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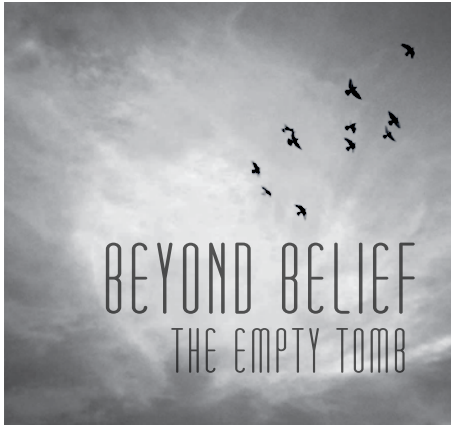
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P A S T O R D A N
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E A S T E R L I V I N G

Today I went to visit with a man who has cancer; he had invited me to talk with him and his wife about his funeral. It was a lovely talk that was mostly about life, living and joy. We laughed more than anything. We promised that the funeral would be a celebration, and that life and faith would be the themes of the day. He is a man of faith, full of love and gratitude. Our time was a blessing.

Then I visited with another couple who have suffered some very real losses this year: loss of loved ones, loss of some independence, aging. Yet interwoven in it all was talk of faith, and a tenderness played between them that was both loving and lovely. Hope, gratefulness and joy spent some time in our conversation. It was a gift.

We are all on this course together. Sometimes I forget that this human experience, despite its infinite variations, is basically the same for us all. Life is filled with joy, adventure, work, calling, love, family, growing, suffering, learning, aging, blessing — and faith. It is ours to navigate together, holding hands and being kind to one another. Through it all we are equal parts courageous and afraid. Days turn into years so quickly. It is easy to take it all for granted. But in our best moments, we realize that it is a precious and sacred life we are given.

Jesus spoke of the great commandment: love God with everything you have, and love your neighbor as yourself.

This one teaching is the whole Gospel and the precious secret of life. We can spend a lifetime mining the truth of this and discovering its richness. We can also grasp the truth of it in an instant, and it transforms our life and our living. Once we hear these words of Jesus and make it our way of life, everything changes. It is what makes life a beautiful, joyful experience, and what makes living possible despite its obvious challenges.

To love God is to acknowledge that this is a sacred, intended and grace-filled world; that you and I are loved creations, and that life is meant to be cherished and lived to the full. We acknowledge that we are neither Creator nor the center of existence. We live a life that is a free gift, a marvel and a wonder. We are joyful, grateful and wonder-filled.

To love our neighbor as our self is to live a kind, generous and loving life. We are to look out for one another, provide for one another, forgive one another and rejoice, comfort and mourn one another. Simple. Gracious.

This is one, brief, sacred life. We are to be grateful and playful with God; kind and generous with one another; and unafraid of today or tomorrow. All is a gift from God.

Easter reminds us that, even in our dying, we are to live. And we will live through our dying. There is, for you as well as Jesus, a grave that will soon be emptied. For in God, we move from life through death to life again.

P A S T O R
S T E P H A N I E V O S



T H E S T O R I E S W E T E L L

The stories we tell shape who we are. The Bible is filled with stories. We could have been given a laundry list of rights and wrongs, we could have been given a ‘manual,’ but our sacred text is bursting with narrative — narrative filled with plot twists and turns, lovable characters, and cliffhanger endings. And these stories have been told and retold for thousands of years, passed down one generation to the next, circling and cycling through meaning and significance, touching each new community in which they are told.

The stories we tell shape who we are. As a church, one of our major stories is the story of Jesus at Easter, the story of the power of life over death and the truth of renewal. It is one that brings us together and helps us understand the world and our place in it. We remind ourselves and our world that we are people of hope beyond belief, that we are people of trust, that we are people of newness and abundant life.

There’s another story that we tell, one we share together every week, and that is the story of communion. The story of how God comes to be among us in these elements of bread and wine. Of how ordinary things become the means by which we taste and touch and see the living God.

There are so many ways to tell this story. We often talk about “the night in which he was betrayed,” but the truth is that Jesus sat around a table, sharing meals and sharing fellowship, all the time. Jesus talked about being the bread of life, showing up to sustain and

nourish us. In the Old Testament, God provided bread of life every morning to those in the wilderness, as a continual reminder and promise to the people that they were dearly loved and cared for.

We are a people to whom God has promised to show up, a people who tell the stories of God showing up in our lives. We have so many ways to tell this story, and sometimes we need new ways to tell it so that it continues to be meaningful. This is the preacher’s basic task each week: tell the story, the same old story that has shaped us for so many years, and tell it so that we can hear it anew. Tell us what we already know to be true, and surprise us with its truth, even now.

I think communion is a story that needs to be reimagined and retold; a story that needs to be explored and expanded and expressed in rich new ways so that we hear its full beauty and its full truth. It is a story that has a powerful hold on us — just look at all of the children and families who came forward for First Communion on Maundy Thursday! This is clearly a story that shapes our community. Following Easter, we’re going to be exploring the story of communion together, discovering anew how this sacrament can speak to us.

The stories we tell shape who we are, and it’s worth inviting ourselves to look at them again and again, turning them over, listening for the truths we know, and the truths we don’t yet know.

Summer is fast approaching and Pastor Dan and I need your help! We want to hear from you about what you’d like to hear from us. This summer, we’re going to be preaching from *your* suggestions. Tell us about your favorite Bible story — one that never really gets told in church; one that always puzzles you; one that has shaped you and your family; or one you’ve always loved. You can make your suggestions in a few ways:

- Post them to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater)
- Email them to info@trinitylc.org
- Write them down and put them in the Bible Story Suggestion Boxes at church.

Then, this summer during worship, come and hear these stories.

We can’t do it without you — and we can’t wait to hear from you!



MY JOURNEY

By Tim Gillis

Tim Gillis has been exploring On Purpose ministry for eight years. He began with exploring his strengths through StrengthsFinders, then added some understanding from the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, and finally included the wisdom of the Enneagram, which has now become a passion of his. He also has participated regularly in Trinity's Contemplative Practice on Thursday mornings. This essay is a reflection of his journey of spiritual self-discovery — from the rearview mirror.



My life was messy — and I didn't know how to deal with the messiness of it. In truth, that's what started me on this journey of exploration: life wasn't working for me.

Thank goodness my life was messy and I was out of options, because it got me to go

to an On Purpose meeting.

At first, I was afraid to show up because I wasn't a Trinity member. Jody Thone's response was, "We don't care. If you're interested in learning about yourself and your walk with God, you're welcome." So it was an invitation to me to learn how to deal with the messiness.

When I began this journey, I thought it was all about me. And, to a certain extent, it was: I learned how I was uniquely designed and how I was showing up in the world. But as I continued down the path of exploration about who I was, I realized I was missing something: if someone didn't get some benefit out of me "showing up" in the world, then I wasn't doing something right.

I don't know whether I can pinpoint the exact moment everything came together. But I think I can explain how my lens changed.

