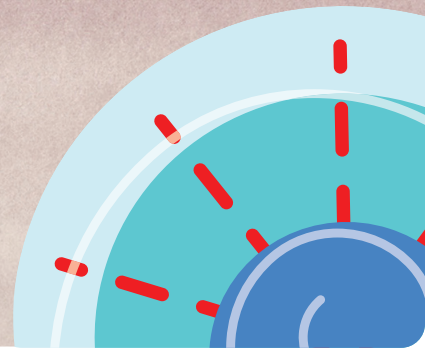


NEW HEART
New Spirit



FALL
KICKOFFS

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN

THERE'S A
PLACE FOR
YOU HERE!

Wednesday
NIGHTS

FALL CALENDAR
2022

Watch for Tuesday & Saturday emails
and TrinityLongLake.org for details.

Worship | Sunday 9am, Wed 6pm

Worship Fall Kickoff

Sunday, Sept 11 | 9am
Worship, Backpack Blessing, Trinity
Kids, Dobo's Rolls and Activities

Wednesday, Sept 14 | 5pm
Carbone's and Activities (5-6pm)
Club 45 (5:15pm), Worship and
Backpack Blessing (6pm)

Confirmation Kickoff & Catalyst
Sept 21, 6:30pm

FMSC | Sept 30-Oct 2

Stewardship 2023:
A Spirit of (re)Imagination
Sundays, Oct 2, 9 & 16 | 9am

SHIFT with Sherck & Perk
Thurs, Oct 6 | 6pm

New Member Orientation
Sunday, Oct 9 | after Worship

Trinity Women Fall Kickoff
Tuesday, Oct 11 | 6-9pm

90th Anniversary Party
Sunday, Oct 16 | 9am

**Wednesday
NIGHTS**

There's a place for you here!

4-5pm | Youth Choir

5-6pm | Dinner

5:15-6pm (2nd Wed) | Club 45

6pm | Worship

6:30pm | Confirmation & Catalyst

7pm | Trinity Choir



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The Holy Spirit

Through the Apostles' Creed, we confess our faith in the Triune God—One God in three persons, one of whom is the Holy Spirit. Through Martin Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed, we learn that one of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to gather us together. This means not only for worship but for all we do as members of the body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit often works in ways that aren't obvious to us in the moment, which means we tend not to recognize how the Spirit has been at work in something until we take time to look back and reflect. And so my question to you is this: *As you think back on this great summer we shared together here at Trinity, where, when, and how do you believe the Holy Spirit was present?* (It doesn't have to be anything earth-shattering—in fact, the Holy Spirit prefers to work in ways or situations that seem like nothing at all to us.) Then, after you've finished reflecting on the past, shift gears and look ahead to prepare yourself for the future—even if that future is only an

hour or a day away—and be filled with excitement about how and where the Spirit is going to turn up next to glorify God through you. A great practice to help with this is to say a brief prayer: **"Holy Spirit, show me what you need me to see."** I usually make this petition when I'm driving to work, or as I walk into a store. Then, after your shopping or at the end of the day, take a moment to reflect on where the Spirit may have shown up.

As we move into autumn, I pray that you become ever more aware of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in your lives and in the world. Then share your stories with one another—at fellowship after worship or over the dinner table or coffee—that you may be a witness to just how amazing our God—through the Holy Spirit—is!



Pastor Ann
Pastor Ann



To build upon the energy of **Summer Nights**, we will continue to gather Wednesdays for food and community, but adding in a **new weekly Worship service!** We'll start off with a **dinner-for-all from 5-6pm** in the Great Hall, **Club 45** will gather monthly at 5:15pm, followed by **Worship at 6pm** in the Sanctuary. **Catalyst** for High Schoolers, **Confirmation** and **Trinity Choir** will follow. We are looking forward to seeing how God is at work to bring people of all ages together on Wednesdays.

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you..."

EZEKIEL 36:26

Dear Trinity family and friends,



I like new things. I update my phone far too often, I rarely order the same thing on a food menu, I purposely drive routes I've never driven, and if I could wear a new hat and a new pair of shoes every day, I would. It doesn't always work out, like the time I tried traditional Dutch herring on a bun in Amsterdam. Not my thing. But I tried something new!

I'm less inclined to new things when they mean a great deal to me. Traditions, places, even people – I'd prefer if that which formed me stayed how it is. So, when God promises that pretty much all God intends to do is make things new, that gives me some pause. Truth be told, there are some things I don't want to be new.

