



*Community  
for You*

# Living into God's Promises



HEAR FROM THE DIRECTOR  
OF FAITH FORMATION &  
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES,  
JASON FOLKERTS

WELCOME  
SUNDAY SEPT 12

PREK-12 FAITH  
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## TRINITY LONG LAKE FALL CALENDAR

----- 2021 -----

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### Senior Pastor Adam Butler's first sermon at Trinity!

October 17, 9am Worship

### 9th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, October 31 | 11am

### Worship Concert and Celebration Brunch

Sunday, November 21



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## FALL PRAYER – Pastor Ann



Gracious God:  
We are grateful for all summer brought to us; a renewal of face-to-face friendships, travel, relaxation, fun, outdoor activities, a sense of joy at being in your beautiful creation, even a feeling of ease that we haven't felt in what seems like forever. As we head into fall – in the face of still so many unknowns – help us to look to you and be reminded of your everlasting promise and presence with us. Bless the ministry of the new Senior Pastor called to Trinity and help us to remember that we are your people, united as one in the body of Christ. Make us receptive to the nudges of your Holy Spirit so that we may glorify you in all we say and do.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Pastor Ann

Many years ago, a man named Jacob put his head on a rock to try and find some sleep in the middle of the wilderness. His was an imperfect life to say the least (he was fleeing after stealing his brother's birthright), and yet God came down to Jacob that night with very good tidings in the original "Stairway to Heaven." Or should we say, "Stairway **from** Heaven," because God came down that night with four promises to Jacob. God would give Jacob and his descendants the land surrounding them; Jacob's descendants would be as numerous as particles of dust; these descendants would be a blessing to the families of the world; and God would always be with Jacob, working to bring about God's promised future for him. All these promises were given because God is generous, not because Jacob was worthy.

I offer this story because our fall worship theme is **Living into God's Promises**. This refers not only to Jacob, but to us as well. God promises us a future filled with blessings because God is generous, not because any of us are saints. We will journey through the Old Testament and encounter characters at wits' end because there seems to be no way forward. And yet God finds a way. So, it is with us. We've come through challenging times and now it's time to trust in the future that God is creating for us. Join us as we begin on **Welcome Sunday, September 12** by unpacking the creation story in Genesis!



– Interim Pastor John

Pastor John has been our Interim Senior Pastor since October 2020. His last sermon at Trinity is September 26. Thank you for serving!



# SEPTEMBER 12

## Welcome Sunday!



**Worship** | 9am | Sanctuary

*Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases, & Laptop Cases and Sanctuary Choir*

**Trinity Kids** | during Worship | Age 2 (by Sept 1) – 5th grade

**Farmers Market** | before/after Worship 8-9am & 10-Noon

**SHIFT** with **Can Do Canines** | 10-10:40am

**Plus, breakfast taco food truck, activities for the kids, & fellowship** | 10-Noon

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Trinity members – we challenge you to INVITE



OF YOUR NEIGHBORS to be in community together!

We are thrilled that Pastor Adam Butler is Trinity's new Senior Pastor. Pastor Adam comes with glowing reviews of his personable and relatable style of preaching, leadership skills and vision. He is a graduate of Luther Seminary and both Adam and his wife, Kayla are alumni of Gustavus Adolphus College. The Butlers have two children, Madeline, four years old, and Simon, 16 months old. Adam has served as associate pastor at Paynesville and Holy Cross Lutheran churches. He interned at Bethany and served as youth minister at St. Andrews in Eden Prairie. Adam's warm and engaging personality and sense of humility will be a great fit for Trinity's future. Indeed, it is a time to renew and unite as we Come Together in Christ.



*The Butler Family*

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our cross-generational Call Committee who worked so diligently to call just the right Senior Pastor: Troy Koltes (Chair), Susan Vickerman, Cassie Enzenauer, John Sweeney, Adam Holmes, Gavin Tempero and Karen Randolph.





## TRINITY Children, Youth and Family



Tracy and I are excited to begin our new journey at

Trinity. Taking on the role of **Faith Formation** and **High School Ministry** as well as leading our amazing team in the **Children, Youth and Family** area is truly a blessing and honor. We are at a seismic moment generationally, the opportunity we have to make a lasting impact into the lives of our children and youth has never been greater or more critical. Every generation has its own unique thumbprint on culture, this one is no different. Where it varies from past American generations is that we see a major decline in church involvement, young adults aren't coming back to church after college and starting their careers and families. Having said this, its interesting to note that interest in spirituality remains high.