I was in a men's group here at Trinity and we were doing the Animate series. I figured the series would be a one-time event that would teach me everything I needed to know about the Bible and how to make life wonderful. Somewhere in the discussion, though, a light bulb went on: the Bible was meant to be a day-to-day conversation with God! So, I could go to the concordance, look up what I was feeling, and then see what God had to say about it.

I now understand that I have to see what God has in mind for me. Whatever that is, the real gift of God is that the relationship is open anytime we want to receive it.

There are lots of things we don't know. But there are lots of things we can do to further our relationship with God. Like showing gratitude for things in the moment and hearing however God whispers — and then taking action.

How do you know God has something for you to do today? You got out of bed and see that you're breathing, that's how!

When I came to Trinity and heard Jody's message, I felt this was a place where I was accepted, no matter what journey I was on, and that we were going to journey together. Looking back, I realize I didn't have a clue how I'd know when I emerged from the messiness. How do you recognize when things are good? I didn't recognize it until a few months ago, when my wife said to me, "You're more tender now." That's when I realized I had changed — hopefully for the better.

I had to hit rock bottom to start my journey with Trinity and On Purpose. But really, if you're not experiencing the fruits of the spirit, then it's time to start your own journey. You don't have to hit rock bottom.

I have five granddaughters now and there is a sweetness there I never would have experienced had I not been on this journey.

For that reason, and so many more, my journey will never end.



If you would like to begin a journey of self-discovery and exploring God's purpose for you, please contact Jody Thone at jthone@trinitylc.org.



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Led by Jody Thone.

LIFELONG LEARNING WHAT I'VE LEARNED AS A 9TH GRADE CO-LEADER

By Allison Siburg

We're in the home stretch!

Trinity's 9th graders will be sharing their personal theologies with their small groups and families at this year's last family meal. They have done some fabulous work this year discovering what they think about God and Jesus, and how God works through their passions, communities, families, experiences, and what they learn in school.

You might remember that Discourse: God (formerly Building your Personal Theology) is offered to adults in a four-week format; it guides adults in discovering their theological voices. Part of my job is to share Discourse with other churches, also (11 and counting: check out photos at www.instagram.com/discourseseries). Discourse also has been adapted into a year-long curriculum for 9th graders; it helps them discover they are theologians with a unique personal theology.

This year, Pastor Dan Poffenberger and I co-lead the 9th grade Discourse class: I coach and interact with the small-group leaders while he facilitates large-group learning experiences.

Just like the 9th graders, I know I'll never take off my "learning" hat. The people around me, the world around me, continues to inspire, challenge, and nudge me to explore where I've been and where I want to go.

In the spirit of this exploration, I want to share three things I learned as a 9th grade co-leader this year:

Trinity's 9th graders are hungry to know how school and faith can co-exist.

In the first half of the year we explored four primary roots of theology. One of them was "reason", wherein we jumped from table-to-table to discuss different topics, from "Literature and God", to "Non-Christian Religions and God", to "Science and God". For an age group that's often stereotyped as annoying, apathetic or distracted, these 9th graders certainly didn't run true to form. In fact, I had to shout above the fray that we were out of time — they wanted to continue talking about salvation and the afterlife. They're way more eager to connect what they're learning at school and what they think about God than I thought they would be.

The relationship between students and small group adult leaders is the heartbeat of confirmation.

Yes, small group leaders keep students on task, but they're so much more than that. They hope to live out of their present and past experiences of God and faith — sometimes good memories, sometimes not — to the students they lead. At the same time, they also have to deal with parents who pass away, kids who tear their ACL, and workplaces that are bumpy. Regardless, they bring all they are and all they have,

and they steward their time and energy to be present each week with their five-to-12 students. There's a sense of hope in these adults that I wish I could duplicate 100 times over, because every 9th grader, Lutheran or not, Minnesotan or not, deserves an adult who loves them enough to ask these children of God: "What do you dream of doing someday?"

I can out-awkward a 9th grader. Easily.

I'd like to think I'm a people-person, but when we gather with all the confirmation students on Wednesdays, I sometimes want to camouflage myself with the walls. Some of the 9th graders feel the same way: they're hesitant to connect with each other or with us scary adults. But once that see a connecting-smile or receive a tap on the shoulder to have them help lead a discussion, they're on! These 9th graders are smart and capable, and are in the process of articulating, in their own language, who God is. That's a gift not only to them, but also to this community and the world. I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who thinks the world needs more people who are willing to be seen and willing to learn about what they think about God — because what you think about God impacts how you spend money, how you vote, how you interact with your family, friends and complete strangers. It reaches into your life more than you might think.

It has been really fun this past year to see how the Discourse: God theology class continues to touch lives — 9th graders, adults, volleyball players, singers, gardeners and senior high science teachers. I hope that you join me in celebrating the 9th grade leaders and students — and also consider experiencing this learning process for yourself!

A promotional graphic for the "discourse" class. It features a blue background with a white speech bubble containing the word "discourse". To the right, the text "DISCOVERING YOUR THEOLOGICAL VOICE" is written above a glowing sunburst containing the word "GOD". Below the sunburst is a small cartoon figure of a person with arms raised. The text "Want to get in touch with what YOU believe about God? Join us for the next Discourse: God class!" is written in white. Below that, the schedule "Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Location TBA" is listed. At the bottom, the contact information "Contact Allison Siburg at asiburg@trinitylc.org for more information." is provided.

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DISCOVERING YOUR THEOLOGICAL VOICE

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To invite, empower and inspire integrated generations to cultivate lifelong intentional Christian faith.

*By Lucinda White
Faith & Family team member*

I grew up in the church, and faith was a big deal for my family. By the time I was in high school, I started asking the big, scary, and necessary questions about God and Christian faith. My questions followed me through college and into early adulthood. But even in my struggle, I never gave up searching and hoping for answers that would satisfy both my mind and my heart. Here's why I never gave up: because I saw in my parents a faith that guided their lives, gave them joy, and made them more humble people. They clearly were experiencing something, —Someone— that was far bigger and better than being nice, moral, or right. I was inspired to continue my quest, and eventually God did grant me a faith that was my own. Now that I am a parent, I am thinking about how to share this with my kids and how to help other families on this journey.

In April 2013, the Trinity Congregational Council commissioned the Faith and Family 2020 Team to cast a vision to “define a sustainable ministry model with the outcome of a maturing Christian faith in children, youth, and families.” The Council was well aware that, while a sizable number of American teenagers attend church, only about 8% could be considered “highly devoted” teenagers whose faith makes a significant difference in their lives. The Council knew that a great majority of teenagers believe Christianity is simply about being nice, moral, and responsible, and they lack the ability to articulate their faith. Rather than wait for that to be the story of our Trinity youth, the Council took action.

