This year, as we launch the pledge drive, I encourage you to pick up a pledge brochure to learn even more about what it takes to fund our programs and mission work as members of Trinity.

The stewardship team is working hard to give everyone a better understanding of what it takes to fund God's work at Trinity. We know that it is important for the members of our congregation

to understand the budget and how our dollars are working to provide all that Trinity needs to serve our members and our community. We hope that you will find this year's pledge packet helpful in understanding what it takes to provide worship, children and youth ministries, choirs, confirmation, lifelong learning and mission opportunities. Our goal this year is to increase the number of pledge dollars so that a realistic budget can be set.

This year's pledge period will be from Sunday, October 15 through November 12. Look for your pledge packet in the mail the week of October 15. Please don't hesitate to contact the Stewardship Team with questions. Reach us at [StewardshipTeam@trinitylc.org](mailto:StewardshipTeam@trinitylc.org).

**THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HAS DEFINED STEWARDSHIP AS RECOGNIZING THAT ALL WE HAVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD, ALL WE HAVE BELONGS TO GOD, AND ALL WE HAVE IS TO BE USED TO SERVE GOD AND ENJOY GOD.**



## new class!

Reformation Roots  
**Think You Know All About the Reformation? Think (And Learn) Again!**

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Living Room beginning October 1

Join fellow adult learners as we observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by participating in a stimulating lecture and discussion series entitled "Reformation Roots."

With guidance from noted church historians we will travel back over 500 years to discover the political, economic, cultural and academic environment from which the Reformation originated. Our journey will take us through the turbulent years when Martin Luther and other faithful visionaries challenged "Church" authority and brought scriptural learning and theology out from monasteries and into the homes of the masses.

But, in this course, all this context is intentionally overlaid against our contemporary Christian perspective. We will be encouraged to apply what we have learned from the historical Reformation experience to our personal theology and congregational practices.

In addition to viewing video lecture presentations with different lecturers each week, we will engage in small and large group discussions to enable us to also learn from each other.

Come to the first class session and receive handouts with details about our upcoming schedule and class topics. Questions? Contact Jeff Anderson at [jeffa409@gmail.com](mailto:jeffa409@gmail.com).



Next time you're at Trinity, be sure to grab your copy of the 2017 Ministry Guide. The guide summarizes the many opportunities for you to participate in our life together as the body of Christ at Trinity.

And if you don't find what you're looking for, contact a pastor or staff person and let's talk about how to make it happen at Trinity!

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE .....

### COMING SOON TO A LOCATION—OR LOVED ONE—NEAR YOU!

By Pastor Deb Ost



#### VISITATION MINISTRY

The Visitation Ministry program connects Trinity's homebound persons with volunteers who have a heart for, and feel called to, face-to-face supportive visits. These regular points of contact provide encouragement and express God's love to those who aren't able to attend worship or other church activities. Volunteers receive initial and ongoing training from our Care Team. Volunteer time commitment: three to five hours per month. If you'd like to

be involved in this care ministry (age 16 and up), or would like to receive visits, contact one of our Care Team. (See contact information at right.)

#### HOME COMMUNION FRIENDS

Home Communion Friends bring the sacrament of Holy Communion and connection of Trinity's faith community to homebound persons on a monthly basis. We are revamping our system to complement our Visitation Ministry and better intersect with our staff Care Team. Communion kits will be blessed during congregational worship before sending them out with our Home Communion Friends. Training and prayer booklets will be provided. If you'd like to be a Home Communion Friend, or, if you or a loved one would like to receive home communion, contact one of our Care Team. (See contact information at right.)

#### RIDES TO WORSHIP

Not everyone is fortunate enough to have transportation to Trinity's worship

services. In response to this reality, we are beginning to match those who need transportation, with those who are willing to provide rides in their own vehicles. Some restrictions apply regarding riders' ability to ambulate as well as limits on distance from Trinity. If you'd like to volunteer as an occasional driver, or, if you, or a loved one need a ride to worship, contact one of our Care Team. (See contact information below.)

#### Trinity's Care Team

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##### **Sue Peterson, Faith Community Nurse**

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## FAITH FORMATION .....

### Impact Parenting Session

#### Behind the Screen: Social Media Presentation

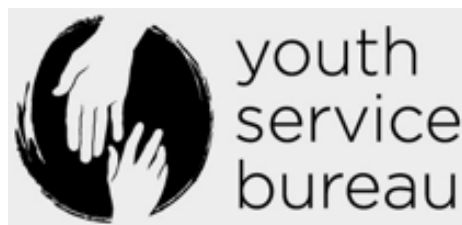
with Merri Guggisberg, Youth Service Bureau's Youth & Family Education Coordinator

**Wednesday**

**October 25**

**6:15 p.m.**

**Living Room**



The mission of YSB is to help youth and families learn the skills they need to be more successful at home, in school and throughout their community.

Is your technology interfering with your relationships? Learn practical guidelines for healthy media use, teens most actively used apps and share strategies with other parents in our community. Presenter: Merri Guggisberg, Youth and Family Education with Youth Service Bureau (YSB).

Merri Guggisberg joined YSB as their Youth and Family Education Coordinator in 2017. She brings 10 plus years of experience leading youth and coordinating parent education sessions offered at a local faith community. As the Youth and Family educator, Merri leads parent education seminars, coordinates seminar speakers and develops community partnerships. Prior to joining YSB, Merri was a Youth Director at a local church.