I have always believed and still do that Jesus is very attractive – in that he was not afraid to challenge the status quo of his day. He loved people with pure abandonment and his stories were both captivating and multi-dimensional. Most endearing is his unwavering ability to serve and sacrifice. These traits break through all generations and compel us to communicate a message worth retelling. In essence the Church's mission.

It's important the church not only understands the current culture we are called to reach and minister to, but we also need to engage that culture with the gifts and talents we have been given so that the story and calling of Jesus moves from one generation to the next, this responsibility of the church is both precious and fragile and requires all of us who follow Jesus to dive deep into our faith and formulate that process as a team from one generation to the next.

*"If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you always got."*

-HENRY FORD

We are all part of the process in handing off this baton.

In the coming months the CYF team will be working hard to engage this new generation and **we need everyone at Trinity to be involved**. It's important to say upfront our role as paid leaders from nursery to graduation is not to do all the hands-on work but rather equip the body of Christ, the saints, you - through your giftedness to experience the joy of serving and impacting the coming generations in faith formation. Secondly, there will be some changes ahead in order to impact this generation of children, youth and families effectively, that's okay and completely expected if you want to be missional and follow the passion of Christ. One of my favorite sayings is, ***"If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you always got"***.

Clearly, what worked for past generations will not work for coming ones, so changing things in order to be relevant in sharing Jesus is required. I think we all know this truth. Yes– it's difficult at times to change, but that's the way of the disciple.

Finally – you probably want to know my thoughts on what I think will grab the hearts and hands of this generation, what will bring both spiritual and numerical growth in the church. There are three values that will always override my thinking as I lead the CYF team. I believe them to be the strategy of Jesus ministry and at the very core of connecting

with our children, youth and families. Through Jesus we need to ignite this generations imagination, inspire their creativity and invite their curiosity. So, whether it's in our nursery, in confirmation, a mission trip or VBS, a high school gathering time or a parent workshop night – those three values need to be at work.

I look forward to the years ahead as we create and develop a meaningful ministry together that impacts generations to come.

In Christ,  
Jason Folkerts | 2 Cor. 5:17

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.***

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Julie Vagle, *Director of Children & Family Ministries* (JulieV@TrinityLongLake.org) and Stacy Thoma, *Early Childhood Coordinator* (StacyT@TrinityLongLake.org)

### • Trinity Kids | Sundays

We are so excited to be back in person for Trinity Kids. All kids (age 2 by Sept 1 through 5th grade) are welcome to register and join us Sunday mornings at 9am.

Trinity Kids combines faith and fun with Bible stories that engage kids and help them connect the lesson to their lives. Our curriculum, *Orange for Preschool and Elementary Kids*, provides at-home resources. Download the app, *Parent Cue*, and set up Trinity Long Lake as your church. Kids can watch the Bible story for the week, and you, get information relevant to the ages of your kids (blessings, Bible verses, parent blogs).

Sept 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17, (24 No TK – MEA Break), 31; November 7, 14, 21, (28 No TK – Thanksgiving Break)

### • Milestones & Grow in Faith Events | Sundays

These faith formation events are designed to help parents fulfill their baptismal promise of passing on the faith to their children by equipping them with tools. Milestones, Bible presentation and First Communion are celebrated as part of worship with a class that accompanies the milestone.

3-year-old Bibles | Sunday, October 3, 10am

Families meet about reading the Bible together.

3rd Grade Bibles | September 26 at 9am with *Get to Know Your Bible* class at 10am.

### • Family Events | Various Sundays

Connect with other families through faith activities and fellowship throughout the year. In the summer, join us at Camp Wapo for family camp (more details and dates soon).

October 9 | Apple Orchard

November 28 | Advent Event

• **Club 45** | 1st Wednesday each month, begins Oct 6  
The new Club 45 for 4th & 5th graders meets at 5:30-6:30pm. We will have a faith aspect, fun activity, and time to connect for relationship building. Contact Julie to help.

• **Joyful Noise & Youth Choirs** | Wednesdays  
Turn to page 6 for details. Registration is online.