Over the course of eight months, the Faith and Family team studied current research concerning the faith development of American youth, looking closely at the factors that highly devoted youth have in common. We learned these youth are generally faring

better in life than their peers, have influential adults in their lives modeling faith, hear the testimonies of others and tell their own faith stories, are part of a church community that believes and teaches a distinctly Christian message, and are part of quality church youth programs. In addition to our reading, we consulted with church leaders and polled the congregation for its input. We came up with an overarching vision — To invite, empower and inspire integrated generations to cultivate lifelong intentional Christian faith — which we have broken down into six research-supported “matters statements.” These matters statements will guide our church as it plans for our children, youth and families.

1. Faith Matters

The reason the church exists is to embody the Good News of Jesus Christ. The story of Jesus is radical and should dramatically set us apart from civic clubs and community groups. Parents and congregations get the kind of faith they model. Our youth are discriminating: when they see authentic faith, they are inspired to pursue it themselves. No matter what our church chooses to try in our programming, let us keep our eye on the prize: a deepening relationship with God for all of us.

2. Parents Matter

Whether we like it or not, our children are likely to follow in our faith footsteps. This doesn't mean parents have to have all the answers, but it does mean that if your children see you take your faith journey seriously, they are likely to take their own seriously. A key role of the church is to help parents be as effective spiritual guides as they can be.

3. Impact Adults Matter

Youth should be connected with at least five caring adults to thrive.

When kids know specific adults who are “on their team,” they have a web of support to catch them when they fall and keep them connected to faith for the long haul. We all have a role to play!

4. Missional Expression Matters

Christianity is a faith of belief and action. When a congregation is missional, we both model our faith and talk about it. When youth are missional, they learn to take the focus off of themselves by serving others and to articulate their own faith, all of which contributes to a faith that sticks.

5. Connecting Generations Matters

Along with being part of quality youth programs, children need to know they belong to a larger church family. Including youth in all-church worship and multi-age fellowship are some ways to foster this identity. Grandparents play a very influential role in children's faith, so let's make sure that we tap into this resource.

6. Content Matters

Along with inspiring our youth, our responsibility is teaching them. It is our Baptismal Promise. As children mature, having a foundation of Bible knowledge, Christian doctrine, and Lutheran tradition will give them the resources for informed searching. In order for Christian faith to be meaningful, we all need to be comfortable using scripture and discussing what Christian faith means.

The work of the Faith and Family team has launched the whole congregation on a journey that will benefit not only our youth, but all of us. It will light a fire under our own walk with God, connect us with each other, inspire us to learn as we teach, and keep us reaching out to our world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will all grow in faith.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



By Ann Wolff
Trinity Library Volunteer

Libraries are wonderful places to find great stories, to learn, to be inspired, to look back and to look ahead. The Trinity Library is no exception. Well, actually it is an exception. It was deemed exceptionally wonderful by everyone who attended the Twin Cities Area Church Library Association's spring meeting at Trinity earlier this month.

As one who helps only marginally at Trinity's library, I can tout the people whose gifts have made it a flourishing place with an unparalleled collection of books. Thank you Norma Wilson, Linda Flood, Barb Martin, Sue Broberg, Sheila Doherty, Doreen Johnson, Mary Anne Staberg, Karen Gieseke, and Jim Jenson!

Trinity values learning and study, as evidenced by its monthly calendar of numerous Bible studies and book clubs, and by the library's extensive collection of books that inform and transform. Many of the books in Trinity's library are not readily found on shelves in public libraries or bookstores.

Books come to the Trinity Library through personal connections. I had read *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed*, by Philip Hallie (944.8 HALL), many years ago because I knew the eldest daughter in the Trocmé family. Re-reading it today, many years later, in every chapter I find inspiration,

wisdom, and perspective for dealing with the harsh realities of life.

During the four years of German occupation of the French village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, a pacifist



Huguenot minister, André Trocmé, his family, and his village of 3,000, saved 5,000 refugees, mostly children. This was, of course, with full knowledge of the horrific personal risk they were taking—a truly amazing story.

From the Good Samaritan to 3,000 Chambonnais back to me! This book is a gift of hope and an affirmation of the goodness of people. It is a reminder that, yes, one person can make a difference, one community can save thousands of lives from harm, a small percentage of people can shine God's light brightly in the surrounding darkness.

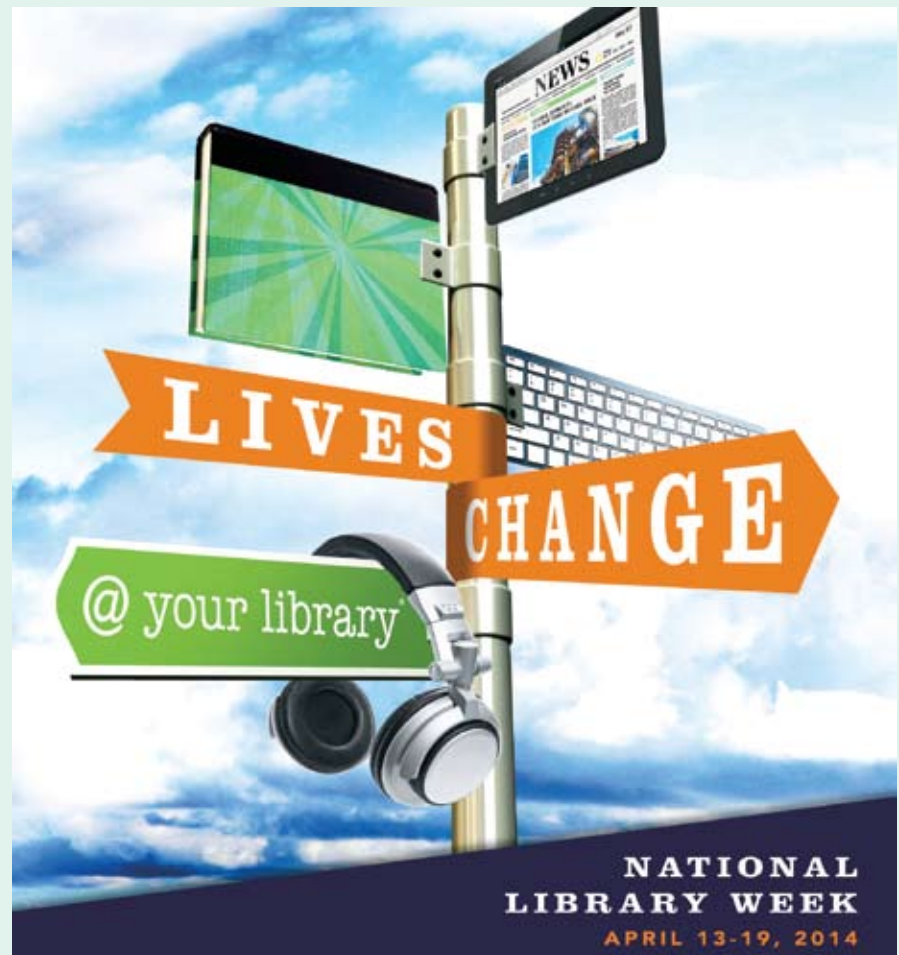
The Trinity Library also has two copies of André Trocmé's *Angels and Donkeys*. One is shelved under JUV T because it is a collection of stories he told



to children. Another is shelved under FIC TROC because it was the adults who heard the stories and took them to heart and into action.

