



THE ANGELS SAID

# Do not be afraid





## A DEVOTION BY PASTOR ANN Angels in the Bible



In the Bible, angels are messengers with a host of responsibilities that range from bringing God's mandates to humans, to foretelling special events, to protecting the faithful. Also, as **Genesis 18:2** informs us, angels can sometimes appear as humans. In the New Testament, angels were present for the events around Jesus' birth and, later, tended to him during his time in the wilderness. In **Matthew 28:2-7**, it was an angel who rolled back the stone and announced the resurrection to the women who had come to the tomb that Easter morning.

Each Advent and Christmas with the telling of the story about shepherds tending their flocks by night (**Luke 2: 8-20**), I wonder at the sheer terror they felt when an angel suddenly appeared in front of them, casting a light so bright the shepherds surely needed to shield their eyes. I also smile when I wonder if the angels had a strategy for that night: Had they drawn straws to see who was

going to appear first to say, "Do not be afraid!"? It isn't hard to imagine the heavenly host (host means "army") impatiently waiting for that angel to finish its proclamation to those terrified shepherds so that they, too, could light up the sky and sing praises to herald the birth of the Christ child. And what about those shepherds? That night had been just another normal night of work in the fields when something incredible happened. Though they didn't yet know it, Jesus' birth changed the world, and nothing would ever be the same again!

Through Jesus, we know who God is. Through Christ, we receive the assurance of God's forgiveness and everlasting life—the good news fit for lighting up the sky and praising God! This Advent and Christmas season, may you be filled with the wonder of the shepherds and the joy of the night when the Savior of the world came to us!



## MUSIC MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS THUNDER BAND

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*The Christmas Band is back!!!*

This long-standing Trinity tradition will once again warm our hearts with Christmas Cheer, laughter, song, and music. Our band is open to all players **Grade 5 through age 95**, and all abilities. This is a low-pressure, high-enthusiasm opportunity to dig out the old instruments and join the families as we lead a **carol sing-a-long**. Music will be available from Mark beginning November 27, with rehearsals following Sunday worship services at 10-10:30am (Nov 27, Dec 4, 11). Then we present a **Concert/Sing-a-long on Sunday, December 18th at 10:15am**. Gather your friends, your family, your neighbors, grandchildren and strangers to spread some Christmas love and light.

Text **BAND** to Trinity (952.473.8577) to sign up or see Mark for more details and questions.

## ADVENT CALENDAR 2022

Watch for Tuesday & Saturday emails and [TrinityLongLake.org](http://TrinityLongLake.org) for details.

**Worship with us!**  
Sunday 9am | Wednesday 6pm

### Advent Sundays

November 27 | More Hope  
December 4 | More Peace  
December 11 | More Joy  
December 18 | More Love

**Advent Festival** Nov 27 | 10am

**SHIFT** Nov 27 | 10am

### Trinity Kids Christmas Program

December 4 | 10:30am

### Trinity Women Gather+Give:

December 6 | 6-8:30pm

### Carol Sing-A-Long with the Christmas Thunder Band

December 18 | 10:15am

### Blue Christmas Worship

December 21 | 6pm

### Christmas Eve | Dec 24

Family Worship | 1pm  
Candlelight with Trinity Choir | 3pm  
Candlelight with Chancel Bells | 5pm  
Christmas at the Stable | 7pm  
(Indoors in case of bad weather)

### Christmas Day | Dec 25

Online only @TrinityLongLakeLive

**1st Sunday after Christmas**  
Jan 1 at 9am | Lessons & Carols

### NEWSLETTER TEAM

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# DO NOT BE AFRAID

I find it overwhelming to think about all the places and people from whom we receive messages on a daily basis. Companies. Politicians. Social media accounts. Teachers. Neighbors. Food packaging. Church newsletters. The list goes on and on.

We are constantly receiving messages from just about everyone, every place we go. We cannot escape it. It's so persistent and a complete barrage that it's hard to believe we have any space left for new messages to break through. And yet, they continue to come.