• **MOPS** | 1st & 3rd Thursdays, begins Sept 16, 9:30-11am  
Turn to page 7 for details. Registration is online.



Jason



Megan



Julie



Stacy

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Megan Moroff, *Director of Middle School Ministries* (MeganM@TrinityLongLake.org)

• **Confirmation Kick-Off** | Wednesday, Sept 22, 6-7pm  
All 6th-8th graders, parents and guides are invited to join us in the Sanctuary for a night of faith, fun, and friends.

Sept 22: Confirmation Kick-Off & WED Meals 5-6pm

Sept 29: Lesson Night #1

Oct 6: Lesson Night #2

Oct 13: Lesson Night #3

Oct 20: MEA Break (no confirmation)

Oct 27: Lesson Night #4

Nov 3: FED event

Nov 11: *Hands for Change* (service learning projects #1)

Nov 17: Lesson Night #5

Nov 24: Thanksgiving Break (no confirmation)

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Jason Folkerts, *Director of Faith Formation and High School Ministries* (JasonF@TrinityLongLake.org)

• **9th Grade Confirmation** | Sunday, Oct 31, 11am  
Find important details online.

• **Catalyst** | Sundays starting Sept 19, 6:30pm  
A new program replacing TNT. High schoolers come together Sunday evenings to learn more about themselves, how their faith works in daily life, and grow closer as a church family.

## Wednesday Dinners

Begins Sept 22 (Confirmation Weds) | 5-6pm | Fellowship Hall

How does Wednesday dinner sound *without* all that cooking and cleaning? Instead, spend that time enjoying a balanced meal with your church family and friends.

All are welcome! Free-will donation.

If you'd like to be a part of serving dinner, please contact Kristin Nafstad, *Hospitality Coordinator* (KristinN@TrinityLongLake.org).



Kristin



The Trinity Worship Team is excited to get back to a "normal" fall worship kick-off with *"Living into God's Promises"*. Each Sunday we will explore the many events throughout the old Testament where God fulfilled his promise of care, protection, and sustaining love for His people. Following the Narrative Lectionary, our worship will focus lessons such as God's Creation, promises to Jacob, David, and Samuel, and more. The Fall series will conclude with the return of our annual Worship Concert on *Christ the King Sunday, November 21*.

Sunday morning will continue with one worship at 9am, with concurrent *Trinity Kids*, followed by *SHIFT*. We know not everyone is comfortable returning to in-person worship at this time; but hope the one service will provide a meaningful and safe opportunity for our church family to gather while also creating an enriching online worship experience for those not with us in person.

Please know that the Trinity Leadership are continuing to monitor the evolving COVID statistics and will adjust precautions as needed to ensure the safety of all our Trinity family. Again, we thank you for the overwhelming support and understanding over the past 18 months. It is our prayer that the most challenging times are past us as we can move forward *"Living into God's Promises"* for Trinity and our community.



Jeri

We are starting our 5th season of *SHIFT* our community engagement program that brings us together to talk about life, faith and our community.

We start with a new Outreach Ministry called *Can Do Canines* on *Welcome Sunday*. Then we will learn more about our new Faith Formation Director, Jason Folkerts, and the vision for youth ministry. More exciting content to come this fall.

If you have any *SHIFT* suggestions, contact Jeri Miller, Community Engagement (Jerilyn@TrinityLongLake.org).

## MUSIC AT TRINITY

All large ensembles are planning on a full return to rehearsal and Sunday morning worship participation. We understand and appreciate the varying levels of comfort with participation in public gatherings and welcome all who are comfortable to join our ensembles. Here are the opportunities this Fall.



### ADULT ENSEMBLES:

#### Trinity Choir

Our adult choral ensemble rehearses Wednesdays, 7-8:15pm, beginning September 1. No auditions, all are welcome!

#### Contemporary Choir

Our smaller ensemble rehearses on Sunday mornings at 10am and adds more contemporary selections to worship.

#### Chancel Bells

Our advanced adult Bell Choir rehearses Mondays, 7-8:30pm, beginning September 20.

#### Trinity Bells

Our beginning adult Bell Choir rehearses mid-day during the week. No Experience is needed, this is a teaching choir!