Also new in the library is *Miracle at Sea* by Eleanor Anderson (940.53 ANDE), another amazing story of faith set during World War II and brought to our attention by Chris Duchow who has a personal connection to the author.

The week you receive this issue of *Trinity Today*, April 13-19, is National Library Week: Lives Change @ Your Library. What an appropriate slogan for The Trinity Library and the stories it holds!



MISSIONS:

Mexico Mission 2014

"Mi Casa es Su Casa" *By Tom Thiets*

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This year's Mexico Mission was another tremendous week. The theme verse, selected by our student leaders, was from 1 John 3:18: Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. It concisely states our desire to model the love Christ expressed for those in need. This mission trip provides us with an opportunity of living out our faith by doing meaningful and significant work alongside our mission partners that provides a much needed benefit to those in need.

The Mexico Mission experience has a rich, three-decade history of providing an opportunity for our students and adult leaders to launch or deepen their faith in Christ through the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Once again, the members of Trinity and the extended community supported this mission with funding and prayers. The blessings continue each year, as our students step into roles modeled by previous student leaders, and our core of dedicated adult leaders encourage and walk alongside those students.

The mission team departed Minnesota for the Yucatan Peninsula on Thursday, March 12. Upon their arrival at the Cancun International airport, they boarded motor-coach buses for a six-hour journey to the small fishing village of Chuburna Puerto, which they would call home for the next week. This village, of about 1,200 people, is both a working fishing village —where fish are caught one at a time by groups of men in small open boats that venture miles out into the Gulf of Mexico— and a vacation area for the wealthy people who live in the Yucatan capital of Merida. So, there is a mix of cabins on the gulf side near the beach and family homes back toward the swampy back water.



Our home is the Presbyterian Church Bible Camp that Mano Amiga mission teams have helped re-build since 1990. There is ample dormitory space to hang the hammocks, as well as a small kitchen and a covered dining area. All in all, it is truly a magical place for ministry.

Our days were filled with working on the roofs of 16 homes and roofing a large Assembly of God church in the nearby village of Chelem. Roofing in the Yucatan means concrete work. Each batch consists of 12 five-gallon pails of sand, eight five-gallon pails of gravel, and two 110-pound bags of Portland Cement blended by hand on the ground and transported to the roof by bucket. The group divides into work teams and completes five to six projects each day.

The team worked hard and touched the lives of 16 families and a growing congregation. At the end of the work, every project is blessed and we say a prayer to thank God for our safety and the opportunity to preach the gospel through our service. We like to call it preaching the sermon of the

shovel or of the bucket. No translation is needed, as the families express their appreciation and thankfulness through tears and hugs. The heartfelt expression *mi casa es sus casa* —my house is your house— truly means that if we ever find ourselves in need of a place to stay, we have homes in the Yucatan ready to welcome us.

On Sunday, our "day off", we host about 200 children for a mini vacation Bible school program featuring arts and crafts, games, and Bible drama, followed by a lunch for them and their parents. During this special time, we create bonds of friendship that have lasted for many years. One such enduring relationship is with Lamuel, a 23-year-old man who attended our VBS program as a child and is now the mayor of the village that partners with our mission teams.

Every night at camp, the team gathers for nightly devotions after dinner. We start with a large group gathering, singing songs and listening to faith talks. Afterward, the team breaks into their





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MISSIONS *Alumni* ASSOCIATION

by John E. Lottes

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Savior, Jesus! Wow — what a week. You guys are all awesome! Thanks for including and welcoming Jane and me into Trinity's 2014 Mexico Mission trip. It was truly an honor to be allowed to work alongside you all, *servimos juntos* (serving together). "Let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth." What a blessing it was to see this text put into practice by the youth and leaders from your church.

There is an interesting parallel to your mission's theme: you may or may not know that the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is on Long Island; this is one of our nation's service academies and its motto is *acta non verba* — Latin for "actions not words" — and a really great condensation of the 2014 Mission theme. Actions, not mere words: talk is easy; actions, not so much. Hand blending cement and sand, hand mixing concrete, using buckets instead of a transit mixer, and passing up buckets instead of using a concrete pumps are all very difficult tasks, but done as a great testament to your own personal commitment to love God and love your neighbors as yourselves. Actions consistent with words. What a great blessing it was to be part of it.

As we gathered together the last Saturday night for devotions — besides being pretty zonked from the work day — I spent some time looking around at you all, actually seeing Christ in your faces as we sang and prayed. Equally impressive was knowing how hard each of you had worked that day, yet you were still joyfully worshipping instead of just hitting your hammocks in exhaustion.

As you may know, Jane and I are blessed to work at Long Island Lutheran High School, so being around young people is not something new to us. But what stood out, what impressed us, were the mature outlooks in each of the faith talks; in young people leading worship and song in true sincerity; in the leadership at the work sites; and, in general, the actual caring for others in a compassionate way.

I have been reflecting on my experiences quite a bit already. Just a few of the things that come to mind: first word, daily chores, the meals (awesome), the "chicken buses," the work sites (start to finish and blessing the homes), the faces of those people we were helping, los ninos at the camp site, snacks, the senior leader skits, devotions, small group time, and even the hamacas — such great memories!

Thank you all for letting us be part of your Mission Trip.

Joe, Matt, Dan, and Gloria, thanks for preparing such wonderful meals (and for leading our "small group") — you guys take "camp food" to another level!

And to "Señor Tomas," thanks for arranging our participation and helping get us there! You are truly a servant-leader and I am blessed to know you!

It is my prayer that you all will continue to grow in your faith and may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Blessings!

John E. Lottes, M.S., EMT-B

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small groups for conversation and discussion. Finally, we end each day by curling up in our hammocks for a night of rest before doing it all again the next day.

The team wishes to thank all of the sponsors who supported this mission financially and with their prayers!

Blessings and peace, Tom Thiets

Valley Outreach Volunteers Needed – with Evening Hours!

We need volunteers at the food shelf on Mon., Apr. 21, Wed., Apr. 23 and Fri., Apr. 25 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We are also asking for volunteers for the evening shift on Tue., Apr. 22 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. *If you can help, please contact Kathy Hagen at 651-341-8711 or sprucehaagen@comcast.*

MEXICO MISSION 2014:

God is With You—Make a Difference Today

By Emily Johnson

I feel my hammock gently rocking, so I open one of my eyes. I see my heroic leader at the base of the hammock, with one hand on it, and I hear her whispering, “Good morning! God is with you — make a difference today!” As my senses slowly begin working, I hear the faint crash of waves in the distance, paired with the smell of dirty shirts and sunscreen.

Today is the last workday of Mexico Mission 2014. My last day.

My body aches as I prepare for the day. I walk out and sit down at the table where my group is getting ready for breakfast. Soon enough, we’re loading the busses to go to Progreso.

