



**as we wait for God**



## fall calendar 2023

watch for Tuesday/Saturday emails  
and visit our website for details

*worship together*

sundays 9am, wednesdays 6pm

### trinity fall kickoff

sunday, sept 10 | 9am

worship, backpack blessing, trinity kids, continental breakfast with Dobo's Rolls, Bricks to Bread pretzels for sale

wednesday, sept 13

Carbone's pizza dinner | 5-6pm  
worship | 6pm

#### shift

sunday, sept 17 | after worship

### trinity women fall kickoff

Thursday, Sept 21 | 6-9pm

### new member orientation

sunday, sept 24 | 10:30am

**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*

6:45pm | *Trinity Choir*

7:30pm | *High School Ministry*

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TRINITY  
**Children, Youth  
and Family**

## fall registrations

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

Stacy Thoma, *Early Childhood Coordinator* | StacyT@TrinityLongLake.org

**trinity kids** | children 2 years old to 5th grade meet Sundays during worship

**youth choir** | children K-5th grade meet Wednesdays after school

**club45** | 4th and 5th graders meet second Wednesdays of the month

**confirmation** | middle schoolers (6-8th grades) meet weekly on Wednesday evenings for programming

**high school ministry** | students grades 9-12 meet Wednesday evenings to build relationships, serve community, engage in ministry and deepen their faith

**mops** | moms connect, learn, grow, and serve - meets the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning September 21st from 9:30-11:30am

scan code, visit website  
or text **register** to trinity



We start off with a **dinner-for-all** from 5-6pm in the Great Hall, **Club 45** gathers monthly at 5:15pm, **Worship** at 6pm in the Sanctuary, **Confirmation** at 6:30pm, **Trinity Choir** at 6:45pm, and **High School Ministry** to follow at 7:30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing how God is at work to bring people of all ages together on Wednesdays.



## *this moment. these people.*

My wife, Kayla, and I have a joke that whenever we go to an event with lots of people or anywhere you might end up having to wait in line, whatever line I pick, pick the other one. I always overthink it. Probably because I hate waiting in line so much that I analyze way more than I should. And what do I get? Always the one that is maddeningly slow. I probably deserve it.

I hate waiting in line. I hate waiting for anything, really. If I have a package coming in the mail, a vacation on the calendar, or I hit that inevitable traffic jam on 494 in the middle of the day on a Tuesday – I hate waiting. I think it mostly has to do with the idea I've created in my head of what I'm missing out on by waiting. I might miss a homerun waiting for a hot dog or miss out on an extra half hour with friends while I'm bumper-to-bumper on the highway.

Waiting also means I have to slow down; I'm forced to be present with my own thoughts or the people I'm with instead of the idea of what's to come. And truthfully, that's one of the hardest things in the world for me. It also might be the thing I need the most.

When Jesus made himself known to his disciples after his death and resurrection, one of the last things he told them before he ascended into heaven was to stay in Jerusalem and *wait* for the promise of the Father. Rather than telling them all the active things they must *do*, he

told them to wait for the promise of God to be revealed to them, to wait for God to act.

This kind of waiting, as Andy Root and Blair Bertrand write in their new book *When Church Stops Working*, is called **resonance**. “Resonance is both the action of seeking connections and the result of that seeking. It is a way of being in the world that stays in the present because it doesn't get distracted by the future of more...Resonance is action that awaits arrival...it acts to receive, to wait for what is uncontrollable.” And so, they argue, “we wait for what is uncontrollable by attending to *this moment with these people.*”

**What, then, does waiting look like at Trinity? What are the ways we can more fully attend to *this moment with these people* so that we might encounter God anew and the way God is revealing God's self in this place?**

We are a people gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, called to wait in wonder of the God who acts in beautiful and mysterious ways. This kind of resonant waiting might be difficult, but I think it might be exactly what we need the most.

Pastor Adam





## children, youth & family ministry

# summer recap

Julie Vagle, Children & Family Director | JulieV@TrinityLongLake.org  
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**vbs** | We had 143 kids at Stellar VBS where kids learned all week about *shinning Jesus' light*. We had more than 100 amazing volunteers guiding crews, leading stations, and helping in big and small ways to make VBS an amazing week for our kids.

**camp** | It was a wonderful summer of camping ministry with our Trinity kids and families. From 27 people at family camp to a total of 39 campers between the Seeds and weeklong camp at Wapo, kids grew in their faith. Through Bible studies, campfires, and chapel time, played games like 9-square and Gaga, enjoyed beach time, treats at the canteen, and meeting new friends and growing in community with each other.