## Accompaniment Training

**Accompaniment Training**  
**Sunday, October 8**  
**at 11:45 a.m. (after worship)**  
**Garden Room**

At our Mission Table Talk we agreed that learning the Accompaniment model for mission would be a priority for Trinity moving forward. To that end we are offering an Accompaniment Training on Sunday, October 8 at 11:45 after the second service. A light lunch will be provided so RSVPs are necessary.

Deacon Kristen Kessel (currently under call at First Lutheran of Crystal) will be here to walk us through this theology of mission. Deacon Kirsten is an experienced participant, leader and trainer in domestic and international mission, having served for many years at Mount Olivet in Plymouth with their Tanzanian partnership. She is adept at building partnerships in the local community as well. She has much

to teach and we are eager to learn and share.

Everyone interested in mission is welcome and encouraged to attend, from youth participating and leading in Mexico next year to our most seasoned mission leaders.

Watch for sign-ups in the Commons, and on the Trinity website at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org).

For those who may not have heard of the Accompaniment Model, a bit more background may be helpful. Especially in the past two decades,

Christians including our ELCA have begun to talk more and more about what mission means today in our more global world. What are we called to today, in our world, which furthers God's mission of reconciliation? As the "younger churches" in Asia, Africa and Latin America who once were seen only as "objects" of mission, grow and begin to outnumber the traditional churches in Europe and America, accompaniment helps us see relationships and asymmetries of power through a different lens.

We look forward to an engaging session. Please join us!



## Sharing the Promise and Privilege of Education with our Mwatasi Partners

Did you know...

- Africa is a continent of young people, with 65% of the population below the age of 35, and nearly 50% under the age of 19.



- Each individual who is educated through the secondary school level typically supports 5 or more family members.
- Many of the secondary schools (high schools) and hospitals in Tanzania are provided by churches.

We all recognize how important it is for our children to get a good education and finish high school. In Tanzania this presents many challenges. Most young people have no opportunity to continue their education beyond primary school without a scholarship.

Secondary School Scholarships (high school) have been an important part of Trinity's Tanzania relationships for over a decade. In 2017 we are sponsoring 16

students from Mwatasi in Secondary School. They are students with exceptional financial need as identified by our companion congregation. Seven of the students are attending the school at Bomalang'ombe, and the others are at schools such as Pommern, Lutangilo and Image.

Secondary School Scholarships cost \$400 per year. Full or partial scholarships make wonderful gifts from individuals, families or groups.

A good education requires well-trained teachers, so we are also providing funding for continuing education for existing teachers (\$1,500 in 2017). A new program rolled out this year for Post Secondary Scholarships which may include technology, medical, social sciences, education and theology, to help support high-achieving individuals who are committed to using their gifts



to benefit their community at large.

Our first priority is to sustain funding for Mwatasi students in need of Secondary School education, and to ensure the teachers are trained and schools are equipped. We will expand our support into Post-Secondary education when individual or group funding is available.

**If you have a heart for education, young people, teaching, Africa, Tanzania... this is the perfect opportunity for you to make a difference in the future of countless people!**

**Make your check out to Trinity, with Tanzania Scholarship & Education Fund in the memo line. Contributions are accepted year-round in any amount.**

Questions can be referred to Michele Hermansen at 612-868-2255 or [michele2255@gmail.com](mailto:michele2255@gmail.com).



All the trimmings –  
lefse, potatoes, dilled  
carrots, coleslaw,  
cranberries, rye bread,  
homemade pie!

# Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

**Thursday  
November 2  
2017**

Only 200  
served at each  
seating!

## **Seatings at:**

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

Guests will be served at the hour  
indicated on ticket.

Take out meals also available.

## **TICKET PRICES**

ADULT – \$20

CHILDREN –

K-Grade 6: \$6

Under 5: Free

Cash or check only.



## **Celebrate the Tradition!**

**Order tickets via email at:**  
[lutefisk@trinitylc.org](mailto:lutefisk@trinitylc.org)

## **PURCHASE TICKETS:**

Beginning Sunday, October 15 you  
may purchase tickets before and  
after Sunday morning worship  
services at the 4th St. entrance OR  
Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in  
the Church Office.

**Proceeds benefit Trinity's  
Outreach Missions**



# Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

The Lutefisk and Meatball dinner has a little more meaning for me this year. My mom's side of the family is very Swedish and my Grandfather loved all the traditional Swedish dishes from his childhood. Lutefisk was just one of them.



My Grandmother didn't like lutefisk and really didn't like the smell that permeated throughout her house, however, she made lutefisk just for Grandpa. I was always surprised each Christmas when I walked in the door to the smell of that fish cooking—I guess I thought at some

of 94. She would have been a wonderful member of Trinity Lutheran Church if she had lived in town—when she died, she was still an integral part of volunteering at her church in International Falls, MN. She was in the knitting club that made and donated hand knit mittens, she made quilts to donate, she used to help out at every church event such as funerals and annual dinners. She would have made lutefisk for just one guest if they would like it. Every year, at the Lutefisk and Meatball dinner, we serve hundreds of people who LOVE it. They walk down the stairs to the dinner with their noses in the air sniffing and sighing at how good the lutefisk smells! It is a little bit crazy!

