



**sacred story.
divine connection.**

fall calendar 2024

watch for tuesday/saturday emails
and visit our website for details

worship together

sundays 9am, wednesdays 6pm

trinity fall kickoff

sunday, sept 8 | 9am

worship, backpack blessing, trinity
kids, Farmers Market, Dobo's Rolls

wednesday, sept 11

dinner | 5-6pm, worship | 6pm

shift | Bricks to Bread

sunday, sept 15 after worship

trinity women fall kickoff

tuesday, sept 17 | 6-8:30pm

shift | Patty Wetterling

sunday, sept 29 after worship

new member orientation

sunday, sept 29 after worship

walk for water | sept 28

shift | Lutheran Social Services

sunday, oct 13 after worship

confirmation | 9th graders

sunday, oct 27

shift | Orono schools & mental health

sunday, nov 3 after worship

agape gift market | nov 16-17

Wednesday NIGHTS

4-5pm | Youth Choir

5-6pm | Dinner

5:15-6pm (1st Weds) | Club 45

6pm | Worship

6:30pm | Confirmation

6:45pm | Trinity Choir

7:30pm | HS Youth Group



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Children, Youth
and Family



fall cyf registrations

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

scan code, visit website or text register to trinity

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

Kickoff-September 8, 9am. We are looking for caring adults to be teachers and get to know our wonderful Trinity kids. Let Julie know if you are interested.

youth choir | children K-5th grade meet Wednesdays after school, busing from Orono

Kickoff-September 18, 4-5pm in the Choir Room.

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

Kickoff-October 2, 5:15-6pm in the Youth Room.

confirmation | middle schoolers (6-8th grades) meet weekly on Wednesdays

Kickoff-September 11, 6:30pm. This is a **Parent/Student Night**. Huddle leaders meet for program details from 5-6pm in the Conference Room (during dinner).

high school youth group | 9-12th graders meet Wednesday evenings

Kickoff-September 11, 7:30-8:30pm, in the Youth Room. Come hang out for a fun-filled time of snacks, games, friendship, and life & faith discussions, all focused on peer ministry leadership!

momco | meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, childcare available

Kickoff-September 5, 9:30-11:30am in the Youth Room. MomCo (formerly MOPS) is a ministry for moms to grow in relationship with God and build meaningful connections with one another while sharing parenting joys and struggles.

hs youth group

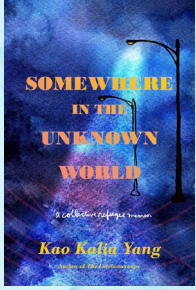
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Last year, we had a faithful group of 6-9 freshmen who showed up weekly. Near the end, they trained as peer ministers and welcomed our 8th graders, stepping up to lead discussions about our ministry's future. While many high schoolers are hesitant to step out of their friend groups, these leaders confidently shared their experiences and vision for Wednesday nights. I'm hopeful we'll see many return this year, with growth driven by these peer leaders and the care they show for each other.

Youth Group starts on September 11th from 7:30-8:30pm, with open gym at 6:30pm. All 9th-12th graders are welcome! See you soon.



divinely sacred



In the prologue of her book *Somewhere in the Unknown World*, Kao Kalia Yang briefly recounts her experience of being a refugee from Laos who eventually

settled in Minnesota. She attended school with many other refugee children like her, the older among them recounting stories through word and drawings of what they'd experienced in the trauma of war. "The older children," she writes, "who had seen more than we had, wanted to let their stories out for us younger ones to carry the weight of their memories with them."

As she grew, she realized her role in ensuring these kinds of stories were heard and eventually told on behalf of another. "I'd too often witnessed," she

continues, "members of my family and community recount their experiences, weeping as they returned to their past, only to have it live and die in the moment because the listeners deemed other stories more important."

Yang's reflection on the stories she holds for others, and the responsibility she's embraced to tell those stories, highlights the importance of the power of **hearing** and **being heard**. When we help carry the stories and memories of another, and when we have the space to share what makes us who we are, we share a connection that is **divinely sacred**.