### high school mission days |

We had three mission days in the cities with youth and adults. We helped at a Community Garden, Northside Celebration event at Salem (our partner church) - feeding 500 people in the neighborhood, and worked at a Healing Garden at San Pablo Church.

### camp reflections

*"My best part was swimming, hanging with my friends and learning more about God."* – Conlan (6th grade)

*"It was an amazing opportunity for them to build friendships and their independence all while growing in their faith."*  
– Conlan's parents Katie & John

*"My favorite part of Wapo was playing with new people for field games. It was also fun to play Gaga and 9-square with my friends from my cabin."* – Lucy (8th)

*"After Lucy's first overnight camp, Seeds Camp, she couldn't return fast enough. Turns out camp was harder on me. I did have peace of mind, however, knowing that we had Trinity staff on site the entire time; feels great just knowing she's in a safe place. Then there's all her time spent with no devices and lots of activity and friends that I don't have to orchestrate myself- that's huge!"* – Cari, Lucy's mom

*"Andrew had a great experience at Wapo and wants to return next year. It was very comforting for parents to have you there, especially during his first time away at camp. We also really appreciated the daily updates, which helped us to feel connected to the kids at camp. Andrew's highlights were the camp games, especially the Chip Noodle Challenge. He also thought the cabins and food were surprisingly good. His counselors were wonderful. They were welcoming and connected with kids immediately, and Andrew felt they did a great job with the faith-based activities. Amidst such a large group of campers, Andrew's experience felt personalized and unique. We are grateful for such a positive adventure and the opportunity for Andrew to explore and develop his faith."*  
– Jenny, mother of Andrew (6th)



Contact Kelly  
to set up a tour!

FOR CHILDREN 33  
MONTHS TO PREK

## trinity preschool freshy fresh

Kelly Govrik, Preschool Director | Preschool@TrinityLongLake.org

Trinity Preschool has brightened our look this fall by adding new refreshing energy to our space. We are eager to show off our new carpet and flooring that was installed this June. The old water fountain was removed and a new water bottle refilling station was replaced. The library has fresh new shelves and seating. Safety features were added on the doors. We organized and re-imagined the art closet and toy closet. This has allowed teachers to utilize all the wonderful space here in the school. Preschool begins Wednesday, September 6th and we are ready to roll! Another great year awaits.



COMMUNITY • FOOD • FUN



# Summer NIGHTS

WEDNESDAYS @ TRINITY



Dear Trinity Lutheran representative,  
 Thank you! My brother lives in the Orono Woodlands group home and I'm so grateful for the (non-religious) activities and support your church has offered to him and his fellow residents. The social interaction is so beneficial and badly needed. I appreciate your good hearts and good deeds! 😊

a summer nights thank you card from our Woodlands neighbors

**"I can't believe how many people come to these (Summer Nights),"** Hans Bergh and Dave Lohmann remarked to each other at one of the ten Wednesday events.

In some ways, we can't believe it either, but on the other hand, what's not to love about the people in our church and beyond getting together over good food and entertainment and just plain talking. Even kids got in the action. In fact, young man, **Cole Jacquemart** was part of the Summer Nights team, along with his mom, **Jennifer**. Cole says he likes the events, **"because it gets everyone together and you meet new people!"**

In addition to Jennifer and Cole, our team **Jennifer Weiss, Connie Francis,**

**Anna Holmes, Tammy Swenson, Kari Newell, Stacey Royal, Jerry Jones, Pam Palm, Laure Francis and Cassie Enzenauer** helped plan and work on details for the events this year. Each person on the team took an event and worked on the theme and details including food, entertainment, volunteer help and consistency of the evenings. **Thank you to the team and thank you to all the volunteers who came out Wednesday after Wednesday.**

This is the second year of Summer Nights. We are feeling great about the

turnout; 90-250, averaging 180. That means 1800 meals were served! Summer Nights is funded partially through the budget and by your generous contributions.

If you'd like to be part of the team next year **Jeri Miller** is your contact.

## behind the scenes

- **Do you know why our Communion Bread is so tasty?** We have volunteer bakers who follow a provided recipe supplying Communion Sundays. Bakers include Sarah Hrusovsky, Diann Benson, Barb Lohmann, Tiffany & Vera Hodapp. We could use a couple more people, if interested talk to any of the bakers or **Linda Koltjes (LindaK@trinitylonglake.org)**. Thank you, ladies!