Let's talk about the food of the Lutefisk and Meatball dinner. I heard many people in our congregation say they don't come because they don't eat Lutefisk. I would argue that many of our guests who do come don't eat it either. The rest of the meal is entirely delicious—no offense to the many volunteers who prepare and cook the lutefisk, of course, but my mouth waters thinking about the meatballs and gravy,

shocked at how many members of our congregation assist with preparing for the meal. Members were dropping off gallon bags of carrots, homemade pies, the lefse was prepared, the meatballs are rolled, the coleslaw dressing is prepared and the potatoes peeled and ready to boil. There are over 300 volunteers who participate in planning, making and serving the dinner!

Here is my plea—the Lutefisk and Meatball dinner isn't just about the smelly fish. It is about the tradition. It is about the community. It is about the opportunity to show our children a part of our predominately Swedish congregation and its history. It is about donating through our outreach efforts. Please consider volunteering or being our guest at the Lutefisk and Meatball dinner this year. Attendance has been on a downward trend as less people actually eat Lutefisk and church dinners are becoming less common. Some of the other Lutefisk dinners have stopped running and I spoke with another coordinator who said they were thinking about changing their name to the Meatball dinner to try and get more attendance. Let's not let that happen to us. The Lutefisk and Meatball dinner has a long tradition at Trinity. And it's a big fundraiser for our outreach missions.

Valsignelser ("Blessings" in Swedish),  
*Kelly Klein*

Volunteers needed. Contact Kelly Klein at [Kelly.Klein@andersoncorp.com](mailto:Kelly.Klein@andersoncorp.com) or Jeannie Wendorf at [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org) or 651-439-7400. To donate an apple, pumpkin or mincemeat pie, contact Debi Orff at 651-283-5215.



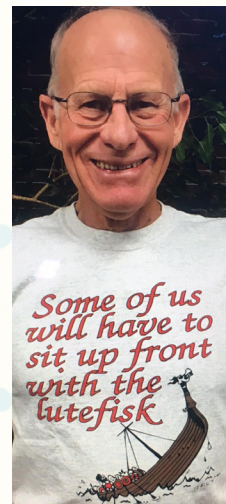
point she would stop making it because she didn't really like to. At the same time, my Grandfather would be walking around the house, nose in the air sniffing and sighing at how good it smelled. I always considered it a gift of love my Grandma was giving my Grandpa. My Grandfather died about 14 years ago and with him, our family lutefisk tradition since he was the ONLY one that ate it—voluntarily.

One reason the Lutefisk and Meatball dinner is close to my heart are the family memories that go with the tradition and heritage of our annual church dinner.

My Grandmother Agnes passed away just after Memorial Day this year at the age

of 94. She would have been a wonderful member of Trinity Lutheran Church if she had lived in town—when she died, she was still an integral part of volunteering at her church in International Falls, MN. She was in the knitting club that made and donated hand knit mittens, she made quilts to donate, she used to help out at every church event such as funerals and annual dinners. She would have made lutefisk for just one guest if they would like it. Every year, at the Lutefisk and Meatball dinner, we serve hundreds of people who LOVE it. They walk down the stairs to the dinner with their noses in the air sniffing and sighing at how good the lutefisk smells! It is a little bit crazy!

The volunteers it takes to prepare all that amazing food is even more impressive. Everything is homemade by people in our congregation! It is all so good! Being a closer part of the dinner last year, I had never before realized how many people it takes to prepare all of that food even before the day of the meal. I was truly







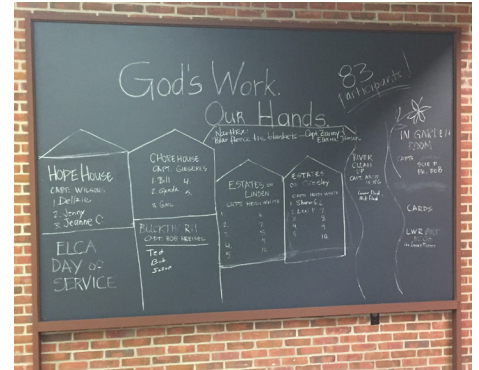


**work. Our hands." Sunday  
September 10, 2017**

A dedicated day of  
service in our community.



Thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday, September 10 to be part of God's Work. Our Hands. People of all ages participated in many projects at Trinity and in our community, partaking in an ELCA-wide day of service and helping others! Projects included cardmaking, quilting and blanket tying, buckthorn removal, river cleanup, washing windows, visiting residents at care facilities and more.





## Welcome to the Trinity Fine Arts Concert Series for 2017-2018!

These extraordinary concerts and events have become a tradition at Trinity and we welcome every member, and every member of the community, to attend.

The mission of the Trinity Concert Series is to share God's great gifts of music and the arts with the congregation and community for inspiration, education, and the renewal of the spirit. The concerts and events range from children's musicals to professional concerts by the likes of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Music ranges from classic to jazz.

After each event listed is information on how to purchase tickets, if necessary. For further information on any of the events, please contact Carol Carver at 651-439-7400, ext. 307 or [ccarver@trinitylc.org](mailto:ccarver@trinitylc.org).



**Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **St. Paul Chamber Orchestra**

*Shubert's Third Symphony*

For tickets call the SPCO box office at 651-291-1144 or visit [www.thespc.org](http://www.thespc.org).

**Saturday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **Valley Chamber Chorale, Saint Croix Jazz Orchestra & Music Saint Croix**

*A St. Croix Valley Collaboration*

The Valley Chamber Chorale, together with Music Saint Croix and the St. Croix Jazz Orchestra, present their season opening concert as a celebration of our life together in the St. Croix Valley. This is a much-anticipated evening of fine music where we call on each other's gifts to create a kaleidoscope of music: chamber music, choral music, big band music. Truly, something for everyone! FREE concert.

**Saturday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.**

### **Cantus**

*Discovery of Sight*

We have all experienced personal sunrise and twilight hour moments when we suddenly look at the world in a new way. *Discovery of Sight* revels in the mystery, science, and poetry of what it means to truly see. Beyond seasoned and much-loved masterpieces like Richard Strauss' *Traumlicht*, Franz Schubert's *Die Nacht*, and Eric Whitacre's *Lux Aurumque*, the program breaks new ground with a new commission from Gabriel Kahane.

Hailed as "the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States" (Fanfare) and winner of the prestigious Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence from Chorus America, Cantus enjoys an active schedule of national tour

dates and local concerts. We are pleased to have them perform in our community. For tickets call 612-435-0055.

**Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.**

### **Compass Rose Brass Ensemble**

We've heard this marvelous group in worship at Trinity—come hear them in concert. This would be the perfect concert for young musicians to attend. Go to their website and hear music recorded at Trinity: <https://compassrosebrass.com/video/>

**Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **St. Paul Chamber Orchestra**

*Mozart's Jupiter Symphony with Pekka Kuusisto*

For tickets call the SPCO box office at 651-291-1144 or visit [www.thespc.org](http://www.thespc.org).

**Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m.**

### **Croix Chordsmen and Sweet Adelines Christmas Show**

For tickets call 651-439-4527 or visit [www.stcroixvalleychapter.com](http://www.stcroixvalleychapter.com).

**Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **Christmas with Cantus**

Storytelling is a wondrous and meaningful part of the holiday season. In *Christmas with Cantus*, Cantus reimagines beloved stories through familiar carols and new holiday hits. Featuring narrated passages from such classic holiday tales as *A Christmas Carol*, *Gift of the Magi*, and *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, *Christmas with Cantus* reminds us of the meaning and joy of the season with fresh perspective and just the right amount of nostalgia. For tickets call 612-435-0055.



### Compass Rose Brass Ensemble



**Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m.**

#### **Christmas at Trinity**

The Trinity Choir, the Trinity Children's Choir and the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra join forces to bring the music of Christmas to Trinity. This is a first for Trinity, join in the festivities, bring your family and friends. A free-will offering will be taken.

**Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m.**

#### **Valley Chamber Chorale**

*American Songbook*

For tickets call 651-430-0124 or visit [www.valleychamberchorale.org](http://www.valleychamberchorale.org).

**Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m.**

#### **Grand Symphonic Winds**

FREE concert.

**Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Cantus**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

We can all too easily find ourselves detached from the natural world. Even so, the Earth always remains integral to our lives, providing not only life-sustaining resources but also artistic inspiration. Though we may be imperfect stewards of our planet, we can share an

appreciation of its profound beauty and fragility. Join Cantus at *For the Beauty of the Earth* for a celebration of the majesty of this planet that we share. For tickets call 612-435-0055.

**Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Stillwater High School Choir**

*Home Concert*

For tickets call 651-351-8208 or available at the door.

**Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **St. Paul Chamber Orchestra**

*Fragments with Patricia*

*Kopatchinkaja*

For tickets call 651-291-1144 or visit [www.thespco.org](http://www.thespco.org).

**Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Valley Chamber Chorale**

*The Fabric of War and Peace*

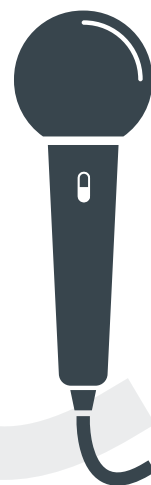
For tickets call 651-430-0124 or visit [www.valleychamberchorale.org](http://www.valleychamberchorale.org).

**Sunday, May 6 at 9 & 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Worship Services**

#### **Children's Musical**

**FINE ARTS  
CONCERT  
SERIES  
2017-2018**



## The Sun Shines on Stillwater: Clean Energy Event Series

Join your community for three Sundays in October and November for engaging events on where our energy comes from and how we can save energy and explore clean, renewable sources.

### Clean Energy Solutions & the Changing Climate Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:00pm Trinity Lutheran Church, 115 4th St N

J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director at Fresh Energy, will present on Minnesota's path towards a clean energy future. Learn and discuss details of energy development across Minnesota and next steps to achieve large reductions in carbon emissions. You'll leave primed and knowledgeable about clean energy solutions that benefit all Minnesotans!



### Clean Energy Tools for You & Your Community! Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:00pm Trinity Lutheran Church, 115 4th St N

How much energy could you be conserving? The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) will discuss saving energy, and money, in homes and businesses. They will also present options for solar energy, by rooftop or solar garden subscription.