When we explored the topic of storytelling during Lent 2023 and created that space for members of our congregation to tell a piece of their story, we were struck by the impact the practice had on so many. In an effort

to listen to the voice of God's Spirit, we endeavor to engage more deeply the work of hearing and being heard so we may discover that deep connection that waits for those who do.

I pray in the months ahead you find ways to connect with one another and the divine through story-sharing and story-hearing. Pay attention to the ways this comes to life in worship and the many ministries of Trinity. **And as the opportunity arises, take time to hear and be heard, joining together as one to carry the weight and wonder of each other's story.**


Pastor Adam



a season to remember!

Jeri Miller, *Congregational Life* | Jerilyn@TrinityLongLake.org

This summer, from June through August, our community came together for ten unforgettable gatherings making **Summer Nights** the highlight of the year! Led by our dedicated team—Kari Newell, Jennifer and Cole Jacquemart, Connie Francis, Tammy Swenson, Laure Francis, Steph Reynolds, Anna & Adam Holmes, Jerry Jones, and Jennifer Weiss—we welcomed new people each week, fostering a warm & vibrant atmosphere.

We were also thrilled to see familiar faces, including retired Orono High School teacher Doug Erickson and his family, who attended for the first time. Doug shared, *"I was invited by Gail and Gary Severtson and loved the food and music. I reconnected with many former students, now parents in the school district. My granddaughter loves going too, as many of her classmates attend Orono. The whole concept is a wonderful community experience, and the proof is in the great attendance week after week. Or maybe it's the awesome food!"*

With the help of many volunteers, we served an impressive **1,909 meals**, with favorites like fried chicken, walking tacos, and swedish meatballs.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported us in countless ways. **Here's to Summer Nights 2025, and many more to come!**



adult ministry offerings

As fall brings a sense of renewal, we're excited to offer an expanded range of opportunities for connection and growth within our Adult Ministry. Whether you're looking to connect with others in your age group, share common interests, or enjoy meaningful conversations. More groups are in the works for **Young Adults**, **Recently Retired**, and a **Storyteller workshop**. These gatherings are where we find purpose through listening, learning, and laughing together.

Find details about these offerings in weekly emails, online, Trinity Connect, and sign-up sheets at the Sign-Up Center. Join us as we embark on this season of growth and fellowship.

key symbols

- for men
- for women

education

Focus on the Faith ●

Kari Newell, KariNewell05@gmail.com

Fridays 9:30am, begins Sep 13, Fireside

A video Bible study with optional workbooks. The upcoming fall study is *The Gospel on the Ground: The Grit and Glory of the Early Church in Acts*.

Friday Guys ■

2nd & 4th Fridays 7am, begins Sept 27
Blackwater Coffee & Café, Maple Plain

Join Pastor Adam for fellowship and conversation about the upcoming Sunday's preaching text.

Gather ●

Tuesdays 1:30-2:45pm, begins Sept 10

Study with Pastor Ann based on Women of the ELCA's magazine, *Gather*.

Men's Study Group ■

Ron Schulte, RonaldSch@msn.com

Every other Wednesday 7am, next Sept 11

Our study includes discussion as we read various books. Phillip Yancy is one of the most frequent authors we have studied. Just come and show up!

Pastors' Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30pm or Thursdays 10am
First Session: Sept 25 - Nov 7

Join one of the Trinity pastors as they lead a topical study of Scripture in 4- to 6-week sessions throughout the year. Anything from a deep dive into one of Paul's letters to an exploration of Jesus' parables - we'll touch on interesting & relevant topics for adults of all ages.

SHIFT

A community engagement program offered twice monthly after Sunday worship. You'll hear inspiring and educational interviews with Q&A. Find schedule on page 2.

Women's Study Group ●

Barb Schulte, RonaldSch@msn.com

2nd & 4th Wed 9:30-11:30am in Fireside
Upcoming dates are Sept 11 & 25

Our group in recent years has studied books written by James W. Moore. New members are always welcome.

fellowship

BBQ Dudes ■

Adam Holmes, Adam-Holmes@live.com
Troy Koltjes, KoltjesFam@msn.com

1st Thursday evenings, begins Oct 3

A new group for men interested in cooking or eating BBQ. More details on locations will be shared after the group has formed. Sign up available soon.