We have a lake property in Deerwood, MN that has been part of our family for over 100 years. When I was very young, my grandpa had a more rustic cabin built nearby my grandparents' house and that's the way the property has looked for over 30 years. I like it. I like the familiarity, the comfort. I don't want it to change. But it has. I don't have to wear floaties on my arms when I swim. I get to drive the boat all by myself. My dad, brother, and I have taken my late grandma's place in the kitchen. Best of all? I get to see my own kids fall in love with this place and bring to it new life with each visit.

People of God, what lies ahead of us is what we've adopted as our theme for the upcoming ministry year – **NEW HEART + NEW SPIRIT**. As people, as a community of faith, as a world – we are promised that God's Holy Spirit will move us into new hearts, new spirits, and new life together. This is most assuredly an exciting time for us. It can also be a little unsettling, too. Again, herring isn't for everyone.

We cannot escape it, though. God is always making us new. So our work as a congregation, at the leading of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon us, is to reengage with what theologian Walter Brueggemann calls "the prophetic imagination." We are called to imagine, to dream, about the ways God is intending to make us new, now and in the years to come.

Throughout this newsletter you'll find new and familiar ways to engage this spiritual imagination within this faith community. I hope you'll join a small group. I hope you'll find the way that works for you to volunteer as a leader. I hope you'll find anew your place in worship on Sundays and Wednesdays. Most of all, I hope you'll be a part of discovering with us the way God is transforming us into something new.

In peace and hope,

Pastor Adam

Let's party!

We are celebrating 90 years of ministry together on **Sunday, October 16** with **Worship** followed by a **Celebration Brunch** [also the culmination of our **A Spirit of (re)Imagination** stewardship campaign]. We have so much to be grateful for and look ahead to. **How will Trinity's ministry change and grow in the next 10 years as we go from 90 to 100?**

Our 75th anniversary was commemorated with a Trinity Cookbook. This time, we are planning hand-painted Christmas ornaments for purchase.

We know we are better together and have much to do to share God's love with others; if you're interested in helping for the 90th Anniversary, please contact **Jeri Miller** (612-599-6003 or Jerilyn@TrinityLongLake.org).



TRINITY SMALL GROUPS
reNEWed LIFE

Pastor Ann Fenlason, Associate Pastor
AnnF@TrinityLongLake.org

“We are thankful for the stories exchanged and the camaraderie, how the group discussed losses, faults, and shortcomings, and shared their greatest memories and experiences.”

- KINSEY & MARC MENS,
AFTER GOOD ENOUGH LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are unique, supportive environments where relationships and trust are built, where risks can be taken, questions asked, and support found. Additionally, small group settings are places to pay attention to how God might be working in your life and in the world. Because small groups are life-giving and transformational, Trinity is thrilled to announce the formation of **a new ministry this fall**: Trinity Small Groups. The study for this Small Groups kickoff is called **reNEWed LIFE**. Eight sessions in length, it will include a leader/participant guide, and is framed to complement Trinity’s year-long theme of **NEW HEART + NEW SPIRIT**. We are excited for this new ministry and invite EVERYONE to be a part of Trinity Small Groups! Join...and expect to be transformed! Sign up starting September 11. Contact Pastor Ann with any questions.

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 11am-5pm

Trinity Youth Ministries will host what we expect to be the first of many Red Cross blood drives. The Red Cross has over 135 years of experience providing humanitarian aid including more than 75 years of supplying blood to those in need. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. We are very excited about the drive.

SIGN UP TO GIVE BLOOD:



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:



Go to **RedCross.org** (search for the blood drive on Sept 28th at Trinity) or capture QR code to sign up. Any questions about the drive can be answered by **Stacey Royal** (sroyal@phatminds.com).



Cari Bullemer, Womens Ministry Coordinator
CariB@TrinityLongLake.org

TRINITY WOMEN
fall kickoff
Breaking Free



SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 6PM

Featuring Jenny Severson, Ed.D.