Even more overwhelming than the sources of this messaging is the content of those messages. *What are we supposed to believe? What is actually true?*

If there's one thing that's true about me it's that I suffer from FOMO – the Fear Of Missing Out. I am paralyzed by decision-making because I'm always fearful that once I commit, something better will come along. I'm no match for sales events or new product launches because I simply cannot miss out. All those places we get messages are crafted for people like me. Or have they created people like me?

I think the messages we constantly receive depend on our fear – the fear of missing out, the fear of not being good enough, the fear of losing something, or just fear itself. Fear is a good motivator, it keeps us diligent and constantly on edge. If we're fearful of what we

might become without something, we're going to work really hard to make sure that doesn't happen.

It's no surprise, then, that the message the angels of God came bearing almost always began with, *"Do not be afraid."* Of course, I'd need that reminder, too, if some dazzling white being appeared out of nowhere. But the words go deeper than what's just in front of our faces. These are words that know about the fear within us that the world will try to exploit for its own purposes. These are words that know we need a different message to break through and quiet all the other noise.

*"Do not be afraid,"* is that message we need this Advent season, and our entire lives, as we wait in the darkness of fear for the light that breaks through and gives us another way. And God has sent messengers to this world to deliver those words. We are those messengers. We can be heralds of a new way.

**So, may our voices ring strong and clear:  
God in Christ Jesus is the light that breaks  
the darkness – do not be afraid.**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam" in a cursive style.

Pastor Adam

# SHIFT

We're excited to have a mixture of in-person **SHIFTs**, video podcasts and podcasts. Join us after worship on **Sunday, November 27** to learn about Melanie DeLuca's trip to Cartagena, Colombia, South America with one of our outreach partners, **Opportunity International**. Jeri Miller has some fun guests lined up including **Dr. Michael Chan of Concordia Moorhead** on laughter in the bible and on **Sunday, January 22, Rolf Jacobson**, "Divine Laughter." January seems like a great month to share Bible humor! You'll be hearing about growing this ministry in the new year.

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**TRINITY WOMEN MINISTRY**  
**GATHER + GIVE**

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**TUESDAY, DEC 6 | 6-8:30PM**  
 Trinity's Gathering Space & Sanctuary

Join us for our annual **Trinity Women Gather+Give Christmas** event! This year, a member of **NAMI** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will talk with us about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes, and things each of us can do to make our community a better place for people who experience a mental illness. NAMI is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses by providing education, support and advocacy.

*All proceeds from our FREE-Will donation go to support NAMI and its mission.*

**SCHEDULE**

**Doors open | 6pm**

Fellowship, Shopping, Prayer Beads craft, Christmas Music

**AGAPE Mini-Market:** before/after speaker

**NAMI Speaker | 7pm**

**Coffee, Dessert & Discussion | 8pm**

Enjoy desserts and coffee at your table while sharing and discussing the presentation.



Capture code,  
 Text **WOMEN** to Trinity,  
 Or sign up in the Narthex



*Welcome New Members*



**Lecy Family: Michael, Shanna, Annele 8, and Garrett 4.** They have lived in Plymouth for almost 11 years. Shanna is from Alexandria and Michael from Willmar. Shanna works for Wayzata Public Schools, Michael for Piper Sandler.

*"We joined Trinity for its feeling of community and the children's program."*



**Burbach Family: James, Jennifer, Brady 10, Delaney 8 and Liliana 4**



**Bush Family: Allan, Kate, Tom 7, Clare 5 and Elinor 2**



**Magnuson Family: Erik, Jessica, Sophie 4 and Bella 2.** They were married in 2015 and moved to Medina in 2017. Erik works for CWT, a global corporate travel management company, as the Vice President of Product Management. Jessica is an attorney at Intact Insurance.

They both grew up and were confirmed in ELCA churches (Jessica at Zumbro Lutheran in Rochester and Erik at Gloria Dei in Sioux Falls). They loved their youth groups and experiences growing up in church, but never found a church home as adults. The pandemic made the search a little more difficult, but they really enjoyed the fellowship at **Summer Nights** and were so glad to find a home at Trinity.