When we arrive at Progreso, we begin to separate buckets with shovels — which I will tell you is not an easy task. To separate buckets, you need to trust that the person working with you will not slam a shovel down on your hand. Typically, one person rests the buckets his or her legs, holding the sides of the top bucket, to absorb some of the impact. Then, a fellow volunteer will bring the shovel down, trying to hit only the bottom bucket. He or she will hit roughly three times on one side, then rotate the bucket to loosen the other side. In my three years as a Mexico missionary, I haven’t seen anyone’s fingers get scrunched or, for that matter, any bucket that couldn’t withstand a teenager with a shovel.

There is an extreme sense of teamwork on the worksites. One person puts an empty bucket at the foot of a person shoveling sand or gravel; the next person fills that bucket with their material; then someone else will pick up the bucket and move it to the donut, which is the cement mixing hole.

I want to take a moment to personally thank God for blessing the Mexico Mission with teenage boys who can lift

bags of Portland cement. Without them, we’d have less of a chance of getting anything done!

Once all of the dry material is laid on the ground, two people mix it down and two different people mix it back. It takes about five people to effectively open the donut to fill it with gravel saturated with water.

Again, thanking God for everyone who has upper body strength!

This year the Mexico missionaries studied I Corinthians 12:20-25, which says:

For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of. An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn’t be a body, but a monster. What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, “Get lost; I don’t need you”? Or, Head telling Foot, “You’re fired; your job has been phased out”? As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way — the “lower” the part, the more





basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach. When it's a part of your own body you are concerned with, it makes no difference whether the part is visible or clothed, higher or lower. You give it dignity and honor just as it is, without comparisons. If anything, you have more concern for the lower parts than the higher. If you had to choose, wouldn't you prefer good digestion to full-bodied hair? The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every

other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. (The Message)

This verse means that each person in the community, like each part of the body, is there for a specific reason: each doing his or her own, individual part. This is so true at the worksite. Like I said, God blessed people on the trip with amazing upper arm strength that was needed to lift up the buckets to the roof, and to carry the 80-pound bags of portland to the sand piles. Even people who feel as though they aren't doing much work, like those in the empty bucket line, are

needed. We need everybody there to ensure the work be done efficiently.

Once we're back at camp, we can decompress from the hard day's work and play with the children. I've heard the phrase "smiles are universal", but I never fully understood it until I was faced with five short, fluent Spanish speakers who wanted to play. I was so ready to play with them — until I realized I hadn't taken Spanish in two years. I tried communicating through broken Spanish, and eventually we were on the same page about playing Frisbee.

I threw the Frisbee to one of the children and he missed it. Instead of teasing him, his friends laughed and told him to pick it up so we could continue playing. Unfortunately for us, it was an extremely windy day and the Frisbee was set on not returning to us. During one throw, the Frisbee got caught in the wind and traveled up into the brushy area to the left of camp. That might have stopped children here in Stillwater, but not down in Mexico. The boys sprinted toward the Frisbee — one of them kindly warning me that scorpions liked to nestle between the brush and the sand. We eventually recovered the Frisbee and, when it was time for dinner, they said thank you and left camp with smiles on their faces.

I can tell you now that I will never forget those faces.

Mexico Mission is my favorite thing I've done thus far in my life. Nothing even comes close. Because God was with us — and we made a difference.

Emily Johnson is a Trinity member and a senior at Stillwater Area High School.

CARE MINISTRIES



CONNECTING IN THE INTERIM

By Zanny Johnson

I have a bunch of friends with whom I've chatted over the past nine years, before and after church services. I've watched and admired their steady, unswerving faith lives from afar. I have seen them grieve the death of husbands, sisters, brothers, children and other friends with grace and courage and style. In these friends I have witnessed the loving and lifting up of each other through prayer, hot dishes, coffee and circle meetings, the ministry of phone calls and prayer shawls, embroidered hand towels and flowers sent. These friends — Norma, Sylvia, MaryAnne, Ute, Darlene, Carol, Gerri, Kay, Joan, Diane, Marilyn, Jane, Jean, Flo, Irene, Joanne, Marian, Miriam, Gail, Dee, Karen, Lois, Phyllis, Sandra (to name a few) — are living, breathing examples of quiet strength and steady witnesses of the love of God.

What an honor and privilege it is to stand next to these women and see, up close, the way they love and care for each other and for our community. To see the light in their eyes as they slip me a note about a friend who recently had a stroke and is in the nursing home; to run into them on a walk around Lake McKusick and hear about the leftover flowers from a church event they delivered to the St. Croix Care center instead of throwing away; to visit with them in a circle meeting and learn about a 93-year-old shut-in who encourages her son to come to church; to sit with the prayer team and hear the clear, confident sound of each and every name lifted up and held in the light and grace of God's love; to visit one friend's apartment and listen to the story of her best friend, now in hospice, who told her son, "tell her I love her and I'll see her in heaven."

These friends. These warm, wise, funny, courageous, tender and strong friends. I love them and am learning so much from them. And I am so grateful for the way they are the hands and feet and eyes and arms of Christ.

Need an **EXTRA LARGE Worship Bulletin?**

If so, please call the Church Office at 651-439-7400 by Wednesday afternoon and let us know. We'll be happy to provide one for you on Saturday or Sunday.

Care Pastor Call Committee Nominations

If you would like to serve on the Call Committee for the new Care Pastor, or if you would like to nominate someone else to do so, please email the Congregational Council at council@trinitylc.org.

CONCERTS

Thur., May 1, 2014 — 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra *Beethoven's Violin Concerto*

German virtuoso Veronika Eberle makes her highly anticipated SPCO debut with a performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto. This program also includes Stravinsky's fiery Instrumental Miniatures and Haydn's sublime Symphony No. 88, which shows the composer at the height of his powers. *For tickets call 651-291-1144 or visit www.thespc.org.*



Sun., May 4, 2014 — 3 p.m.

The Trinity Choir and East Metro Symphony Orchestra *Hymn of Praise* **FREE concert**

Thur., May 29, 2014 — 7:30 p.m.

Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra *Purcell, Britten and Shostakovich*

The SPCO's Britten celebration culminates in a program juxtaposing Britten with two fellow English composers, Henry Purcell and Michael Tippett, Britten's most prominent English contemporary. The program concludes with a chamber symphony arrangement of String Quartet No. 10 by Dmitri Shostakovich, Britten's close friend, colleague and kindred artistic spirit throughout his life and career. *For tickets call the SPCO box office at 651-291-1144 or visit www.thespc.org.*

STEWARDSHIP LIVING IN GRATITUDE

By Zachary & Kate Lee

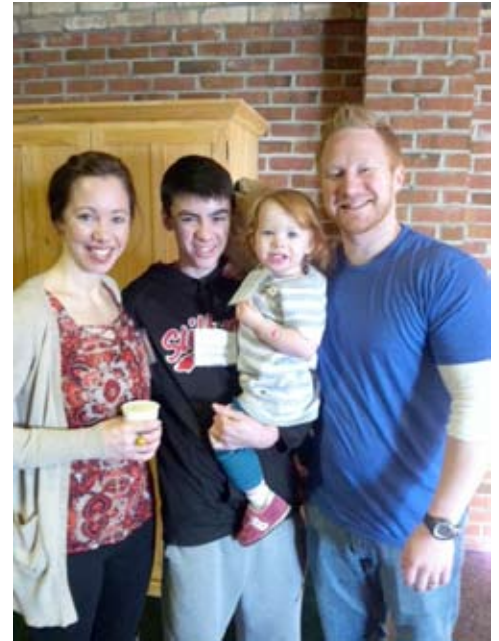
Webster's dictionary defines gratitude as "the state of being grateful". It gives two example sentences: "Let me express my sincere gratitude for all of your help" and "We remember with gratitude those who died defending our country." When you look at synonyms, you will find words such as "appreciation" and "thankfulness". Related words are "gratification", "indebtedness", "satisfaction" and "acknowledgement".

So what are we grateful for? Are we grateful for our kids, our job, for forgiveness, or the second-chance we received? It's different for each one of us, depending on the day and time.

The opposite of gratitude is thanklessness or being ungrateful —

good, instead of everything we want to change about our lives. We practice showing gratitude in our home on a daily basis. It's actually pretty simple. We teach our kids to say "thank you"; we ask each other and our kids what their favorite part of the day was. From an outsider's perspective, we have much for which to be grateful: our marriage is solid and happy; our kids are healthy; we laugh a lot; we live in a beautiful town with great neighbors and a church where we belong.

Compared with many others, our life is pretty great. But from our own perspective, it's all too easy to get caught up in everything we don't have when compared with others, or when measured to our own standards. It's easy to forget the small blessings



The amazing side effect of gratitude is that when we deliberately cultivate it in our own lives, it not only increases our own happiness and well-being, it spreads to the people around us.

just being unsatisfied. It's not being fulfilled by what we have done, what we are doing, and where we are going. It's not being satisfied with everything we've received, from the clothes on our back to our spiritual forgiveness.

Gratitude is something that doesn't always come easy. For most of us, it requires work and a conscious effort to express it on a daily basis — through our prayers, conversations, and actions. But even though it requires a little work, spending just a few moments thinking about what you're grateful for can instantly change your frame of mind and bring more happiness into your life.

We find that when we show gratitude and talk about what we're grateful for on a daily basis, it changes our perspective and we focus on the

that occur all around us, every day. Something as small as a good cup of coffee on a spring morning, or a hug from our kids, or a garage door that opens each time we come home. And when we pause, and reflect, and remind ourselves that life is good, we can once again be grateful.

The amazing side effect of gratitude is that when we deliberately cultivate it in our own lives, it not only increases our own happiness and well-being, it spreads to the people around us. Attitudes are lifted and we're more likely to give back and contribute to the world around us.

Gratitude can turn bad things into good things. There are nights when our two-year-old makes us question why we have kids. Then we remind ourselves of the struggles we went

through to bring her into this world. Her screaming and fit-throwing doesn't seem like such a big deal after all, and we can look at each other and laugh while she carries on.

The thing a lot of people forget is that gratitude isn't just a great moment in your day that fills you up. Gratitude is a choice and something you practice. Like anything else, the more you practice, the better you get at it, and the easier it comes to you. The more it becomes a daily ritual in conscious expression, the more it will become an unconscious action.

We think Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best, "For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, for love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends."

Give gratitude a try. It's not easy, but it's worth it.

Zachary and Kate Lee are Trinity's new Couples Ministry leaders. You can reach them at zacharylee08@gmail.com.

C Y F U P D A T E S

Birth to Age 3 Update

We have been having a fantastic time meeting a lot of new friends in the Nursery this spring!



I have been asked by some parents about whether their children are “too old” to come to the Nursery. The answer? No!

If your child is older than three but having a hard time in church, or simply needs to stretch his or her legs, please feel free to bring him or her to the nursery.

I also welcome preteens to come down and help! The earlier they have a sense of what happens in the Nursery, the earlier they can become a volunteer and start being a mentor to the infants and toddlers of the church.

We have a live stream of the worship service in the Nursery, so you are more than welcome to stay with your child and watch. Our favorite thing to do is to watch the sending song on the TV and play our instruments with the kids up in worship.

Whatever your situation on any given Sunday morning, we are always open to all!

The Nursery will not be open on Sunday mornings during the summer; our Sunday morning here at the church will be May 18. Please take a moment to thank all of the amazing volunteers during these last few weeks. See out at the Drive-In!

—Melissa Gubricky
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3rd & 4th Grade

It's been Bible Mania time with the 3rd and 4th graders! My prayer is that the kids enjoyed the wonderfully “sweet taste” of scripture, while we planted seeds of curiosity for the Bible and its content in the good soil of these bright and eager minds in the course of three weeks.



—Jody Nyenhuis
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5th & 6th Grade**Radical Recycling has begun at Trinity!**

We are members of the 5th & 6th Grade Body of Christ or B.O.C. for short. We believe the recycling habits within the building of Trinity can improve. We can imagine the world God created being better for all of us in 10 years because of our recycling efforts. It starts with all of us here, today, at Trinity.

1. Side-by-side containers are now located in the Commons, Narthex, Office area, and downstairs across from the Gym. Please look at the chart posted on the easels by each set of containers to be better informed about what you should recycle here at Trinity. We hope to see the green recycle containers filled more than the tan waste only containers! Recycle more!
2. Trinity has changed the cold beverage cups made available for water and lemonade on Sunday mornings. They can now be recycled! Before throwing your used cold beverage cup in the container marked “single sort”, please fully empty the liquid by drinking it or emptying it down an appropriate drain. Recycle your cold beverage cups!
3. If you enjoy coffee or tea at Trinity on Sunday mornings, it will continue to be provided. However, we invite and encourage you to bring your own reusable cup from home to put it in. We hope to cut the number of disposable hot beverage cups used at Trinity 50% by May 18. It will mean fewer cups in landfills and less money spent on cups by Trinity! Bring your own coffee cup!

Let's all keep our church clean and help future generations by taking recycling seriously. Radical Recycling is stewardship of all that we are and all that we have! Trinity Radical Recycling begins today and goes forever! Thank you for joining us in being responsible stewards of the earth!

Gratefully, The 5/6 B.O.C.

with Julie Jolivet, jjolivet@trinitylc.org



Jr. High Ministry

As we wind down Confirmation for the year, each grade is reaching the pinnacle of their year of learning. The 7th Graders have been winding their way through the book of Luke and will end by celebrating the Resurrection and looking for signs of resurrection and new life in their own lives. As we journeyed through Holy Week, we took our insecurities and fears (the things we keep away from social media, our parents, and even our best friends) and tied them onto the cross, giving them to Jesus.