### Energy Success Stories Panel: how did they do it? Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:00pm Ascension Episcopal Church, 214 3rd St N

Join us in learning from a panel of Stillwater business owners, East Metro city officials, clergy members, and homeowners about clean energy successes. We'll engage in table conversations about our vision for clean energy in Stillwater.



To ensure enough space and refreshments, RSVP is preferred. However, you may attend without an RSVP. Contact Julie at [julie@conservationminnesota.org](mailto:julie@conservationminnesota.org) or (651) 271-6391.



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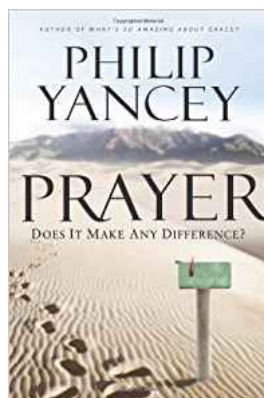
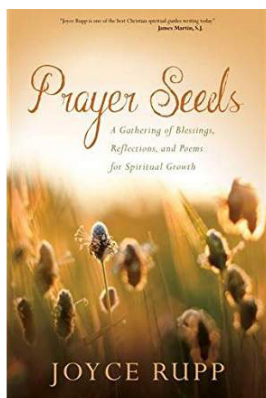
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### Personal Reading Checklist *by Norma Wilson, Library Volunteer*



#### The Bible

- The New Interpreter's Bible One Volume Commentary (REF 220.7)
- N. T. Wright's New Testament Commentaries for Everyone 18 volume set (227 WRIG)
- What Is the Bible? (200 BELL)
- The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us (241 FEIL)
- We Make the Road By Walking (248.4 MCLA)
- Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories (220.9 OCON)
- Maybe God is Like That Too (E G)
- Jonah and the Whale (E G)
- When God Was A Little Girl (E W)

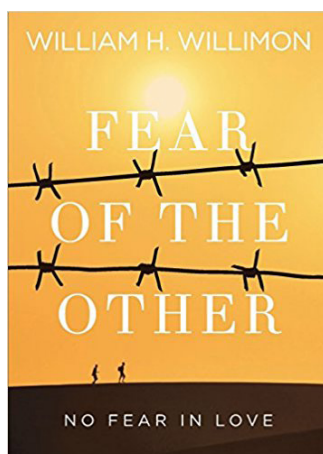


#### Prayer and Meditation

- Prayer Seeds (248.3 RUPP)
- Circle of Grace (242 RICH)
- Prayer: Does It Make A Difference (248.3 YANC)

#### Christian Living

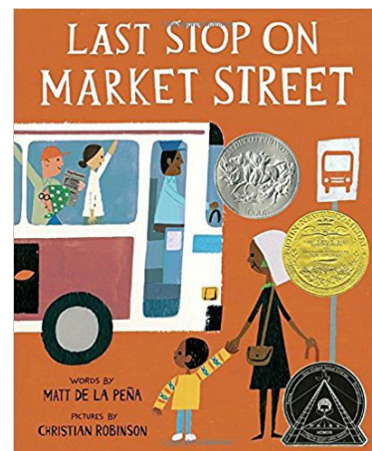
- The Cross and the Lynching Tree (277.3 CONE)
- Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love (WILL)
- Talking About Death: A Dialogue Between Parent And Child (155.9 GROL)
- Christianity After Religion (277.3 BASS)
- A Graceful Life: Lutheran Spirituality for Today (248.4 HANS)



- I'm Like you, You're Like Me: A Book About Understanding and Appreciating Each Other (E G)
- A Family Is A Family Is A Family (E O)

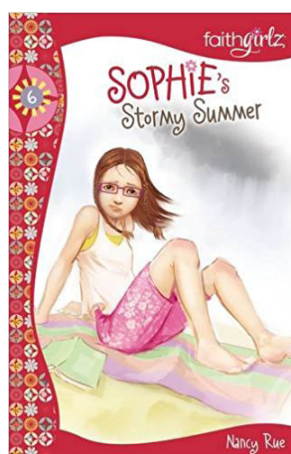
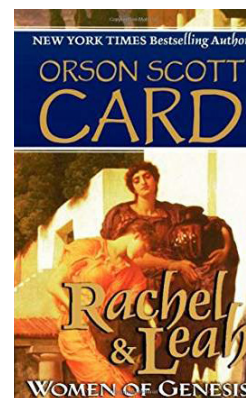
#### Gratitude and Generosity

- The Theological Roots of Christian Gratitude (241 WILS)
- Splat Says Thank You (E S)
- Stuff (E K)
- Those Shoes (E B)
- Last Stop on Market Street (E D)



#### Fiction

- Rule of Law (FIC SING)
- The 19th Wife (FIC EBEF)
- The Roundhouse (FIC ERDI)
- Rachel and Leah: Women of Genesis (FIC CARD)
- In His Steps (FIC SHEL)
- A Stranger a Thief and a Pack of Lies (JUV A)
- The Gift of the Pirate Queen (JUV G)
- My Life As A Smashed Burrito (JUV M) Series of multiple books 'the incredible life of Wally McDoogles'
- Sophie's Stormy Summer (JUV R) Series of multiple books 'faithGirlz!'