*"We are excited for the girls to grow in their faith and have fun in the youth programs as they get older. They have already really enjoyed their time at Trinity Kids and we are so grateful for the warm welcome they received from the congregation at their baptism."*

**NOT PICTURED: Eric, Nicole, Riley 16, Maddyn 15, and Piper 10 Nelson**



**Marilyn Mileusnic** started her relationship with Trinity through Pickleball. You can also find her gardening & volunteering.



**Sam Mutasa, Ninsima Kagaruki, Alinda Mutasa 8, and Micah Mutasa 4**

**SETTING  
THE SCENE  
MINNEAPOLIS  
SIGHTS  
FROM 1932**



*time goes by* **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | IN MINISTRY SINCE 1932**

**CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE, 1932**

*“started with the inside temperature at 22 and closed with the temperature at 50. The pastor appreciates the fine spirit of the members and friends who could overlook the mistake of a faithful caretaker and hold services in spite of adverse and uncomfortable conditions.”*

We had a grand 90th Anniversary Celebration on October 15. Brunch, a short program and decade memory boards helped us reflect and look forward to our 100th!

*“To say that our lives have been blessed through being part of the Trinity family would seem an understatement. In so many ways and by so many people we have received immeasurable benefits and happiness in sharing our lives with the Faithful of Trinity.”*

**- CURT EASTMAN AND HIS BELOVED WIFE JO JOINED TRINITY IN 1965**



*Focus on Joy*

This advent season the Trinity Youth Choir took a field trip to the Minneapolis Children’s Theater to see “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” A great time was had by all, and we were able to build connections with fellow youth choir members and their families. The story of the Grinch has been a favorite in our family and has so many great life lessons of kindness, hope, the importance of being a part of a community and the various gifts of love that come in many forms. I like the Grinch story as a message



for our youth. The transformation of the Grinch reminds us all to focus on joy and while change is challenging, it’s always possible.

The Youth choir has been a great outlet for my son, who I now hear singing music at home, in the shower, in the car, etc. Music has also played a significant role in my own walk of faith throughout the years. A funny thing about music to me; I remember song lyrics, however, I don’t recall all the confirmation verses I had to memorize. My mother always



said, “You can memorize all you want, but sing it and the music stays in your heart forever.” This is why I love to see youth and all ages singing God’s praises.  
- Chelsey Currie

# OUTREACH MINISTRY WAYS TO SERVE

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## Sharing Our Blessings

We have an opportunity to share our blessings with our traditional Giving Tree. Two ways to help- either take tags off the Giving Tree or sign up online. Please return gifts to church and place under the tree or leave in the office. The due dates vary and details are provided on the tags or online. Organizations supported include **Interfaith Outreach, Families Moving**

**Forward, WeCan, LSS Homeless Youth, the Woodlands** (group home next to Trinity), **Simpson Shelter, Long Lake Assisted Living**, and we are very happy to add **Salem Lutheran Christmas Store** to our list. In addition, we will also be collecting socks, hats, mittens, waterproof gloves, and scarves for Shelters through Christmas.

Donations may be placed in baskets



under the tree. We feel this is a very effective and appreciated part of our Outreach Ministry now for over 20 years. Thanks to **Marly Jenson** for coordinating the Giving Tree along with her wonderful team!



Shop the **AGAPE Mini-Market** in Trinity's Fireside Room. This is a great opportunity if you missed the market or if you still need to fulfill your list for teachers, family and friends. All profits support Disaster Relief and Local & Global Missions.

### AGAPE Mini-Market gift market

- **Sunday, Dec 4** | 10 -11:30 am
- **Tuesday, Dec 6** | 6-8:30pm at the Trinity Women Gather+Give Event
- **Wednesday, Dec 7** | 5-7pm
- **Sunday, Dec 11** | 10 -11:30am

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

## Simpson Shelter Breakfast

We are back to serving our monthly breakfast at **Simpson Shelter**. Why not give it a try!

### DECEMBER 5-9

## Families Moving Forward

Provide meals for families in transition.



### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Help serve meals to our community here at Trinity.

### SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17

## Salem Christmas Store

Support our partner **Salem Lutheran Church** in Minneapolis by helping at their Christmas store.

### EL SALVADOR

## Seeds of Hope

Ever considered **sponsoring a student in school?** Individual Trinity members have been supporting students in El Salvador through our **Seeds of Hope** program for 10 years. We have a few students looking for a family or individual to sponsor them. Contact Jill if you'd like to learn more.