- A clay paver path now encircles the **Trinity Memorial Garden & Columbaria**. A crew worked this August to complete the project. Funding through contributions and sales of niches and memorial wall plaques made this progress possible. We are excited about this improvement to the significant ministry providing a place of honor and remembrance for those who have gone before us. If you have interest or question please see **Jeri Miller**.





# music ministry ensembles

Mark Hemingway, *Director of Worship & Music*  
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Music Ensembles are back in full force come September. Trinity has a long tradition of strong and engaged music ensembles that encourage all ages to join in

creating music for worship and celebration. All the music ensembles are open to everyone, no auditions or requirements. If you cannot make it every week, we can work around that as well. **Please contact Mark if you have questions or interest in any of these opportunities; people can join at anytime.**

## Vocal Choirs

**Youth Choir** – This ensemble is open to students K-5, **meets Wednesdays 4-5pm**, sings in worship one Sunday each month. The singers will explore their voices, ensemble singing, musical elements, small group activities, and the joy of music. Bus transportation is available from the Orono Schools. Register through the Trinity Kids Registration.

**Middle School Choir** – We have taken a couple years off, but back to singing this Fall! This choral group is open to all students 6-8th grade, **meets Wednesdays 5:30-6pm**, and will assist with Wednesday Night Worship on occasion and Sunday Morning worship as available.

**Trinity Choir** – Our adult choral ensemble **rehearses Wednesdays 6:45-7:30pm**, and sings in Sunday worship 2-3

Sundays each month. We explore a wide variety of music from classic to contemporary! You don't have to be a soloist or read music to sing with this ensemble, we invite all to join in singing God's praise, and spend time with some really great people. This is the primary ensemble for our annual **Worship Concert on November 26**; a wonderful opportunity to sing with a 25-piece orchestra and professional soloists.

## Hand Bells

**Chancel Bells** – This is our advance adult bell choir which **rehearses Mondays 6-7:30pm** and usually plays the second Sunday of each month, and Christmas Eve. Many from this group have been ringing more than 20 years, and ring with several ensembles. We play more advanced bell music, and prior ringing experience or music reading skills will help you enjoy this ensemble.

**Trinity Bells** – This ensemble is created for **adults who have no bell ringing experience**, but are looking for an ensemble to expand the musical skills and meet new people. We are a teaching choir. After a 3-year COVID break we are back this Fall. Bell ringing is a tremendous brain training activity to use new parts of our minds. We will rehearse one day a week during the day as determined by the participants.

## Wednesday Worship Band

**Ben Richter** will once again lead the Wednesday Worship in a more contemporary shorter worship service each week. Ben is always looking for more singers and instrumentalists to join the Wednesday Worship.

## Instrumentalists

Trinity is always looking for Instrumentalists to add to our worship music. **Pianists, Guitarist, Flute, Trumpets, Strings, etc.** There are always opportunities for special solo or ensemble music, and adding to accompany one our other ensembles. We also have the **Trinity Orchestra** for more advanced players, or the **Christmas Thunder Band** in December.

**trinity women fall kickoff**  
*make a difference*

with **Rachel Kurtz**

*"It's like there's a whole universe in every note that she is singing"*

**thurs, sept 21 | 6-8:30pm**  
**dinner and a show**  
trinity's narthex & sanctuary

learn more & register  
scan code, text **WOMEN**  
or visit sign up center





# new member Q&A

- 1) Why did you decide to join Trinity?
- 2) What do you do for work?
- 3) What do you do for fun?
- 4) How did you name your child or children?

## Duncan, Leslie & Rory MacLahlan

- 1) We were looking for a Lutheran church in the area, and we tried several different churches. After attending a service in-person we decided that Trinity was the right fit for our family. The atmosphere is the right mix of fun and traditional, we felt very welcome by the pastors and the congregation, and we are looking forward to the robust children's programs available for our son Rory. We want him to have the opportunity to get involved in a church with kids that he may be in school with in the future, like Leslie and I had when we were growing up.
- 2) Leslie works in Business Insurance Operations for Travelers, and I work for my small family business called Hill Hiker, designing, manufacturing and installing outdoor incline elevators.
- 3) We love outdoor activities like boating and skiing, watching and playing sports, and hanging out with family and friends.
- 4) Leslie always wanted to name her first child Rory whether it was a boy or girl. Since we are Scottish, we wanted a name that had Scottish or Celtic origin, and Rory William MacLachlan fit perfectly.