# The Blessings of Fellowship

*By Michelle Skjervold*

The love that a parent shares with a child is one of life's greatest gifts. God has given parents the opportunity to love, teach, guide, laugh and support these small humans that we get to call "ours." What a blessing!

However, any parent can tell you parenting is not all high points. There are definitely peaks but there are also valleys. Nothing can prepare you for the low points that can be experienced as a parent. From my own personal experience I can recall having moments of anxiety with so many questions running through my head. I am I doing everything right? Is my child going to turn out okay—or am I ruining him? Is it normal for him to act that way? Am I the worst parent ever? And the list goes on and on.

My entire adult life, I have known that I wanted to be a stay at home mom. However, I did not end up getting married until I was 38 and did not have my first child until I was close to 40. After I had my first child, circumstances did not allow for me to quit my job right away. Just shy of my son's first birthday things changed and I was able to quit my job to stay home with my child. I was overjoyed! This was what I had always wanted! However, it did not take long for me to realize that being home alone with an active toddler, who did not want to nap, made for some very long days. At the time, I really didn't know anyone on this side of town. All my friends and family lived on the west side of the cities where I had grown up. I began to feel isolated and lonely. I began to have longer than usual conversations with people who worked at the grocery store—just to have an adult conversation. I began to have less patience with my son. I began to not be the mother that I wanted to be. I couldn't understand why I was feeling this way. Didn't I have everything that I had wanted for so long?

I prayed to God for patience and for help to be a better mother. Shortly thereafter I met a new friend. She had a gift for pulling people together by introducing them to existing groups or starting groups where there was a need. Through introduction to these groups, I began to make personal connections with other mothers. I realized that

connecting with others, sharing the joys and challenges of life and being myself outside of my motherhood role gave me new energy to strive to be the mother that I wanted to be. I also found out that I was not alone in my parenting struggles. Others were grappling with the same or similar challenges and self-doubt. I learned that even though motherhood was something that I had longed for and wanted for so long, it does not define who I am as a person. I am more than a mother. I am an imperfect child of God who needs God's help and the help of those around me to get through life. I am a wife, a daughter, a sister and I am a friend. Being all of these things and nurturing these relationships, makes me a healthier person and sets a good example for my children. Being all of these things makes me a better mother.

One of the groups that I refer to above was called Hearts of the Home Moms. This year it became an official ministry of Trinity and we renamed it Christian Moms Fellowship. We wanted the name to be reflective of what the group aims to achieve—Christian fellowship for mothers with children of all ages.

Maybe you have already been through the struggle that I went through, or maybe it was never an issue for you, wherever you are in your journey through parenthood, we invite all fellow mothers to join us in conversation and

Christian learning. This fall we are offering a choice of two book studies. We meet from 9:30 – 11 a.m. on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday of each month through the school year. Childcare is available for those with children not yet in school. Our first meeting was in September, but it is never too late to join. Please see the Trinity website for more information and registration. Hope to see you there!

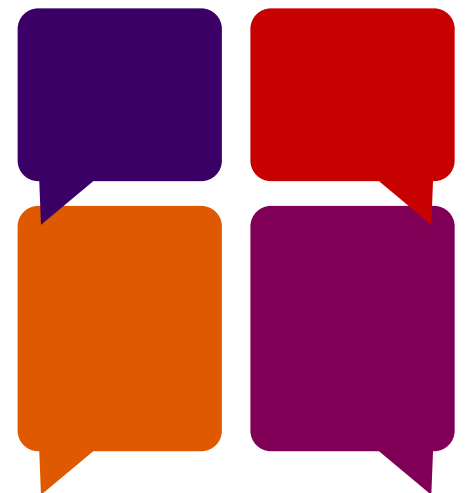
Register online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) > then select REGISTER > then select > Christian Moms Fellowship.

**Fall Session Dates:**  
**September 20**  
**October 4 & 18**  
**November 1, 15 & 29**  
**December 6 & 20**

**Christian  
Moms  
Fellowship**

**Got toddlers? Got  
teens? Love coffee  
and conversation?**

Join Christian Moms Fellowship—a group for moms with hearts for learning and growing in fellowship with other moms of all denominations and occupations.





## 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. We will be reading *Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex and Salvation* by Alice Connor.

Please RSVP to Lynae Olson at [lynae.ke.olson@gmail.com](mailto:lynae.ke.olson@gmail.com)

**Explore Frontenac State Park, on the Mississippi River**  
Saturday, October 7  
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 together before returning to Stillwater.

Please RSVP to Sandy Wendt at [sjwendt46@gmail.com](mailto:sjwendt46@gmail.com), Sandy Weber at [stillweber@hotmail.com](mailto:stillweber@hotmail.com) or Deborah Gillis at [deborahgillis@earthlink.net](mailto:deborahgillis@earthlink.net)



## Undie Sunday is October 1

We join our community and other area churches in the 5th Annual Valley Outreach Undie Sunday! Please bring your donations of NEW underwear and socks to church on Sunday, October 1. Sunday and Wednesday Faith Formation will be collecting NEW underwear and socks from children and youth on both Sunday, October 1 and Wednesday, October 4. We will collect and Valley Outreach will distribute to those who need them.