### OUTREACH TEAM WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS!

**Cassie Enzenaur** and **Gavin Tempero** joined our Outreach team in September! We are excited about the energy they bring to help us with service opportunities for families with young kids.



And just for that reason a **Hot Chocolate & Cider Bar** was added to this year's AGAPE Gift Market. Kids were able to serve and raise \$145 in donations. Gavin and Cassie will take the kids shopping to buy items for the Birthday Shelf at **Interfaith Outreach** and deliver them.

Upcoming weekly emails and bulletins will provide further details and sign-up information or contact Jill.

## Feed My Starving Children



Every time a FMSC MobilePack event comes up, I am beyond excited to be part of the planning team and setting our goal. Under Jill's leadership we have grown the team and

each person has their special talent in organizing the event. This last event was postponed a few times due to COVID-19, but our team did not waiver with our commitment to make it happen. The FMSC event includes volunteers from age 5 through adult. A highlight for me this year was being able to volunteer alongside my daughter Sarah and granddaughter Ava for one shift. Our group at the table was small but mighty. Ava enjoyed it so much that she stayed to work 2 more shifts. I enjoyed the label room working with several of our older members and seeing our youngest community members put their heart and soul into the event. It was great to see high school youth from a variety of sports teams and organizations give up their free time to help. We are looking forward to the next FMSC Mobile Pack Event!

- Connie Francis

## FAREWELL TO TRINITY'S PROGRAM

### Families Moving Forward

Our congregation has supported the Families Moving Forward program for the past nine years by providing overnight shelter, home cooked meals, activities, overnight hosts and hospitality during our two hosting weeks of the year to families experiencing homelessness. During COVID this program has changed and become less personal. All FMF families are now housed in hotels and all meals are required to come from a commercial kitchen. The FMF program center in Hennepin County closed their location and we have been supporting the Carver County location which is less than ideal for our congregation.

The things that I have enjoyed the most with this outreach program are now missing in its current state - the relationships with the families and being able to provide hospitality. For these reasons we will fulfill our commitments to FMF by providing meals December 5-9 and provide Christmas gifts through our Giving Tree at Trinity but have decided

not continue in the future.

The FMF program has enabled me to meet so many wonderful volunteers from our congregation as it truly was a multigenerational program. During our hosting weeks we would have 80 plus volunteers helping in some capacity from setup, grocery shopping, laundry, meals, doing dishes and playing and reading with children.

I want to thank everyone at Trinity that helped in the past to make the FMF program a success for Trinity.

- Andrea Henneman,  
Trinity's FMF  
Host Coordinator

We are grateful to Andrea who has faithfully led this program with help of her team and support of the congregation. While we end this chapter with FMF, we look forward to where the Holy Spirit leads us in our work to support families locally.  
- Trinity Outreach Ministry Team

## 2022 Trinity FMSC MobilePack | Sept 30-Oct 2

- 945 volunteers packed 279,936 meals. The money raised during Lent 2020 (over \$125,000) provided an additional 200,000 meals. In total, 1,300 children will be fed for a year.
- 272,260 meals to feed 745 kids for a year, have shipped to FMSC partner Food for the Poor in Haiti. We are waiting to hear the destinations of remaining meals provided.
- Thank you Trinity members and so MANY community groups who packed meals! Sports teams from Orono, Mound & Wayzata, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, local businesses and organizations, rowing team, local churches and businesses, Wayzata HS Volunteer Club and so many more!
- We are grateful to Larry Johnson for a new concrete slab, AME Construction for the donation of forklift for the event, and FitHaus members for their muscle power.

A special thanks to the FMSC Team: Michelle Edwards, Troy, Linda & Emma Koltes, Beth & Mike Arends, Frank Larson, Jill Kunze, Earl & Carri Hanson, Connie Francis, Mike Bash, Jennifer Weiss, Katie Stahl, and Jeri Miller for their help and making sure the weekend ran smoothly.