**Any other fun information that you want to share...** I grew up in the area and went to Orono high school, and I know several families that go to Trinity and have close friends that got married here too. Since Rory was baptized at Trinity, he was technically a member of the church before us!

## Kirsten, Neal and Clara Eidenschink

- 1) We were looking for a place for our family to attend church in the area, and loved all of the children's activities for our daughter as she grows up.
- 2) Kirsten is a music therapist, and Neal is an engineer.
- 3) We enjoy being outside and being active with our friends and family.
- 4) Both of us had a great grandmother named Clara!

**Any other fun information that you want to share...** Neal is a native Minnesotan, to the Orono area even. Kirsten grew up on the east coast in Dover, Delaware.

## April, Dillon & Wren Carlson

- 1) We wanted something close to home, Lutheran, and family oriented with little ones like us.
- 2) April is a Life Science Underwriter at Traveler's Insurance in Saint Paul and part-time Hairstylist. Dillon is a Software Engineer at Confluent based out of California.
- 3) We like to work on house projects, go boating, fishing, kayaking, hiking, traveling, and trying out new restaurants or breweries. Dillon likes to deer hunt, play sports and watch sports. April likes to cook, stay active, watch movies and DIY projects.
- 4) April saw the name Wren on a baby name list and liked it. Once we found out the gender, April was set on the name and Dillon warmed up to it eventually.

## Jennifer, Adam, Henry, Charlie & Lucille Froemming

- 1) My two boys attended preschool at Trinity. The community we were a part of was amazing and I wanted to keep us involved with everyone there as my boys enter their school years.
- 2) I am a stay-at-home mom. My husband is an IT consultant.
- 3) We mountain bike, sled and ski in the winter, and enjoy exploring northern Minnesota when we can get away.
- 4) The kids' names were traditional names we enjoyed and each of their middle names are grandparent names.



## trinity foundation watch us grow

Pastor Adam Butler  
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It is likely you have heard of the **Trinity Foundation**, but do you know what we do?

Our overall mission is to support the ongoing and long-term ministry of God's church and its people. Our vision is to provide an enduring legacy of financial resources to impact our church, community and world.

We recently provided educational scholarships to **25 Trinity youth and young adults** to support them as they learn and grow in their faith while attending post secondary education.

We love supporting our youth, yet we want to do so much more!

The Foundation is separate from the Church's operating budget, which is focused on basic church needs. Our goal is to grow the Foundation's resources to the point where we are able to fund projects or programs beyond the scope of the operating budget. Educational scholarships are just the beginning. With your help, we will support things like community and world outreach, adult education, music programs and more. Our church is a central point to the success of our community, and Trinity Foundation can be a part of that success.

If you have any questions about Trinity Foundation, are interested in donating, or would like to become involved, please reach out to one of the Board members, or Pastor Adam.

### foundation board members

Mark Ihrke, *Chair*  
Ruth Bash, *Treasurer*  
Mary Soderstrom, *Secretary*  
Carol Narum  
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### trinity small groups

## *From the Inside Out – Discovering a deeper, more transformative life with God*

Pastor Ann Fenlason, *Associate Pastor* | AnnF@TrinityLongLake.org

Our faith is shaped through spiritual formation—a process through which the Holy Spirit works in and through us to grow and renew our faith. Spiritual formation happens whether or not we realize it, but it is most fruitful when we are intentional about tending to it; however, with our busy lives, it's getting more difficult to find time to tend to our spiritual side.

The **Trinity Small Groups 2023-24 study** is intended to help us become more mindful about our spiritual side as it forms us "From the Inside Out." It focuses on the journey of spiritual formation—an ongoing, lifelong process of becoming increasingly aware and more discerning of God's presence, as well as how God is at work in your life and in the world. You are invited to join a small group, gather your established group, or bring a new group together for this six-session study, done at your group's chosen pace, which will be available by late September. Watch for ways to sign up or contact Pastor Ann or Jill.



### dorcas circle take part in the fun!

Marlys Jenson, *lay leader*  
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Join Dorcas Circle women's small group the **first Thursday of the month** at Trinity **9:30-11:00am**. The women have devotions, bible study, socialize and support women in need. Dorcas is one of the first followers of Jesus and was devoted to good works and charity. No need to register, just come to our meeting, **September 7** in the Conference Room.