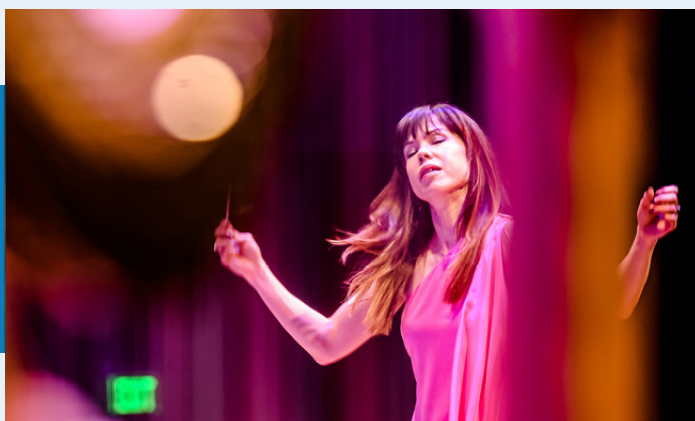
Suggestions from Valley Outreach: larger sizes for both men and women go fast, so do boxers—they are a favorite for both teen boys and men.

## 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](mailto:jon@123m.com) or (715) 755-2487.



## BAPTISMS

- Jameson Lee & Isaac Lee Meyers, sons of Andrew Meyers & Paula Hoff
- Ariella Jean Rousu, daughter of Chad & Carla Rousu

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To the family and friends of David Brill Linner.
- To the family and friends of Beatrice Viola Duberg.
- To the family and friends of Dale Bryce Martin.
- To the family and friends of Beatrice Norell Jackle.

## WORSHIP

### ATTENDANCE

<b>August 27</b>	<b>September 10</b>
9 a.m. ....145	(one a.m. service)
10 a.m. ....215	9 a.m. ....182
	5 p.m. ....4
<b>September 3</b>	<b>September 17</b>
9 a.m. ....141	(one a.m. service)
10 a.m. ....227	10 a.m. ....515



### Bridge for Trinity

Monday, October 2, 8:45-11:45 a.m.  
Garden Room, \$5

Come and bring friends for a morning of casual, fun bridge with men and women of all levels. Advance notice is not necessary.



In a Stillwater City park, with the expert guidance of Bob Kriesel and Ted Olson, a great expanse of berry-laden buckthorn was defeated during Gods Work. Our Hands. Many thanks to the 15 volunteers (30 hands) that tackled this thorny menace.

—Todd and Sue Peterson

## WORSHIP

### OPPORTUNITIES

**Regular Sunday Worship**  
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday Contemplative Worship**  
October 10 at 5 p.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.

## Sunday Morning Hospitality *by Ann Wolff, Hospitality Coordinator*

By now you probably have your fall routines on the calendar. Please consider adding Sunday morning hospitality. It's a great family commitment to your Trinity family. Years later, your kids will proudly remember—we used to greet (or usher or make coffee or serve Communion) at church the 4th Sunday of every month. A value life lesson!

Of course time conflicts arise, but that will not cause problems. As families do, we'll cover for each other. No worries there. If it works better to do an entire month, that's fine, too. It gives the once/month people a Sunday off.

Every month, about 120 people usher, greet, serve coffee, and serve Communion, so you can imagine there's a place for you, too. Warm thanks for your offer.

Contact Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com or 651-439-1972.

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## MEXICO.MISSION.2018

### Mexico Mission Information Meeting

Sunday, October 1 at Noon. 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.



# CALENDAR OCTOBER 1-31, 2017

## Sunday, October 1—Sunday Faith Formation Begins

- 9 a.m. Sunday Faith Formation (Age 4-Gr. 2): Garden Rm
- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning Reformation Roots: Living Rm
- Noon Mexico Mission 2018 Information Meeting: Garden Rm

## Monday, October 2

- 8:45 a.m. Bridge for Trinity: Garden Rm
- 6 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Call Committee Meeting: Rm 108B
- 7 p.m. GLOW Book Study: Living Rm
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, October 3

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Rm
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library

## Wednesday, October 4—Wednesday Faith Formation Begins

- 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 Rm/Worship Ctr
- 5:30 p.m. Green Space Follow-up Meeting: Office Conference Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza: Garden Rm
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Faith Formation (Gr. 3-5): Lower Level
- 6:15 p.m. Middle School Faith Formation (Gr. 6-8): Worship Center
- 6:15 p.m. 9th Gr. Faith Formation: Garden Rm
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm/Worship Ctr

## Thursday, October 5

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Yoga/Devotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 2 p.m. Healing Hearts Group: Rm 108B
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Rm 108, Youth Center

## Friday, October 6

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

## Saturday, October 7

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Rm 108B
- 8:30 a.m. GLOW: Frontenac State Park: Meet at Trinity to carpool
- 7:30 p.m. Valley Chamber/Music St. Croix/St. Croix Jazz Orchestra FREE Concert: Worship Center

## Sunday, October 8

- 9 a.m. Sunday Faith Formation (Age 4-Gr. 2): Garden Rm
- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning Reformation Roots: Living Rm
- 11:45 a.m. Accompaniment Training: Garden Rm
- 11:45 a.m. Budget Preview Meeting: Living Rm
- 11:45 a.m. Info. Meeting for MEA Urban Immersion Retreat: Rm 108B
- 5 p.m. Contemplative Worship: Heritage Chapel