## AGAPE gift market

The Market was bustling with shoppers and volunteers helping! Soups, patio pots, cookies, hand-made items and purchases from vendors were flying off the shelves. We are so grateful for all who supported and helped with our market. All profits from the market and upcoming mini-market will be donated to support Disaster Relief, Local & Global Mission efforts.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY TRINITY KIDS, CLUB 45, MOPS

Julie Vagle, Children & Family Director  
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### FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE

*Can I have that?*

This fall we made the decision to change the way we do **First Communion**. Historically communion has been a 4th or 5th grade level milestone with a class in the spring and First Communion on Maundy Thursday. **Families will now decide at what age or grade their child is ready for communion** and we will offer a class a few times throughout the year to learn more about what it all means.



Some of the reasons for the change include letting all kids know they are welcome at church and fully part of what we do together at the table. During Covid many families took communion together at home. Communion is something we are continuing to learn about even as adults so there is no perfect age, and when kids ask for it they shouldn't have to wait to receive it until what we perceive as ready. This fall the range of ages for this new way of doing communion were 5 years old, kindergarten, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and 6th grade. We've heard that families are excited about this new change and feel like it's more welcoming for kids.

As a parent my kindergartner was able to take communion and it was a really special experience for us. Blake has been asking about the bread and juice for a while and with this shift I could finally say "you do get to take communion and learn what it means." He felt so proud and excited to be included in something he saw as special and that he wanted to be part of. We look forward to the range of ages that will be participating in this special milestone and welcoming kids of all ages to the table.

### ADVENT FESTIVAL | NOV 27 AT 10AM

Join us Thanksgiving weekend in the Great Hall for our Advent Festival. Your family can make a beautiful, fresh greens advent centerpiece to light each week throughout Advent. There will be other fun crafts to make including ornaments and gift tags as well as yummy cider and treats. Pick up a devotional to guide you through Advent.



### TK CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | DEC 4 AT 10:30AM

Come see the elementary school *Trinity Kids* tell the Christmas story called "Making Room for Jesus."

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP | DEC 24 AT 1PM

Family-friendly service with children in costumes telling the special nativity story. If your child would like to be part of the nativity let Julie or Stacy know.



A ministry for 4th and 5th graders that meets once a month on Wednesday night where kids grow in faith and relationship with one another. We play games, do activities, a Bible lesson that connects with life, and have fun!

### MOPS

Our mom's ministry meets twice a month



the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 9:30-11:30am. Mom's connect on relevant topics of parenting and life, enjoy fellowship, faith-based curriculum, fun activities, crafts, and service projects. Childcare is provided. Register online or text *MOPS* to Trinity.

### SAVE THE DATE

Summer Camp Trip Fundraiser | Sunday, Feb 26



## SUMMER 2023 At Camp Wapo

We are thrilled to announce summer camp dates and looking forward to many kids and families joining. The theme is *All the Stars* based on **Isaiah 40:26**.

**SEEDS Weekend** | June 23-25

**1st-3rd graders** enjoy a camp packed with fun & faith.

**Family Camp** | July 7-9

**All ages and families** are welcome to join us for a weekend getting to know other Trinity families, spending time as a family, and having fun outdoors.

**Camp Wapo Week** | July 23-28

**4th-8th graders** enjoy a week of games, activities, beach time, cabin fun, Bible studies, chapel, campfire, and more!



# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY CATALYST

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Our High School ministry has moved from Sunday nights to Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm, right after Worship. This year we are concentrating on creating a fun environment for students to deepen their faith as well as find ways to meaningfully serve. Recently the students created 20 Care Packages

for freshman college students. They will soon be developing plans for the next *Walk For Water* event in the Spring. Last year they Walked for Ukraine.

Another way the High School ministry is making an impact is helping to plan and lead the **Friday Night LIVE** events



for our Middle Schoolers. Soon they will also be looking at possible locations to engage in a summer Mission opportunity in the United States.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY FNL + CONFIRMATION

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### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

On October 14th 92 middle schoolers gathered at our church to experience our first *Friday Night LIVE* of the 2022-23 school year. It was exciting to see so many of our students attend and bring their friends. We are developing a reputation in our community for these student gatherings held approximately every 6 to 8 weeks.