Coffee with the Pastors

1st Thursdays 10am, Folkstone Wayzata
South Building, 4th floor Lakeside Lounge

Informal gathering at Folkstone with one of the pastors. No signup needed.

Dorcas Circle ●

Joan Ziemer, JAZiemer41@gmail.com
Marlys Jenson, MKJenson7@gmail.com

1st Thursdays, 9:30-11am, next on Sept 5
Conference Room

Devotion, Bible study, socializing, and service. Donations from handmade cards (available at Sign Up Center) support women in need. More on page 9.

Empty Nesters

Andrea & Bill Henneman
AHenneman@mchsi.com

Kickoff Saturday, Sept 28 at 6pm
Henneman's home in Orono

If you're an empty nester or just looking for a social setting opportunity to get to know others, please come check out the **Trinity Empty Nester Fall Kickoff** with a meal.

Middle School Parent Connection

Addy Hallen, Addy.Hallen@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm begins Sept 18

Gather with other parents while your youth are at confirmation. An informal conversation about things relative to being a parent of a MS youth.

MomCo ●

Julie Vagle, JulieV@TrinityLongLake.org

1st & 3rd Thurs, 9:30-11:30am, Youth Room

A ministry for moms to connect, grow in relationship with God, support one another in parenting joys and struggles, and build meaningful connections. Details & registration page 2.

Sunday Supper Group

Kassy Heinrich-Wydra & Rob Wydra
Kassandra.k.heinrich@gmail.com

2nd Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm, dinner 5pm
Great Hall, begins Oct 13

A main dish will be provided, and there will be a sign-up for sides and desserts. We cherish our time in fellowship and conversation, especially with other members—this is our chance!

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a special gathering that celebrates community & the joy of sharing stories.

Trinity Women ●

Women of all ages share their faith, serve others, celebrate, and support one another through a variety of events and gatherings. Additional opportunities to come.

TW Fall Kickoff: Sharing Our Stories

Tuesday, Sept 17, 6-8:30pm

Annual dinner/speaker event. Find event details & reg on page 6.

Trinitarians

Ron Schulte, Ronaldsch@msn.com

A group of seniors who do social events, service projects and helpful information sessions. All adults are welcome. See Sign Up Center or contact Ron.

Over the River & through the Woods

Sidekick Theatre Thursday | Oct 10
Meet at Trinity 10:45am, reg by Sep 22

Sandwich Making - Walker Food Share

Thurs, Oct 17, 10am at Trinity, lunch after

White Christmas

Chanhassen DT Matinee | Wed, Oct 30 Meet at Trinity 10:30am, reg by Oct 2

Bells Will Be Ringin'

Sidekick Theatre | Thurs, Dec 5
Meet at Trinity 10:45am, reg by Nov 17

pop-up events

Join others for a variety of events to come; some might feature the Norway House, or Trivia night and much more.

Visit The Museum of Russian Art

Hosted by Chuck Ritchie

Thursday, Sept 26, 10:30-Noon

Explore Russian art, music & culture through exhibitions and live events. It is the only one of its kind in the U.S.



serve

Prayer Shawl Ministry ●

Pat Wulff, RWulff106@gmail.com

3rd Tuesdays 1pm, next Sept 17, Fireside Rm

Our group gathers for fellowship, support, and knitting/crocheting. If you do not know how to knit or crotchet, we will teach you, or simply come for fellowship.