- Escaping Survival Mode
- Living Intentionally
- Learning to Breathe Again After Trauma

DETAILS & REGISTRATION COMING SEPT 11



Jenny Severson, Ed.D.,
doctorate in Educational Psychology from Loyola University in Chicago



Certified **Dare to Lead** facilitator with the world-renowned Dr. Brené Brown

MUSIC MINISTRIES

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Mark Hemingway, Director of Worship & Music
MarkH@TrinityLongLake.org

Children's Choirs

WEDNESDAY REHEARSAL | 4-5pm

Trinity Lutheran offers a wonderful opportunity for Children in Grades K-5 to participate in a weekly choir ensemble, which sings in worship once each month and several other special occasions. These groups rehearse Wednesdays with students able to take the bus from Orono Public Schools to the church. The singers share snack-time, then gather in rehearsal to explore their voices, make music, meet new friends, and share the gift of praise. **Joyful Noise** is made-up of K-2nd graders, and **Youth Choir** is 3rd-5th graders. Registration links can be found on the website or through Trinity Kids registration (text TK to Trinity).



PreK Kids
(future Joyful Noise)

Trinity Bells

WEEKDAY REHEARSAL | DAYTIME TBD

Our **Adult Beginning Hand Bell Choir** is back this Fall! This Hand Bell Choir was created for ringers who are available to rehearse daytime and have little or no music training. Hand Bell ringing is a wonderful way to stretch your brain and reignite those connections, which often slow down over time. The learning progresses slowly with performance based on when everyone is comfortable and prepared. No musical training or hand bell ringing experience is required. We are looking for eager, adventurous men and women ready for a new challenge and a way to connect with others. Please contact Mark if you are interested in finding out more.



Chancel Bells

MONDAY REHEARSAL | 7pm

This **Hand Bell Choir** has been ringing at Trinity for more than 40 years. They are a 5-Octave ensemble that works on Medium to Advanced literature. Several of our ringers participate in other Hand Bell ensembles around the metro area. We often have openings for new ringers who have music reading skills or past ringing experience. They ring in worship one Sunday each month.



Trinity Choir

WEDNESDAY REHEARSAL | 7-8pm

Trinity Choir, is the Adult Vocal Choir which sings for Sunday morning worship. This group loves to explore all kinds of music and have fun doing it. New singers, young singers, old singers, retired singers, empty-nesting singers, snow-bird singers, Confirmation parent singers are all welcome. We never take attendance and no experience is needed; just an eagerness to join the group and share your voice, as we gather to make music, love our neighbor, and honor and worship God. Talk to Mark if you have any questions, or drop-in for Wednesday Rehearsal **beginning September 7th**.



Contemporary Worship

WEDNESDAY REHEARSAL/WORSHIP | 5:30-7PM

Trinity is adding a new worship experience this Fall with our 6pm Wednesday Worship. This service is a shorter, more contemporary worship style led by **Ben Richter** who has done our Confirmation Music for several years. Ben is hoping to **add 3-4 instrumentalists and vocals** to the group to assist in leading worship. Please talk to Mark if you are interested in adding vocals, guitar, keyboard, or percussion talents to the band. Eventually this group will also bring some of the same music to the Sunday morning worship on occasion in collaboration with the Children's Choirs and Trinity Choir.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY CATALYST

Jason Folkerts, Director of Faith Formation & HS Ministries
JasonF@TrinityLongLake.org



This year we have moved our Sunday night High School experience we call **Catalyst to Wednesday evenings**; we are encouraging our HS'ers to attend Worship from 6 to 6:30pm and following that they will have a gathering time in the youth room from **6:30 to 7:30pm**. The time will consist of hanging out and catching up with friends, a bible study with practical insights for their life, there will also be

other activities we will add to the mix, including food to munch on.

This year we will also be encouraging our HS students to engage in more service opportunities such as helping with Wednesday night worship, lending a hand to some aspects of Confirmation, serving at Salem Lutheran, and developing a peer ministry approach to ministry,

which we will be talking more about as the year progresses.

If you are an adult who appreciates youth, enjoys creativity, and wants to make an impact in our culture, you should be a leader for **Catalyst** – contact Jason to get on board with this awesome ministry. **Starting Sept 21st.**



REGISTER FOR
CONFIRMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY CONFIRMATION + FNL

Jason Folkerts, Director of Faith Formation & HS Ministries
JasonF@TrinityLongLake.org

This year our 6th through 8th graders will be engaged with a new theme for our confirmation program entitled **412 Live Like Jesus**. The **412** is a reference to 1 Timothy 4:12 *“Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.”* We also have a new name for our small groups, they are now called **Huddles**, which will meet with adult leaders as they dive into the theme for the evening. This year we are going over the Gospels and the life of Christ and have some amazing stories to unpack. We are excited that **Ben Richter** is back with us to lead large group games and music and there will always be an exciting message to tie it all together. We have added a couple of **Parent/Student nights** into the mix and a new summer experience for our graduating 8th graders who will attend a four-day phenomenal experience at Gustavus Adolphus as part of their Confirmation journey. We do need

NOTE: Jason Folkerts will be overseeing and working in both MS and HS ministries with the departure of Megan Moroff to Luther Seminary.

parents of MS'ers to help us out by being Huddle Leaders. We are praying for an additional 10 to 15 leaders to add to the already committed team in place. It's not too late to jump on board, **Kickoff is Sept 21st**. Contact Jason Folkerts for more information.