With a Hawaiian theme, the students participated in a variety of fun events such as Gaga Ball, Nine Square in the Air, Wii Tournament, Photo Backdrop pictures and a Board-game Room. The highlight - a Nerf Battle Zone that took up the entire gym with blockades and fortresses to hide in. We also turned the Youth Room into a Food Zone with Hawaiian pizza, fruit, and other snacks.

Halfway through the night we held a **Limbo Contest**, announced **Best costume** and **door-prize winners**.

*Friday Night LIVE's* are designed so that our students can deepen their relationship with one another in a fun and safe environment. We also create these events so that students in our community who may not have a church home can learn about Trinity and get connected to our ministry. We have already seen an increase in our Confirmation attendance this year, some of that growth through FNL.

Upcoming *Friday Night LIVE* **December 16** with a Christmas theme  
**Text FNL to Trinity (952.473.8577)**  
**for registration link - space is limited.**

### CONFIRMATION

We are off and running with another year of Confirmation. This year we are thrilled to have added 12 new leaders to the team and an increase of 17 students. There is an incredible energy here on *Wednesday Nights* as we have adjusted a few things to be more relevant and impactful. We are meeting in small groups (*Huddles*) to start, followed by a large group gathering with songs and a message that ties into the theme of the evening. We have also added a more concentrated effort upon **Parent/Student events** and incorporated a more family-centered approach to our overall goals.

Recently we celebrated **20 ninth graders' Confirmation**. This was an exceptional group of students – when we asked them who would like to be involved with the Worship service, 18 responded that they want to help lead in some way, that's an incredible response and the ceremony reflected their input.



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHURCH OPERATIONS

*Elisabeth Teichroew*

### What brings you to Trinity?

My work experience has mostly been in nonprofit and church ministry. I'm a firm believer in not just doing a job for a paycheck but to be intentional about doing a job that not only provides for one's family but also helps others and is an area of passion. And I am passionate about providing leadership and help to the body of Christ and helping equip God's people for ministry and the spreading of the Gospel.

I have been working in the non-profit health care world for little while after stepping away from a position at a very large church here in the cities. While I absolutely loved my job and the work we were doing, I needed a position that was more family-friendly and flexible.

I have three biological kids – Amara (age 18) who is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse, Lewis (age 14 in 9th grade), and Lillian (age 12 in 7th gr). I also have been a foster parent through Hennepin County for a while and for the past 3 ½ years have had Benjamin (age 8 in 3rd gr), Cherish (age 5 in Kindergarten) and Joleigh or Jojo as we call her (age 3 in PreK). They have a very long and sad

story but, in the end, the county as well as their native American tribe has approved me to take the three of them and make them a permanent part of my family through adoption/transfer of custody.

As you can imagine, my life is full and my work and home life needed to have a reset and balance. I knew I wanted to get back into the ministry world from the business and healthcare world and spent a lot of time in prayer and networking. I came across the posting for Trinity Lutheran on Indeed and the description of the church and who you all are and the history of the church caught my eye. Throughout the interview process and on-boarding process this past week, it's clear that God clearly brought me here. I am excited to continue to learn about Trinity and get to know more people here. I'm so grateful!

### Do you live in the area?

I live in Crystal, so not too far away!

### Do you have any hobbies or interests?

I'm a very chill person but I love to be active. I love to work out and run around with the kids. A long run



around a lake in the fall is probably one of my favorite things to do. I love to read and learn. I am a singer and lead worship on Sunday mornings at my church in Minneapolis. I sing with a gospel group and we love traveling and bring the joy of Christ to all places and people.

### What are you excited about at Trinity?

I am excited about our staff team here at Trinity. Our team is comprised of highly skilled and talented individuals all with a heart for the Lord and serving his Body here at Trinity. As I sat with each of them, I could hear and feel the passion that they bring to their jobs and positions and it made me so incredibly excited and honored to work with each of them. Trinity church is already doing some incredible things as a church body and I am excited to dive in and be a part of that.