## Monday, October 9

- 1 p.m. Rebekah Circle: Library
- 6 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. GLOW Book Study: Living Rm
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, October 10

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Rm
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 9 a.m. Retired Men's Group Kayak/Pontoon/Lunch Outing: Meet at Trinity to carpool
- 9:15 a.m. Leah Circle: Narthex
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 6:30 p.m. Budget Preview Meeting: Living Rm
- 7 p.m. Anna Circle: Members' Homes

## Wednesday, October 11

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:30 a.m. Boutwell's Sr. Communion: Boutwell's Landing
- 1 p.m. Marion Circle: Members' Homes
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm/Worship Ctr
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza: Garden Rm
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Faith Formation (Gr. 3-5): Lower Level
- 6:15 p.m. Middle School Faith Formation (Gr. 6-8): Worship Center
- 6:15 p.m. 9th Gr. Faith Formation: Garden Rm
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm/Worship Ctr

## Thursday, October 12

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Yoga/Devotion Chair/Flow: Narthex
- 1 p.m. Martha Circle: Living Rm
- 1:30 p.m. Dorcas Circle: Rm 108B
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Rm 108, Youth Center

## Friday, October 13

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

## Saturday, October 14

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

## Sunday, October 15

- 9 a.m. Sunday Faith Formation (Age 4-Gr. 2): Garden Rm
- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning Reformation Roots: Living Rm
- 11:45 a.m. Newcomer's Luncheon: Garden Rm
- 1 p.m. Mexico Mission 2018 Sr. Leaders Meeting: Living Rm
- 6:30 p.m. Clean Energy Forum: Garden Rm

## Monday, October 16

- 9 a.m. Ruth Circle: Members' Homes
- 6 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. GLOW Book Study: Living Rm
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, October 17

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Rm
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library

## Wednesday, October 18—MEA Break, No Children's Choir, Faith Formation or River

- All day Urban Immersion Service Retreat (Gr. 7-9)
- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Moms Fellowship (formerly Hearts of the Home Moms): Lower Level
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm/Worship Ctr
- TBD Trinity Night at the Movies: Imagine White Bear Theater

## Thursday, October 19

- All day Urban Immersion Service Retreat (Gr. 7-9)
- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Yoga/Devotion Chair/Flow: Narthex

- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting: Office Conference Rm
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon & Alateen Meeting: Rm 108, Youth Center

## Friday, October 20

- All day Urban Immersion Service Retreat (Gr. 7-9)
- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Rm 108B

## Saturday, October 21

- All day Urban Immersion Service Retreat (Gr. 7-9)
- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Rm 108B

## Sunday, October 22—MEA Break, No Sunday Faith Formation

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Communion, Nursery: Worship Center
- 10:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning Reformation Roots: Living Rm

## Monday, October 23

- 6 p.m. Lutefish & Meatball Dinner Meeting: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. GLOW Book Study: Living Rm
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, October 24

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Rm
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 7 p.m. Literature Lovers Night Out Event: Worship Center

## Wednesday, October 25

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 11:30 a.m. Supporting Women As Professionals (SWAP): Offsite
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm/Worship Ctr
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza: Garden Rm
- 6:15 p.m. Impact Parenting Session: Living Room
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Faith Formation (Gr. 3-5): Lower Level
- 6:15 p.m. Middle School Faith Formation (Gr. 6-8): Worship Center
- 6:15 p.m. 9th Gr. Faith Formation: Garden Rm
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm/Worship Ctr

## Thursday, October 26

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

## Friday, October 27

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

## Saturday, October 28

- 8 a.m. AA Meeting: Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Rm 108B
- 7 p.m. Compass Rose Brass Ensemble Concert: Worship Center

## Sunday, October 29—Reformation Sunday, One Service Only, No Sunday Faith Formation

- 10 a.m. Worship, Communion: Worship Center
- 6:30 p.m. Clean Energy Forum: Garden Room

## Monday, October 30

- 6 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. GLOW Book Study: Living Rm
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

## Tuesday, October 31

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Rm
- 9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
- 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Church Office
- 4 p.m. Quilting Group: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. AA Meeting: Library



# Trinity Night at the Movies

Imagine White Bear Lake Theater  
(1180 County Rd J, White Bear Township, MN 55110)

**Wednesday, October 18**

Cost is \$9.00 and includes ticket,  
complimentary popcorn, fountain  
drink, and a special gift

You are invited to attend a red carpet movie  
premiere of *Same Kind of Different As Me* at the  
Imagine White Bear Lake Theater on Wednesday,  
October 18, 2017! The movie is rated PG-13.  
Cost is \$9.00 and includes ticket, complimentary  
popcorn, fountain drink, and a special gift.  
Tickets will be available in the church office.  
Plans for carpooling are in process.

*Same Kind of Different As Me* is the inspiring story  
of international art dealer Ron Hall (played by  
Greg Kinnear), who befriends a homeless man  
(played by Djimon Hounsou) in hopes of saving  
his struggling marriage to Debbie (played by  
Renee Zellweger), a woman whose dreams will  
lead all three of them on the most remarkable  
journey of their lives. This amazing true story is  
based on the New York Times bestselling book of  
the same title.



Please join us for an evening that  
will help educate and transform  
our community's understanding of  
homelessness, addiction and poverty.

Watch for a specific time to be  
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