### trinitarians steppin' out

Ron Schulte, *lay leader*  
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The Trinitarians group gathers during the day for fun social events, service projects and helpful informational sessions. All adults are welcome. Details and sign-ups can be found at the SignUp Center, or contact Ron.

**thursday, october 19**  
Ives Sidekick Theatre  
*The Marvelous Wonderettes*

**thursday, november 16**  
Trinitarians at Trinity  
*topic: Let's Talk About It*



**thursday,  
december 7**  
Ives Sidekick  
Theatre  
*Honky Tonk  
Holiday*



# trinity long lake feasibility

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## as yet by faith: a step forward

In Paul's 2nd letter to the church at Corinth, he describes what it is to be a people who live by faith. To live in this way is to recognize the temporary nature of all we have and all we see in this earthly life, and yet not lose heart. Why? Because while we and all we have will eventually pass away, what God has placed within us is constantly being renewed. As such, our home is not here. God is preparing an eternal place for us that is "beyond all measure." It's why we pray with confidence as we celebrate the life of a saint gone before us, "Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, **and who walk as yet by faith**, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life."

For 91 years and counting, Trinity Lutheran Church has been a community of disciples committed to walking by faith. We love our church and our building, but the rich history of Trinity has always been inclined toward what cannot be seen - relationships with God and with one another. In that way, we've come this far by faith, and now we're ready to take another step forward in our life together.

We remain committed to our mission as a congregation, to **welcome** all to worship joyfully, **grow** in faith, and **serve** near and far, in Jesus' name. This roots us to our past while sending us ahead, as God's Spirit leads us toward what we are becoming.

**Thank you** to all who participated in a **Feasibility Study** for a comprehensive campaign to support the life and ministry of Trinity. A total of 35 interviews with 49 people provided input for the study. The interviews were conducted at Trinity, as well as over Zoom and by phone. We are grateful to all who agreed to participate and share their responses. This is an initial important step in **forming a comprehensive campaign that includes:**

- **annual ministry support for 2024**
- **3-year capital campaign**
  - To care for our church building
  - Manage and/or eliminate mortgage debt
  - Reimagine use of some of our current spaces for new ministry possibilities
  - Grow our partnerships with our neighbors and community
- **legacy gift planning**
  - to continue Trinity's ministry for future generations



A more detailed report has been presented to the Church Council, and to those who participated in the study. Copies of the report are available on request from the church office. We continue to welcome further input and feedback on the report or proposed campaign focus areas as research and conversation continue to happen.

# SHIFT

**informational sessions:**

**September 17th** as part of **SHIFT**

**October 15th** with campaign consultant, **Steve Olson**, who will also preach that Sunday





# outreach ministry serve near & far

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

This past summer has been busy for Outreach— Community Meals, Simpson Shelter lunches, monthly volunteering at Interfaith Outreach’s food shelf, supporting Salem with volunteers at their Community BBQ and volunteering at the Salem Dining Hall at the Minnesota State Fair.

Looking ahead to the fall, we have many opportunities coming up that we hope you will consider spending some of your time reaching out to serve others outside the walls of Trinity.

- saturday, sept 16 | simpson shelter lunch** We are serving lunch monthly at the shelter and have loved seeing more families come and serve. It is a few hours of your time; all ages are welcome.
- saturday, oct 7 | walk for water** Be a part of Water Mission’s Twin Cities Walk for Water. Trinity is one of the sponsors. We will generate awareness of the global water crisis and support the 2.2 billion people around the world that do not have access to safe water.
- october 13-14 | fall serve weekend** A variety of projects to serve Trinity and the community will be available. Watch for details and sign-up in September.
- first thursday of the month | interfaith outreach food shelf** Help with Trinity’s shift each month, 4:45-7:30pm. Volunteers need to be 18 & older. It’s a great way for our church to volunteer and fill a shift.



## november 11-12

Our annual market helps to bring the church and community together for a fun event. Through your shopping you are supporting others! All net profits are donated to support Disaster Relief, Global & Local efforts. Since our first market, over \$240,000 has been donated to support others. There will be a variety of ways to help before and during the market including making lefse.