## TRINITARIANS CHRISTMAS

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Sidekick Theatre at the  
Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center

*Christmas with the Rat Pack*

Wednesday, December 14 | 1pm

\$47 per person due Nov 30, contact Ron  
Includes Lunch at 11:30am (Carpool @10:45am)

Step back in time to hear the music of Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin and enjoy such classic tunes as *Luck be a Lady* and *Fly Me to the Moon* as well as Christmas favorites like *Winter Wonderland* and *Baby it's Cold Outside*. Event is open to all ages.



# TRINITY LONG LAKE BUSINESS

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY - OCTOBER 2022

**GIVING** | October giving of \$85,103 was \$4,703 over budget. Through October, giving for the year is now (3.8%) under budget but 7.7% over last year.

**EXPENSES** | October Net Expenses were \$18,648 under the budget of \$117,211. Through October expenses are now almost \$62,000 under budget mainly due to open positions, with some timing of actual expenses versus budget.

	OCT 2022 YTD			Full Year Budget
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Variance Inc / (Dec)	
Congregational Giving- Current Year	\$932,808	\$970,121	(\$37,313)	\$1,194,520
Support from Prior Years' Gifts/Donations	31,098	31,100	(2)	101,400
Interest	5,557	2,500	3,057	3,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$969,462</b>	<b>\$1,003,721</b>	<b>(\$34,259)</b>	<b>\$1,298,920</b>
Core Ministry Expense	874,246	932,676	(58,430)	1,148,920
Administration and Facilities Expense	173,678	177,065	(3,387)	230,870
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,047,924</b>	<b>1,109,741</b>	<b>(61,817)</b>	<b>1,379,790</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$78,461)</b>	<b>(\$106,020)</b>	<b>\$27,559</b>	<b>(\$80,870)</b>

In October, Trinity received over \$200,000 as a one-time Federal Grant. This is a part of the overall federal legislation passed to support families and organizations that were impacted by COVID restrictions. Like many churches, Trinity's ministries were directly impacted by COVID restrictions and as a result Trinity was eligible and qualified for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) that is part of the COVID legislation. The grant was based on Trinity demonstrating that the church retained its staff during the COVID restriction period.

The ERC funds were moved to a "restricted" fund account until the Trinity Council decides, with advice from Trinity Finance Committee, on how these funds will be used to support the church's ongoing ministry.

## a Spirit of (re)IMAGINATION

**We are grateful to those who have returned your Intent Cards. If you haven't done so, do it now!** We depend on each family financially giving voice to their support of Trinity. And we are encouraged that 51% of you increased your 2023 amounts! No matter how much, each of us make the difference.

**Text IMAGINE to 952.473.8577 or capture QR code for digital Intent Card**

Visit [TrinityLongLake.org/reimagine](https://TrinityLongLake.org/reimagine) for more information. You can still drop off your Intent Card at the office. Contact Rindee Erdmann for questions and year-end gifts.



**Thank you for your partnership!**  
Pastor Adam and the Possibilities Team

# TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Kelly Govrik, Preschool Director  
Preschool@TrinityLongLake.org

Trinity Preschool is updating the playground thanks to one of our preschool families. They have generously donated the funds to make this update possible. We are adding a dramatic playhouse with a tunnel, a twist spinner, a trigon arch climber, a sandbox and new soft turf grass! We're so excited to build upon this space where kids enhance their imaginations!

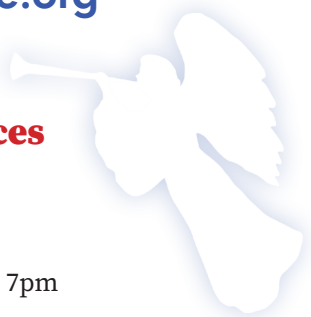


Enrollment is open; your child can begin at anytime during the school year. We still have room for children as young as 33 months old! Contact Kelly to set up a tour.

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### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve

Family Worship | 1pm  
Candlelight | 3 & 5pm  
Christmas at the Stable | 7pm

#### Christmas Day

Online only @TrinityLongLakeLive

**TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND**  
**October 2023**

If you're interested, contact Pastor Adam or Pastor Ann.

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*Dear God, let your face shine in the darkness of this day and save us as only a loving shepherd can save his sheep. In your restoring comfort and countenance we pray. Amen*

- 2022 Advent Devotional, Luther Seminary

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