### CHILDREN & YOUTH ENSEMBLES:

#### Joyful Noise | Grades K-2

Rehearsals take place Wednesdays, 4-5pm. Transportation provided from Orono Schools. Please register online.

#### Youth Choir | Grades 3-5

Rehearsals take place Wednesdays, 4-5pm. Transportation provided from Orono Schools. Please register online.

#### Middle School Worship Arts

Vocal, and Handbell Choirs rehearse Wednesdays at 5:30pm preceding Confirmation. More information will be available through Confirmation communication.

If you're interested in participating or have any questions, contact our Director of Worship & Music, Mark Hemingway (MarkH@TrinityLongLake.org).



Mark



***"For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there I am among them."***

MATTHEW 18:20

## SMALL GROUPS

Our groups include fellowship, study and are great ways to get to know your neighbor!

**Spiry Bible Study** | Mondays, 1 & 7pm | via Zoom  
Contact Roger or Shirley Spiry, SRSpiry@gmail.com.

**Women GATHER Bible Study** | Tuesdays, 1:30-2:45pm

The newly-formed Women GATHER Bible study uses resources found in the WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) magazine **Gather**. **Gather** is a wonderful magazine with well-written articles, engaging Bible studies, and much more geared to building faith in God. **Gather** is offering a first-time subscriber promotion of one year for \$9.95; visit GatherMagazine.org. For more information, please contact study leader Pastor Ann (AnnF@TrinityLongLake.org).

**Men's Study** | Every other Wednesday, 7-8am  
Begins Sept 15. Contact Ron Schulte, Ronaldasch@msn.com

**Women's Bible Study** | Every other Wed, 9:30-10:30am  
Begins Sept 8. Contact Barb Schulte, Ronaldasch@msn.com.

***I'm a Middle-school Parent! What's up with that?***  
**A Parenting Workshop with Jason & Tracy**  
Wednesdays, 6-7pm, starting September 29, at Trinity  
Contact Jason Folkerts, JasonF@TrinityLongLake.org.

A five-week workshop for 6-8th grade parents. In a relaxed, discussion-oriented environment we will pull back the curtain and talk about areas that every parent wrestles with and truly wonders about at this unique stage of their life journey. Also, a chance to meet other parents in the same boat. And yes, we will even laugh a bit along the way because there is plenty of humor in being a middle school parent.

Led by Jason & Tracy Folkerts who are imperfect parents of three college-aged children. They survived the middle school years three times over and learned a few things about life along the way. Wanting to be supportive and informative, this workshop is intended to encourage parents and give practical insights on engaging children.

**Dorcas Circle** | 1st Thursdays, 9:30-11am  
Contact Joan Ziemer, JaZiemer41@gmail.com.

**LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)** | Fridays, 8-9am  
Contact Sharon Bergh, Bergh@mchsi.com.

**Women's Focus on Faith** | Fridays, 9:30-10:30am  
Contact Kari Newell, KariNewell05@gmail.com.

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TRINITY  
Women

MOMENTS THAT MATTER  
*faith / fellowship / service*



Cari

## TRINITY WOMEN

Life has been tough - not a little, but a lot; it's been hard for so many. But yet I'm repeatedly in awe by how the Holy Spirit can pull us through and still move us to feel joy! It's amazing really - I truly thought I'd never get there again. Even so, if at all possible I'm hoping we can avoid bad news this year; but if some does come our way, I'm comforted to know, *now more than ever*, that God has got us and so does this sisterhood of faith! I'm grateful for the gift of life and to be in such an awesome community at Trinity. So in that spirit - let's keep doing what we like to do, making time to gather together.



**TW UP Retreat** | Sept 16-18 | Terrie Allen's cabins up north  
It's an off-site retreat hosted by one of the best, Terrie!

**TW Fall Kickoff** | Tuesday, Oct 12 | 6pm | Trinity  
Let's get things starting on the right foot with our annual dinner/speaker event this fall.

**TW Gather+Give: Opportunity International**  
Tuesday, Dec 7 | 6:30pm | Trinity

Details for events coming soon online and in the enews.  
To get in on the planning fun, contact **Cari Bullemer**,  
Womens Ministry Coordinator (CariB@TrinityLongLake.org)!



