

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.

For 90 years, Trinity Lutheran Church has embraced this idea to imagine how God is calling us into the world in new and different ways. The generosity and commitment of the people of this congregation has sustained

thriving and vibrant ministry throughout those many years. By the leading of the Holy Spirit, we have lived into our mission to welcome others, grow in faith, and serve near and far.

Where we are now is a new reality, with new challenges and new opportunities. God is placing within us new hearts and new spirits. We are made new each and every day, and we are being called into something so much bigger than just ourselves. God is blessing us with **A Spirit of (re)Imagination** – the ability to *reimagine* who we are and to *imagine* a new future.

We will share this Spirit-led work with one another through prayer, community and generous gifts. God promises the power we each need, to realize our role within what we imagine for ourselves and the world: “...*you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” (Acts 1:8)

Together with Christ Jesus, by the power of God’s Spirit poured out, we are more than ready to **(re)imagine** what is ahead for us, for the church and for the world.



We move into a new year and the next phase of our life as a congregation committed to a new imagination for where God is leading us. Using increased gifts and offerings, *we'll focus on three areas:*

(re)Imagining OUR RELATIONSHIPS



The church is built on the promise of belonging established in baptism. We belong to Christ, and we belong to one another. Deep, meaningful relationships have been and continue to be an essential part of our life here at Trinity. We will put renewed energy toward fostering intergenerational relationships within and outside our building. A special focus will be put on outdoor ministry - enhancing our relationship with outdoor ministry partners through participation and monetary support and, in turn, enhancing opportunities for relationship-building within our community.

(re)Imagining OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



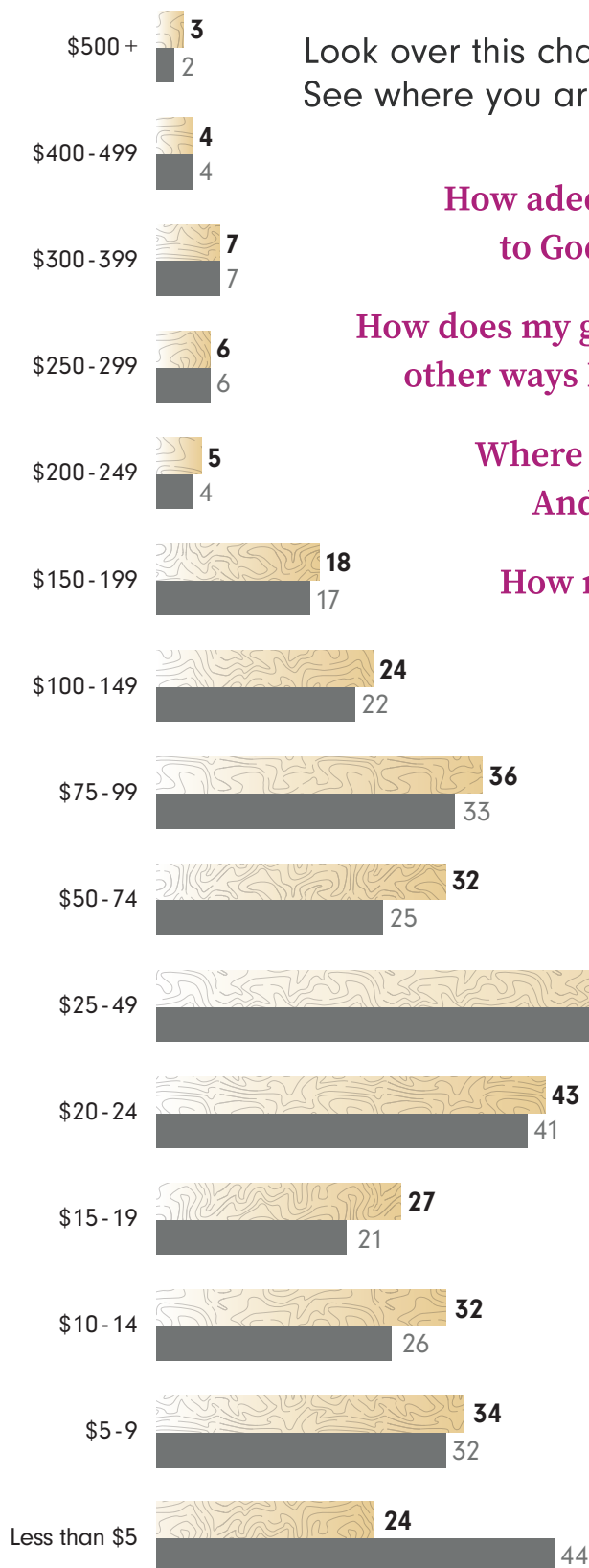
"*And who is my neighbor?*" asked a lawyer in response to Jesus' command to love one's neighbor. The answer is simple: everyone. Our task as a church, then, is to reimagine how we draw the lines around our neighborhood. In the coming year, we will work with stakeholders in our immediate, hyper-local neighborhood to make an impact on the lives of our neighbors who need it most. Also, through our new ministry partnership with **Salem Lutheran Church** in North Minneapolis, we will imagine together what neighbors can learn from one another even when they aren't right next door.