### AGM is currently collecting these donations:

gently used” current books, puzzles, games, purses/handbags, and Christmas sweaters for our resale section at the market

## christian chavarria visits from el salvador

We are so excited to have Christian visit Minnesota again! It has been ten years



since his last visit. Christian is a pastor, an artist, leads the sister church office in El Salvador, a musician, and a gracious host with a guest house where we have stayed during our recent trips (pre-pandemic). Those of us that have traveled to El Salvador have met Christian and heard his testimony of his life in early years during the Civil War in El Salvador through his growing up years where he fled to Norway for safety as a teen and always his commitment to the church. The bright colored cross on our altar was made by Christian and is our reminder of our brothers and sisters in El Salvador and we are a church that serves globally as well as locally. Christian will spend time with Trinity **September 29-October 2** in a variety of ways. On **Sunday, October 1**, he will join the pastors in worship and will be our **SHIFT**.



MIRANDA CAMPBELL ABOUT SON LEO'S BAPTISM

*“It was a beautiful service and we were floored by the generosity of the church with the baptismal chest! All of our parents and sponsors talked about how much they loved the church. We feel blessed to have landed here.”*

**new member orientation**  
with Pastors Adam & Ann

**interested in trinity?**  
Let's connect **Sunday, Sept 24** and learn more about each other and Trinity.

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## seeds of hope

Since 2012, Trinity members have been supporting students in El Salvador through an educational sponsorship program, *Seeds of Hope*, led by **Family of Christ Lutheran Church** in Chanhassen.

Since our first trip to El Salvador in 2011, we wanted to be involved in a program that built relationships and helped others achieve sustainability. Trinity members have supported numerous students over the years, with some students completing Grade school (9th grade), while others continued to High School and some on to Technical or University level. Parents and students have expressed their gratitude time and again for having their kids being provided with this opportunity of an education. Currently, **Trinity members are sponsoring 52 students in the program with 13 at the technical/university level.** In El Salvador, only about 5% of the youth continue at this level.

One of our sponsors, **Sue and Mark Strobel** share their experience as a Seeds of Hope sponsor.

*“In around 2015, we made the decision to*

*sponsor a student from El Salvador. We were matched with Karla when she was in what would be equivalent to our middle school. Over the past 8+ years, it has been a joy to support Karla's journey. We've maintained contact by sending holiday cards with heartfelt letters and photos, and we've also communicated 2-3 times a month through Facebook Messenger. Karla has faced various challenges on her educational path, including social and economic obstacles. She had to take part of a semester off from university when she gave birth to her beautiful daughter, Ashley. Despite the difficulties, she resumed her studies at the start of the pandemic, using her iPhone to complete all her coursework since she lacked access to a computer. We couldn't be prouder of her accomplishments, and we're thrilled to share that she'll be graduating with a degree in Public Relations in November. She aspires to work in the media field. Having Karla in our lives for these past 8+ years has been incredibly rewarding, and witnessing her growth and success in achieving her University graduation is truly a blessing.”*

Another member, **Bev Ebbecke**, has been sponsoring two students for many years. She originally selected students

at similar ages to her grandsons. Gerson is finishing up his final year at the University level studying Business. And Edith began her first year of university studies in January focused on a public accounting degree at the National University.

Bev is faithful in her letter writing to both students, encouraging them in their studies and praying for their family. *“It makes me feel good, says Bev. I'm seeing them graduate from school, they are pretty good about writing to me and I write back. Edith just got accepted to the National University. She was one of the few because so many had applied. She must be bright.”*

In September, existing sponsors will be asked if they will renew their sponsorship and we will receive new students for the program being recommended by the leaders in El Salvador. Early October, we will kick off our Seeds of Hope sponsorship program for new sponsors. Might this be something you and your family might consider? Watch for more information in late September about this opportunity.

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**Meet some of our  
newest members!**

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## trinity concert series



Trinity is thrilled to announce an addition to our music offerings. One of our new members is a Minnesota native, St. Olaf graduate, and an accomplished concert pianist and teacher. While she has been watching us online for the past 6 months, we look forward to her sharing with us her many skills and passions live.

**Pianist Katherine Jacobson** recently moved back to Minnesota from Baltimore, Md., and is happy to be home again! Kathy is organizing the **Trinity Concert Series** for this season and is loaning her **Steinway Concert Grand** for the events. The artists performing

are donating their services to benefit specific local and global missions at Trinity.

A rare opportunity to hear classical music in Long Lake/Orono; she will inaugurate the **4-concert series** with a recital of music by Bach and Schubert.

Katherine Jacobson, piano  
**A Schubertian Afternoon**  
sunday, november 12 | 4pm

*Donations will be gratefully  
accepted for the Minneapolis  
mission, **My Very Own Bed.***



*Community  
for You*



**Let's get social!**  
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