*this is motherhood*

MOPS



Julie

**Moms of Preschoolers** begins September 16, 9:30-11am  
meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

MOPS is an incredible place for moms to connect, learn, grow, and serve - and Trinity MOPS welcomes mothers of all ages of children! This group encourages moms to gather together to pray, laugh, learn, grow, connect, and embrace the journey of motherhood. Childcare is provided. Register online to join us.

For more information, contact **Julie Vagle**, Director of Children & Family Ministries (JulieV@TrinityLongLake.org).

# Community with Purpose

A community is a group of people who share something in common. It can be where you live, common interests, circumstances, or what you practice. To expand the word "community" to include "community outreach" is an essential part of a church's mission, to be "salt and light" to those around us—whether it is **our neighborhood, city, or world**. We are in community together when we use the gifts God provided us, to love, share and serve others.

*What ways can we provide "community outreach" this fall?*

## IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

*"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does." - MARTIN LUTHER*

Over the last several years, Trinity's Outreach has expanded to connect, serve and build relationships in our own Long Lake community. In addition, we continue to partner and support organizations serving in our neighborhood. Check out the ways you can share your gifts locally.

### Monthly Community Meals



Calvin Presbyterian, St. George and Trinity have united to provide monthly meals for its members and the Long Lake community from 5:30-6:30pm. Beginning in September, the meals will again rotate among the churches while still providing a curbside pick-up option. Enjoy a meal and time to be in community together!

Sept 23 – St. George

Oct 27 – Calvin Presbyterian

Nov 18 – Trinity (volunteers needed)

### Interfaith Outreach & WeCan



We will continue to support the food shelves at both local agencies serving the communities around us. Monthly "food" focus and Thanksgiving meals to donate will be needed.



### Farmers Market | Sept 12



Trinity Outreach Ministry team is hosting their annual **Farmers Market** at Trinity on **Welcome Sunday** (8-9am, 10-Noon), and you can be a part of it:

- **Donate** fresh produce, canned items, and baked items to sell at the market.
- **Volunteer** your time for preparations on September 11 or the market on Sunday morning September 12.
- **Shop** the festive market on **Welcome Sunday**, September 12!

All proceeds support local and global mission projects. Additional ways to support the market can be found in the bulletin or online.

### AGAPE Gift Market | Nov 13-14

Act  
Globally  
Appreciating  
People  
Everywhere



**AGAPE**  
gift market

Trinity's annual AGAPE Gift Market has been a highlight for not only the church but also the community each year. The market includes Artisan hand-created items, unique local vendors, holiday greens, AGAPE bakery items, soup & dip mixes, raffle drawing prizes and more! *All proceeds support three mission efforts: Disaster relief, local & global missions.*

Currently, there are a few ways to support the upcoming market:

- We are currently receiving vendor applications through September 15. Application is on Trinity's website.
- Do you have "gently used" books, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks on CD or games to donate for this section in the market? Drop off donations at Sign Up Center through Nov 1.

Closer to the market, we will need people to help donate cookies and work the market. Sign up available mid-October.





Community Meal prep

***And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly, and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.***

MICAH 6:8

## Can Do Canines

*A new community outreach opportunity!*



Can Do Canines mission is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. For 30 years, Can Do Canines has been providing greater freedom, independence and peace of mind to people with disabilities by matching their specially trained dogs to the unique personal assistance needs of our clients. They provide assistance dogs, free of charge, to people with: Hearing loss, Mobility challenges, Seizure disorders, Type 1 Diabetes and Childhood Autism.



Two upcoming ways to learn more about Can Do Canines:

- **SHIFT** | Sept 12  
As a part of the Welcome Sunday celebration, a few of the staff and their dogs will share about the organization following worship service. Individuals can also participate in an activity for the dogs.
- **Can Do Woofaroo** | Sept 18, 10am-2pm  
Come to the New Hope location for this family fun festival. Bring your friends (the furry ones too!) and help us celebrate the amazing partnerships



of assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor, family-fun event includes a one-mile fundraising walk, live music, dog costume contest, assistance dog demonstration, dog-centric vendors and more.



First sign up as an individual walker, then join team **Trinity Dog Walkers & Friends**:  
[CandoWoofaroo.org/team/trinity-do-walkers-friends](https://CandoWoofaroo.org/team/trinity-do-walkers-friends).