8th Graders continue to learn about and live into their strengths. Jody Thone has done a wonderful job of guiding them through discussions on their strengths.

9th Graders will present their Personal Theology posters at the final Family Meal on April 30 — a culmination of everything they have learned this year. Please pray they will be able to take that statement of faith and live it out in the world!

—Kristin Tranby
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Sr. High Ministry

Upon returning from their time in Mexico, the senior high students were eager to learn more about scripture and continue developing their faith. The season of Lent provided a great springboard for fruitful discussion, fellowship and prayer-filled worship together at the River on Wednesday nights. It is a true blessing to continually be surrounded by such inspiring and grounded young people! Like Jesus' disciples, they are working each day to serve God and be Christ-like in all they do. As the end of the school year draws near, keep the young adults of Trinity in your prayers!

—Kelsey Mans
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Camp Registrations



Don't miss out on your chance to go to camp this summer! Sign up for Camp Wapo, Luther Dell, SEEDs Camp, Helping Hearts & Hands, Roots Leadership Camp, The Senior High trip to the Boundary Waters, and Vacation Bible School by logging onto trinitylc.org → Connect → Children → 2014 Summer Camps (jr. & sr. high camps can be found on their respective pages as well). If you have any questions or need any help signing up, please call 651-439-7400.

Oh Jonah!

Children's Choir Musical

Sat., May 3, 5 p.m.

Sun., May 4, 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Come for a "whale of a good time" as the Trinity Children's Choirs retell the story of the prophet Jonah — a tale about responsibility, repentance, listening for the word of God in our lives, accepting people who are different from us, and believing there is mercy and compassion for all who turn toward God.

Summer Interns Needed: Deadline Extended!

Trinity is currently accepting applications for Summer Intern positions. Interns play an important role in our summer camps and summer learning opportunities for kids in Pre-K through Grade 12.

If you have a heart for ministry and enjoy working with kids of all ages, please visit the Trinity website to complete an online application. Applications can be found at:

<https://trinitylc.sportngin.com/register/form/238834408>

Candidates must have completed one year of college to apply. A scholarship/stipend will be given to each intern for his or her 12-14 weeks of full-time work this summer.

For more information contact Jody Nyenhuis at 651-439-7400 x138 or jnyenhuis@trinitylc.org.

Interns will be announced sometime this month.

Baptism Instruction Class

Sundays: April 27, May 18

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Garden Room

This one-hour, one-day class is for families preparing for their child's baptism and also for families whose children have already been baptized. Register online or contact Tim Hackbarth for more information.



7 Ways to Raise A Responsible Child

By The Teachers at Lake Area Discovery Center

Raising responsible children is a goal for most parents. Teaching your kids to be responsible means you're guiding them to be in control of their actions and making their own decisions. Being responsible also means your children will need to be held accountable for their actions and results — something that's key to helping children succeed in life. Below are tips that will be helpful as you work to raise responsible children in your home.

1. Instill a love of God and concern for others. Children and adults who truly care for others and share their love for God are more likely to make good choices and act in ways that are pleasing to others.
2. Start simple, age-appropriate chores early. Encourage your children to pick out their own clothes, put away their toys, make their own bed, and pack and unpack their own backpack. Be sure to maintain reasonable expectations.
3. Catch your child doing "good things". Compliment your child when you see him or her making responsible choices. Find time to spend an extra few minutes together doing something special as a reward.
4. Give your children a small allowance and help them learn about saving to buy things they want. The rewards for teaching financial lessons early will be endless.
5. Believe in your children and their abilities. Teach them how to help with things that help the whole family such as setting the table, sweeping the floor or sorting laundry. Be sure to maintain reasonable expectations and take time to teach how to do these common household chores. Using love and encouragement is essential as they learn new things.
6. Allow for natural and logical consequences. If the toy get left on the floor and then broken, they need to do without. Always remember kids need to learn from their mistakes in an atmosphere of respect, not blame.
7. Model the behavior you want. If you leave things laying around and expecting others to pick up after you, then your child will think the same about their toys!

Lake Area Discovery Center (LADC) is a partnered preschool with Trinity and is a Christian-based non-profit organization that provides educational programming for children ages two-to-five. Our mission is to support parents and children through a creative environment that promotes and teaches Christian values, honors diversity and fosters fellowship within the total community. Nationally Accredited since 2009, LADC hires only four-year degreed early childhood- or kindergarten-certified lead teachers. For more information, please visit ladcfamilies.org.

G R O U P S & T E A M S

AWE: Art in Bloom

Thu., May 1, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Minneapolis Institute of Art

See an array of floral arrangements made to interpret a chosen piece of art, attend lectures given by professional floral designers, and visit the Art in Bloom museum shop. The docent tour is free; lectures have a small fee (*register & pay for these on your own*). For more information on either of the above events, please call Donna Harder at 651-351-5043 or 651-329-7047.

Retired Men's Golf Group

Thursdays, between 9-10 a.m.

Applewood Hills Golf Course

The Retired Men's golf group will play nine holes and then have lunch at a local restaurant. The season starts when the course is open and runs through the fall. Those on last year's list will be contacted via email. *New players who have questions or would like to sign up should contact Dwight Pederson at 651-439-2078 or dwrightpederson@hotmail.com.*

MVP: Foot-Long Feast

Tue., May 13, 6 p.m. – Garden Room; \$20

Former gopher hockey coach and current FOX Sports Network analyst Doug Woog will be the MVP featured speaker for the annual foot-long hot dog feast—we'll have more than 50 toppings! This event is not included in the season pass. *If you have questions, please contact Dana Johnson at 651-347-5485. Register online at trinitylc.org.*

Hilltoppers May Gathering

Thu., May 15, Noon -1:30 p.m.

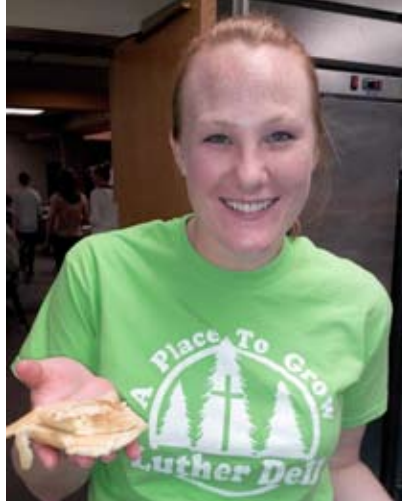
Suggested meal donation: \$5

Come participate in warm fellowship, enjoy a tasteful lunch prepared by the Hilltopper Team, and a hymn sing-a-long with Dave Goulette & Judd Orff. This event is primarily geared for retired persons, but people of all ages are welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast



Many thanks to everyone who stopped by the Pancake Breakfast after Palm Sunday worship! We served 250 people who chowed through two gallons of syrup, six gallons of milk, 12 gallons of orange juice, 50 pounds of sausages, and 60 pounds of pancake mix (which translates to roughly 810 pancakes!). All proceeds from the event benefit youth who will be attending Trinity's camps this summer. Thank you to the 28 youth who worked the event and parents who volunteered... and a special thanks to Josh Longnecker for stepping in as pancake batter-mixer extraordinaire — we couldn't have done it without you!