In addition to our exciting Confirmation experience we have added several more **Friday Night LIVE's** to the 2022-23 calendar. In fact, we will have **five themed FNL's** to enjoy! Our MS'ers are encouraged to invite all their friends from the community to experience the “Wowness” of it all. These high energy fun Friday night gatherings at our church will have a variety of themes and each will have their own elements of fun and unique activities to engage in. Our first one will **Friday, October 14th** and will take place from 7 to 9pm – the cost will be \$10.00. The theme for our first one is **Hawaiian Getaway**. To sign up for **FNL Hawaiian Getaway**, *text FNL to Trinity*.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Julie Vagle, Children & Family Director
JulieV@TrinityLongLake.org

REGISTER FOR TK
& KIDS CHOIRS:



TRINITY KIDS

We are excited for another wonderful year of TK to begin on **Sunday, Sept 11** during the 9am service. We teach the kids incredible stories of faith from the Bible and connect the stories to our children's lives. We have special *Grow in Faith* and *Milestone* events for all ages and grades of Trinity Kids. We are looking for caring adults to teach Trinity Kids on a once or twice a month basis, if you are interested contact Julie.

MILESTONES

- 2-year-old **My Church** | March 5
- 3-year-old **Bibles** | September 25
- 4-year-old **Prayer Pillows** | February 5
- Kindergarten **Welcome to Elementary School** | Sept 11
- 1st grade **Caring Conversation** | October 16
- 2nd grade **Serving Others FMSC** | October 2
- 3rd grade **Bibles** | September 18
- 4th grade **1st Communion** | April 6
- 5th grade **Welcome to Middle School** | April 16



CLUB 45

A fun, new ministry for 4th and 5th grade kids to grow in faith and relationship with one another. We will meet the **second Wednesday of each month** beginning **September 14 from 5:15-6pm**

in the Youth Room. Some of the things we will do at **Club45** are devotionals, games, crafts/activities, a Bible lesson and connecting with friends. Text **Club45** to Trinity to sign up.

MOPS

MOPS is a ministry for moms to connect with other moms, grow in relationship with God, support one another in parenting joys and struggles, and make meaningful connections with each other. We meet the **first and third Thursday of each month**. Register online or text **MOPS** to Trinity.

M | *this is motherhood*



TRINITY
**Children, Youth
and Family**

Trinity Children, Youth & Families Ministries went international August 5th on Lutheran World Relief's site (lwr.org) for helping Ukrainian Relief efforts. Hope you will take a moment to read it and maybe share.

This was a great event that made a difference on several levels.



READ ARTICLE



SEEDS CAMP



FAMILY CAMP



4-8TH GRADE

Summer 2022 Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp

Family Camp: 10 families, 40 people
1st-3rd Grade SEEDS Camp: 5 kids
4th-8th Grade Camp: 12 kids



Summer Festival 2022 Gustavus Adolphus College

Five Trinity Middle School students had a blast at Summer Festival in July! They took over the campus to play the messiest camp games, eat the best camp food, make new camp friends and answer Jesus' questions, **"Who do YOU say that I am?"**

OUTREACH MINISTRY WAYS TO SERVE

Jill Cornell, Shared Ministries Director | JillC@TrinityLongLake.org

I have found over the years, that when I try to do something good to help or serve another person, as the giver I receive so much more back in return. Time and time again, this was always evident to me through our mission trips to El Salvador, serving meals at a shelter, or being part of our local community meals. Sometimes just being present with another person and providing a listening ear is all that is needed.