## IN OUR CITY

*"Brothers and sisters, may we be united  
in the same mind and purpose."*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

As we grow in our own faith and discover where God is calling us to follow, we look beyond our own neighborhoods to serve in the city. From volunteering at homeless shelters to helping construct homes, Trinity extends God's love in tangible and meaningful ways.

## Simpson Shelter Monthly Breakfast



Help cook and serve the breakfast to the guests at the shelter 6:30-9:30am. A group of eight volunteers are needed each month with Jerry Paulson as your leader. The upcoming dates are Sept 4, Oct 2, and Nov 6. Volunteer sign up is available at church and online.

## Families Moving Forward | October 24-31



Trinity is one of the host congregations supporting families experiencing homelessness. During 2021, families are continuing to stay in hotels, and as a host church we are providing dinners and food for meals. Information to come in October on ways you can help.

## SUPPORTING OUR WORLD

*"For you are all one in Christ Jesus."* GALATIANS 3:28

Trinity's mission statement calls us to reach both near and far. With the gifts that God has entrusted us, God calls us to love and serve our brothers and sisters not only locally but in the world. We have partners and other organizations that share a common mission and purpose and with whom we can do far more than we could on our own. Our commitment includes sharing resources and building relationships with these five core values: kinship, transformative, relational, foundational and sustainable.

### The Global Water Center's Mobile Discovery Center

*Volunteer to support this fascinating exhibit coming to Minnesota!*

**Water Mission**, which is described below is an organization that installs safe drinking water systems in communities in need. The Water Mission founders have realized that their efforts, combined with others, are not achieving enough to reduce water poverty. Therefore, they formed the **Global Water Center** to coordinate the efforts of the global community to eradicate water poverty. There are over 2,200,000,000 people around the world who do not have access to safe drinking water. As a result, over 2,300 people die each day of water borne disease, mostly children.

We invite our Trinity congregation to come and visit the **GWC's Mobile Discovery Center** to learn about this global problem and to discover how it can be solved. This is a fascinating, high technology, educational exhibit that is great for the whole family. It will be in the **Southdale Shopping Center** parking lot from **September 8-12** and will be open from **10am to 7pm** most days. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, staff and take down this exhibit. See the website for details: [GlobalWaterCenter.org/Events](http://GlobalWaterCenter.org/Events).

### Walk for Water | Sept 25, 9am



Trinity is again sponsoring an inspiring event in support of **Water Mission**, a Christian based

organization. For several years, our Trinity team has grown as we raise awareness of the global water poverty crisis. We will "Walk for Water" at the Upper Landing Park in Saint Paul, walking about 3 miles to simulate the daily routine of over a billion people worldwide. The funds we have raised have gone to build sustainable safe drinking water systems in Kenya, Tanzania, Haiti and Honduras. By doing so, we help save lives.

Julie and Steve Vanderboom are sponsors of this walk and have committed to covering the registration costs of Team Trinity. This way, all funds donated will go towards installation of a safe-water system in Honduras. Sign up online at [TwinCitiesWalkForWater.org](http://TwinCitiesWalkForWater.org) (enter code **TRINITY21** to waive registration fee).



### Virtual Trip to El Salvador Tuesday, Oct 5, 7-8pm

Two years is too long to not be able to greet our friends in El Salvador in person, to hear their stories and be reenergized by their faith. Together with the **Seeds of Hope Team** at **Family of Christ**, we are planning a virtual trip to El Salvador. You will be able to join this live virtual trip with via Zoom. Part of the trip will include greetings from El Salvador including Bishop Gomez, pastoral leadership from each of the Salvadoran communities and from students and their families.

### Seeds of Hope Sponsorship, El Salvador

*"The people of El Salvador are our greatest resource and strength. Our youth are our greatest hope and education is the key. You can help most with providing scholarships."*  
- LUTHERAN BISHOP MEDARDO GOMEZ



Trinity has partnered with the **Seeds of Hope** program led by **Family of Christ** for the last 10 years. This is an individual member to student educational

sponsorship and currently Trinity members are sponsoring 58 students. Our Virtual Trip to El Salvador will be a way to learn more about the program. In October, we will be renewing sponsorships and looking for some new sponsors.