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the volunteers responsible for the beautiful new plants in the Commons: Sandy Wendt, Karol Roehrkaase, Deborah Gillis, and Pat Reinke, with assistance from Leslie Dorendorf and Anne Mikesh

The planters are now filled with a mixture of peace lillies, ferns and other foliage — all of which beautify the 4th Street entrance and make it feel like spring!

A gentle reminder to parents: please keep your children off (and out) of the planters...we'd like to keep these pretty plants alive a good long while.



W O R S H I P O P P O R T U N I T I E S

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

W O R S H I P A T T E N D A N C E

March 22 & 23	March 29 & 30
5 p.m.n/a	5 p.m.n/a
9 a.m.n/a	9 a.m.306
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April 5 & 6	April 12 & 13
5 p.m.73	5 p.m.xx
9 a.m.293	9 a.m.xxx
10:30 a.m.269	10:30 a.m. ...xxx

P H O T O D I R E C T O R Y

If you weren't able to have your Photo Directory picture taken when LifeTouch was here, good news: there is one more session, May 29-31. Log onto Trinity's website, click on NEWS and follow the link to the online registration form.

If you have any questions, please call Kim Pleticha at ext. 122.

Know any Shut-Ins or Snowbirds?

We would like to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be in Trinity's new Photo Directory. So, if you know a shut-in who cannot attend a photo session, or a snowbird who won't be back until after May, please contact Kim Pleticha at ext. 122 or via email at kpleticha@trinitylc.org so she can arrange to take (or obtain) a photo.

T R I N I T Y P A R K I N G

Just a reminder...

Parking for the Sunday 9 and 10:30 a.m. worship services is available in the structure on Third Street. You must take a ticket when you enter the structure, and insert it when you leave. Parking is free until 1 p.m.; if you leave after that time, you will be charged standard parking rates.

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

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

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

B A P T I Z E D

- **Savannah Marie Staska** – daughter of David & Jaime Staska
- **Mollie Elisabeth Dries** – daughter of Robert & Maren Dries
- **Benjamin David Stillwell** – son of Joshua & Michelle Stillwell
- **Maxwell Dennis Morrison** – son of Cail & Lindsey Morrison
- **Elin Pieper Hicks** – daughter of Bo & Andrea Hicks

S Y M P A T H Y

- **Vince Turnblad** on the death of his sister, Mildred Simonet, on March 11.

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C A L E N D A R

Fri., April 18 – Good Friday

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Good Friday Breakfast
- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B
- 10 a.m. Boutwells Sr. Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Rivertown Sr. Communion
- 1:15 p.m. Rivertown Commons Sr. Communion
- 7 p.m. WORSHIP

Sat., April 19 – Easter Vigil

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

Sun., April 20 – Easter

- 8 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 11 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY

Mon., April 21 – Building/Office Closed

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library

Tue., April 22

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

Wed., April 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study: Commons
- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 9 a.m. Play & Pray Group: Gym
- 4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs Mini-Session
- 5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Garden Rm
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-9): Upper Lvl
- 6:15 p.m. Last Wed. Learning (3yrs-Gr6): Lower Lvl
- 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm
- 7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., April 24

- 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
- 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm
- 6 p.m. Living Your Strengths: Living Rm

Fri., April 25

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

Sat., April 26

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

Sun., April 27

- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 9 a.m. Last Sunday Learning (3yrs-Gr6)
- 9 a.m. Exploring Unique Identity: Living Rm
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10:30 a.m. Baptism Instruction Class: Garden Rm

Mon., April 28

- 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
- 6 p.m. Jubilate (Adult) Bells: Heritage Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., April 29

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Rm
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 p.m. Stillwater Choir Concert

Wed., April 30

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms
4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs Mini-Session
5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Rm
6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-9) Family Meal
7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm
7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., May 1

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
2 p.m. Healing Touch: Narthex
7:30 p.m. SPCO Concert

Fri., May 2

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

Sat., May 3

8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION
Children's Musical
6 p.m. Food for Thought Dinner: Off-site

Sun., May 4

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
Children's Musical
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
Children's Musical
10:30 a.m. Couples Group: Library Conf. Rm
10:45 a.m. Play & Pray Group: Gym
3 p.m. Trinity Choir & East Metro Symphony

Mon., May 5

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8:45 a.m. Women's Bridge for Trinity: Garden Rm
1:30 p.m. Commodity Food Distribution: Off-site
6 p.m. Jubilate (Adult) Bells: Heritage Chapel
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., May 6

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library
7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

Wed., May 7

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms
5 p.m. Children's Choirs: Choir Rm
6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-9): Worship Ctr
7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm
7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., May 8

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
4:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes: Off-site

Fri., May 9

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

Sat., May 10

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

Sun., May 11

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
7 p.m. Women's Book Group: Off-site

Mon., May 12

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
1 p.m. Rebekah Circle: Library
6 p.m. Jubilate (Adult) Bells: Heritage Chapel
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., May 13

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Retired Men's Group: Garden Room
9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
9:15 a.m. Leah Circle Mtg: Narthex
10 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
10:30 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
1 p.m. Martha Circle Mtg: Living Rm
6 p.m. MVP Dinner-Hockey: Garden Rm
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library
7 p.m. WALK Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

Wed., May 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study: Commons
7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Play & Pray Group: Gym
6:30 p.m. CYF Leader Appreciation Dinner
7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm
7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., May 15

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
Noon Hilltoppers: Garden Rm

Fri., May 16

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

Sat., May 17

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

Sun., May 18

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
10:30 a.m. Baptism Instruction Class: Living Rm
10:30 a.m. Couples Group: Library Conf. Rm
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
11:30 a.m. Class of '14 Lunch: Garden Rm

Mon., May 19

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
4 p.m. Cong. Council Mtg: Office Conf. Rm
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., May 20

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., May 21

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9:15 a.m. Heart of the Home Moms
10:15 a.m. Linden Sr. Communion
7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., May 22

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm

Fri., May 23

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

Sat., May 24

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

Sun., May 25

9 a.m. Drive-In WORSHIP, COMMUNION:
Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION
7 p.m. Women's Book Group: Off-site

Mon., May 26 – Memorial Day Building/Office Closed

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library

Tue., May 27

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., May 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study: Commons
7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., May 29

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
7:30 p.m. SPCO Concert: Worship Center

Fri., May 30

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

Sat., May 31

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



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Best Ball Scramble Event

10:30 a.m. - Registration & Lunch
Noon - Shotgun Start
5:30 p.m. - Dinner & Silent Auction

\$150 - Individual Entry Fee*
\$600 - Sponsor a Foursome*
\$50 - Dinner and Auction only
\$350 - Sponsor a Hole

* includes 18 holes, cart, hot lunch, dinner, festivities (cash bar)

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