This fall, we have opportunities to serve as an individual, family or group—some will be familiar to you and others will be new! I hope you will give one of these a try and see how God transforms you, as you serve others.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Local Habitat

Give your time to help build a better Twin Cities community. Our local build day is in Chaska on a new construction home.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Simpson Shelter Breakfast

Help cook and serve breakfast for the guests at the shelter.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Walk for Water



Be a part of **Water Mission's Twin Cities**



Walk for Water. We will generate awareness of the global water crisis and support for the 2.2 billion people around the world that do not have access to safe water. Trinity is one of the sponsors of this walk.



SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 2

Two hours of your volunteer time packing meals will make a big impact on child hunger across the globe. Please see separate flyer enclosed for details or capture the QR Code.



EL SALVADOR

Seeds of Hope

Support a student's education in El Salvador; our **Seeds of Hope** sponsorship program will be renewing sponsorships in the fall and looking for a few new sponsors for students.

OCTOBER 9-16 & DECEMBER 4-11

Families Moving Forward

While families are still staying in hotels through the end of 2022, as a host congregation we have two weeks this fall where we are providing support with food for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



AGAPE

gift market

NOVEMBER 12-13, 2022

Our annual market not only brings the church and community together for a fun event, but all net proceeds generated from the market are donated to support other organizations doing great work. There will be many ways to help before and during the market.



Ways to help now:

- **Want to be a vendor?**

Applications are available on our website (scan QR Code) and due by September 15.



- **We're collecting**

"gently used" books (current), puzzles and games NOW for our resale section of the market.

Additional opportunities this fall will be supporting our local food shelves, community meals and more. Upcoming weekly emails and bulletins will provide further details and sign-up information.



A LETTER FROM PASTOR ERIC

A New Partnership Begins

Good people of Trinity,

My name is **Eric Hoffer**, and I'm the Pastor at **Salem Lutheran** in the **Camden Neighborhood** of **North Minneapolis**. A few years back, I heard from a wise elder that there were three essential elements in collaboration amongst faith communities: **PRAYER, WORSHIP, AND FOOD** (I might suggest adding service and fun into the mix, as well).

Toward the end of 2021, I emailed Jill Cornell, Trinity's *Shared Ministries Director*, about the possibility of Trinity supporting a Christmas bag giveaway Salem was putting on for our neighbors that year. While supporting that specific project didn't work out, Trinity generously shared some of the proceeds from year's **Agape Market** with **Salem's Community Dinner Ministry**. Since then, Trinity and Salem have continued to be in conversation about how we might grow in our partnership together.

Salem is a small, community-minded, active church in a diverse community. We know that, in order to live out our call as a church, we rely on many partners in ministry in our neighborhood and beyond. It's been a joy to welcome Trinity members to serve at Salem's community dinner, help host a large neighborhood BBQ and volunteer at Salem's dining hall at the **Minnesota State Fair**. Additionally, it's been a pleasure to be in conversation with Trinity's Outreach Committee and pastors, as well as join y'all for a **Summer Nights** event!

We at Salem are excited to offer Trinity a new opportunity to be in relationship with fellow siblings in Christ. We hope to share what we've learned being a church in the city for over 125 years. We look forward to growing together in new and meaningful ways.

Most of all, stay tuned for ways we can connect around prayer, worship, and—most definitely—food!

Christ's Blessings and Peace be with you all,
 Pastor Eric



DORCAS CIRCLE CARD MINISTRY

For the young, for guys or gals, celebrating or honoring, sending kind thoughts or gratitude, in sympathy...all because you care.

The Card Ministry, led by **Gloria Weeks & Sue Nelson**, has its card creations for sale on the Get Connected Center, available anytime and for all occasions. Your generous support goes to Dorcas Circle's outreach of supplies for *Women's Shelter, Bless the Years Celebration, Giving Tree* and so much more.



OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL

Providing Hope and a Hand Up



Early August, I was grateful to join a group from Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, as Trinity's representative on a Colombia "Insight" trip led by Opportunity International. Since fall of 2020, our Outreach ministry team began lifting up the work of Opportunity to first a smaller group of "early adopters" from the congregation, second women at the Gather+Give Christmas event, then to the entire

congregation with our 2021 Lenten offering focus.

We visited some of the "poorest of poor" - people living on less than \$1.90 a day, including the Sunflower community where our financial support has been directed. During a meeting with local pastors, it was shared, "People need to see themselves as God sees them- not as victims of their circumstances." Opportunity's programs such as Village Savings and Loans, the Graduation Model, and now Shalom have gone deeper to help those most in need. Partnering with churches has created valuable partnerships and has given pastors new tools to hear the stories of



the people in their community with an in-depth and holistic understanding.