### Opportunity International Columbia Update

The pandemic has impacted people living in poverty hard. 6.3 million people have been pushed into poverty or further into poverty. These past 18 months, food distribution has been the primary focus by Opportunity.

The project Trinity helps support, an Opportunity Zone, is just in the early stages. The goal will be to increase incomes, create and sustain jobs, and provide an affordable quality education for children and youth that leads to a job, starting a business or going to college. Focuses include AgFinance, EduFinance, and Graduation and Savings Groups program. We will continue to update the congregation on this project as well as some events.

*"Everything that is done in the world is done by hope."*  
- MARTIN LUTHER



For questions, contact  
Jill Cornell, Director of  
Shared Ministries (952-473-8577,  
ext.134 or [JillC@TrinityLongLake.org](mailto:JillC@TrinityLongLake.org)).

*Community with Purpose* OUTREACH



## TRINITARIANS

Trinitarians enjoy monthly activities that include learning, serving, and fellowship. Open to all ages.  
Questions? Contact Ron Schulte (ronaldasch@msn.com).

### **Linda and Company**

Side Kick Theatre | Thursday, September 16  
Lunch 11:30am, Show 1pm – \$45

### **The Play that Goes Wrong**

Old Log Theatre | Thursday, October 21, 1:30pm

### **Rainy Days and Mondays - Music of the Carpenters**

Chanhasen Theatre | Thursday, Nov 18  
Dinner 6pm, Show 8pm – \$67.00 inc. gratuity  
Sign up due by Oct 5

### **A Magical Medora Christmas**

The Masonic Center | Friday, December 17  
Lunch 11:30am, Show 1pm – \$47



When the 2020-2021 preschool year ended in May, my article for the church newsletter ended with; *“Trinity Preschool stayed open all year long! This was a stressful year for all. We are resilient. We will be back in the fall of 2021, stronger than ever.”*

Well, here we are!  
On September 8th the preschool will open its doors again with a greater number of students than last year! We have updated our 3's, 4's and PreK class curriculums. We are re-opening our PreK Plus enrichment class, which is currently full with a waitlist!

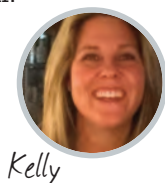


We have added a new software system called **Procare** to help manage attendance, classroom schedules and a portal that allows parents to have access to their child's information.

We have modified last year's **COVID Preparedness Plan** to follow all of our current DHS licensing guidelines. We are excited and ready to start another great year.

Open the doors, let the learning and fun resume!

Kelly Govrik, Preschool Director  
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Kelly



## COUNCIL PRESIDENT CORNER

Since becoming Council President in April, I've found that one of the joys of the role is discovering the incredible range of talents of Trinity's congregation. Not a day goes by that I don't learn that someone in the congregation is involved in a great cause, or has experience working on an interesting project, or has a gift that is perfectly suited for Trinity's needs. The breadth of our collective experience is just fantastic.

Of course, with this breadth of experiences comes a lot of different opinions, some strongly held. And our culture today doesn't always reward compromise, so it sometimes seems as though we are fiercely divided on some significant issues such as how best to respond to current events and how to keep our church safe while continuing to do God's work.

Fortunately, I've also been in a position to hear what people are most excited about and hold most dear as we consider Trinity's future. The council has heard repeatedly over the past year that collectively we all value strong, intergenerational support of our youth programs. We all want a staff and leadership team that is energized, cohesive, and has a clear vision for the future. And as soon as we can safely do so, everyone wants to continue our wonderful tradition of engaging, joyful worship.

I'm really excited about how universally we value these things, and I'm thrilled that we are at the milestone of naming our new Senior Pastor. Our leadership team, along with the countless talents of our members, is going to be a true force for good in our community in the years ahead.

Michelle Edwards, Council President

Trinity is unveiling its **new web design** soon; if you have a small group you'd like included online, please contact Sarah Ptacek, Executive Director of Church Operations (SarahP@TrinityLongLake.org).

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## Welcome Sunday | Sept 12

Worship | 9am | Blessing of the Backpacks & Sanctuary Choir

Trinity Kids | Age 2-Grade 5 | during Worship

Farmers Market | before/after Worship 8-9am & 10-Noon

SHIFT with Can Do Canines | 10-11am

Plus, breakfast taco food truck, activities for the kids, fellowship & hospitality

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