(re)Imagining OUR LIFE TOGETHER



God continues to work amongst us here at Trinity. We've welcomed new staff and encouraged others in new ventures. We hosted twelve **Summer Nights** block parties, reminding us of the power of being and belonging together. We've added a worship service on Wednesday evenings and launched an intentional effort toward getting every single person at Trinity connected to a small group. Going forward, we'll use your generosity to maintain the life-giving ministry of this church and use our collective imagination to grow into what God is creating us to be.

AVERAGE WEEKLY RANGE



GIVERS HOPED FOR IN 2023

CURRENT GIVERS

Look over this chart showing how we can reach our goal. See where you are now and **ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:**

How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?

How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?

Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my offering? And can I consider doing that?

How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

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Please pray about our congregation's mission and ministry together. *Pray* about your offering for the next year. *Pray* about your response to the letter from the Pastors, Council President and **Possibilities Team** which will ask you to consider increasing your giving for the coming year.

Be ready to complete your *Intent Card* to **Trinity Lutheran Church** and place it in the offering plate on **Sunday, October 16th**. You can also enter your intent online and set up online giving or mail your response directly to the church office.

Together as we imagine and reimagine the Gospel's reach to our community and our neighbors near and far, God's love and grace will be poured out upon you without measure, as is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for being a part of this exciting time as a congregation.

WHAT NOW?

1. **PRAY.** You're invited to respond generously and faithfully to our ministry needs and growth for 2023.
2. **A letter and Intent Card will be mailed October 10th.**
3. **QUESTIONS?** Contact or speak to a member of our **Possibilities Team:**
 - Pastor Adam Butler (AdamB@TrinityLongLake.org)
 - Jerilyn Miller (Jerilyn@TrinityLongLake.org)
 - Rindee Erdmann (Rindee@TrinityLongLake.org)
 - Dr. Kathi Tunheim and Kari Newell

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Trinity Small Groups: *reNEWed LIFE*

STARTING SEPTEMBER 25TH

Text SMALL to Trinity to learn more and sign up.

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 2

Text FMSC to Trinity to sign up.

Worship | Sundays 9am and Wednesdays 6pm

(re)Imagining Our Relationships OCT 2 & 5

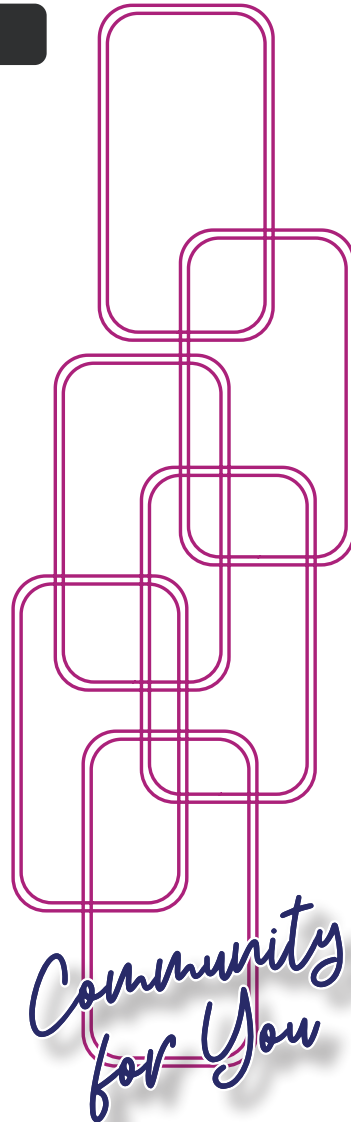
(re)Imagining Our Neighborhoods OCT 9 & 12

(re)Imagining Our Life Together OCT 16

Return your Intent Cards

A Spirit of (re)Imagination & 90th Anniversary Brunch

Text BRUNCH to Trinity to reserve your spot.



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