Through all the people we met and the neighborhoods we visited, I could see how the work of Opportunity is meeting people where they are and providing the learning and encouragement they need to have a better life.

We are planning to provide an opportunity this fall to hear and learn more from the trip and the work of Opportunity in Colombia.

Shalom, Melanie DeLuca



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Kelly Govrik, Preschool Director | Preschool@TrinityLongLake.org

Our school year is right around the corner! Trinity Preschool Staff is working diligently in order to provide a fun and beneficial curriculum for its students while also creating a welcoming, loving, safe environment.

We are eager to announce that we are updating our playground! Thank you to one of our Trinity Preschool families who generously donated the funds to do so. With their help we will be able to add a dramatic playhouse with a tunnel, a twist spinner, a sandbox and new soft turf grass! A big thank you to the company *Burke*, based out of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin for aiding us in

getting the playground up and ready. Our hope is that it will be completed right as school begins.

Trinity Preschool classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 7th**. We offer programming September through May:

- 3-year-old classes MW and TTh
- 4-year-old classes MWF and TThF
- Two PreK classes that run M-Th

Extended Care is available afternoons with enrichment activities that are planned for all ages.

Staff is elated to see new and returning faces this fall. Another great year awaits!

TRINITY Preschool
2022-23 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

For info and to schedule a tour, email Preschool Director Kelly Govrik:

Preschool@TrinityLongLake.org

TRINITY FOUNDATION

This year we were excited to see **nineteen Trinity students apply and receive scholarship money** to help them grow and develop their leadership skills. The **Trinity Foundation** encourages our students to engage in activities making a difference in the lives of others and in the communities where they live and learn.

To apply for the scholarship money they were required to answer a series of questions that spoke to examples of their Christian leadership within five areas, *where they showed compassion and acts of love; sharing their faith and being in fellowship with others; where they are being transformed and challenged as a leader; how do they serve and make an impact and what steps are they currently taking to grow into their leadership roles.*

The Trinity Foundation has a Board of six individuals who decide on the amounts to be given after receiving essays from those who applied. This year we saw an increase in applications. The Board plans to make some more announcements about ways church members can get more involved and understand the ways this is making a significant impact in the lives of many people.

If you would like more information about the Trinity Foundation and how you can give financially to it, please feel free to talk with **Jason Folkerts, Pastor Adam** or **Mark Ihrke**, Board Chair.

Investing in the lives of our students and their Christian leadership path reaps positive rewards.



COUNCIL PRESIDENT CORNER

Hello, Trinity Lutheran Church members. I wanted to take minute to share my excitement over what has been happening at Trinity. The **Summer Nights** events have been so much fun and a great success! I hope you have found time to make it to a few. It has been great to not only see our church community but also to meet new people from our community and welcome them to be a part of our church family. All the Trinity staff and volunteers have put in countless hours to make these events fantastic. I hope I didn't jinx it for the last two by writing this, but we have had perfect weather every Wednesday night. I am sad that Summer Nights is almost over but I hope you had a chance to come out and enjoy a relaxed evening on a beautiful summer night with good food and good friends.

In true Minnesotan fashion, I love the change in seasons. Although I am bummed summer is almost over, I am looking forward to Fall. Not only because my kids are back in school, only minor repairs on the house from summer, but for what is happening at Trinity. Pastor Adam and the Trinity staff have been working hard at casting their vision for the rest of this year and next. I am excited to see their planning come to fruition and to see people I haven't seen in awhile and to be a part of the growth in our ministries. The last couple years have been tough with everything happening in our world and to start anew is exciting. **Fall Kickoff is Sunday September 11 and Wednesday, September 14; I'm looking forward to it!**

Adam Holmes, *Council President*

a Spirit of (re) IMAGINATION

The story of our faith is one of reimagination. As God interacts with the created world, we are encouraged and even required to imagine a new way of being.

When God pours out the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus, he gives them the power to dream without limit about the ways we are being transformed into something new.

**How is God transforming you into something new?
How can your imagination inspire generosity in 2023?**

Look for materials to arrive and be available at worship in late September.

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As we move into autumn, I pray that you become ever more aware of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in your lives and in the world. Then share your stories with one another—at fellowship after worship or over the dinner table or coffee—that you may be a witness to just how amazing our God—through the Holy Spirit—is!

- Pastor Ann

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Summer NIGHTS

Thanks for making summer great!



Community for You

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND
October 2023

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

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