Quilting Ministry ●

Carol Ketcham, CarolKetcham@hotmail.com

Every other Monday 9am-Noon

Trinity Art Room, next on Sept 9 & 23

Fellowship and tying quilts for persons in our community experiencing homelessness, chemical dependency, endangered women and their children, and others in need of assistance. Our group loves to laugh as well.

music ensembles

Mark Hemingway, *Director of Worship & Music*
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All the large music ensembles are back to rehearsal and Sunday morning worship in September. We welcome everyone to stop by a rehearsal or speak with a member to learn how you can get involved. Trinity offers several opportunities this Fall, and participating in a music ensemble is a wonderful way to meet new people, join a community, and share your gifts with your church family.

vocal choirs

youth choir | K-5 graders **rehearse Wednesdays 4-5pm (begins Sep 18)** with transportation provided from Orono Schools. Register online, see page 2.

trinity choir | The adult choral ensemble **rehearses Wednesdays 6:45-7:30pm beginning Sept 4**. No auditions, all are welcome! We never take attendance, you are welcome to join us whenever you are available. Child-care is available as needed, speak with Mark.

hand bells

chancel bells | The advanced adult Bell Choir **rehearses Mondays, 7-8:30pm beginning, Sept 16**. Talk to Mark if you are interested in participating. We always need more ringers to fill in the choir. We are happy to teach and work with your skill level.

trinity bells | Our beginning adult Bell Choir will **rehearse mid-day during the week**, please talk to Mark if you are interested. No Experience is needed, this is a teaching choir!

worship arts

middle school music opportunity | Vocal, and Handbell Choirs will **rehearse Wednesdays at 5:30pm** preceding Confirmation. More information will be available through Confirmation communication.

musicians

contemporary worship musicians | We put together contemporary worship on occasional Sundays, and every Wednesday. If you have guitar, vocal, or percussion gifts to share, please talk to Mark.

City of Hope A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, Dec 1 at 4pm

The **2nd Annual Community Christmas Concert** includes singers from area churches and the community joining with our wonderful 25-piece orchestra and professional soloists to share the Christmas message of Love and Hope to the world.

Rehearsals will begin the week of October 20, on Sundays 6:30-7:30pm, and Wednesdays 6:45-7:30pm. You don't need to attend all the rehearsals to participate. Speak with Mark for more details, and watch for future communication.

trinity women

Cari Bullemer, Womens Ministry Liaison | CariB@TrinityLongLake.org

*Can you take me back when we were just kids
Who weren't scared of getting older?
'Cause no one knows you like they know you
And no one probably ever will
You can grow up, make new ones
But truth is there's nothing like old friends
'Cause you can't make old friends*



Ben Rector's beautiful song about friendship takes us back to memories of old friends. Some of us have kept in touch, others may have lost touch, and some of us have those old friends right here at Trinity!

tw fall kickoff: sharing our stories

tues, sept 17 | 6-8:30pm

Join us as we gather to reminisce about old friendships and foster new ones. The evening will feature **a potluck dinner**, and we're asking everyone who is able to bring a dish made from a beloved old recipe—whether it's your favorite Jello salad, your grandmother's best brownie recipe, or another cherished dish. To add to the nostalgia, we encourage you to **share a favorite photo of you and an old friend(s)**. Please email a copy to Stacey Royal (SRoyal@PhatMinds.com) by September 9th, and we'll display them during the event.

Our special guest speaker for the evening will be **Karlyn Coleman**, an award-winning writer, teacher, and creative collaborator based in Minneapolis. Karlyn is passionate about the power of stories and their ability to connect us across generations and experiences. During her talk, she'll explore the importance of sharing our stories and how they help us build meaningful relationships. If there's enough interest, Karlyn is also open to offering a **storytelling workshop at a later date**, providing a more hands-on experience for those who wish to delve deeper into the art of storytelling.

We hope you can join us for this special evening filled with food, fellowship, and the timeless power of storytelling. **Please sign up by Sept 15th to hold a spot. FREE-will donation.**

scan code, text women to trinity,
or see the sign-up center



what's his story, anyway?

- Terry Morse

Almost without fail...I leave a Celebration of Life gathering for a friend or family member with the realization that there was so much to the deceased "story" I knew nothing about...but wished I had.

Wished I had initiated more conversation; wished I had created moments for social engagement; wished I had made the time to acknowledge the admiration and respect I held for him/her...wished we had shared stories.

This year I invited a friend to coffee. I have known Dave for 30 or more years, during which we were both members of our mutually valued Trinity family. But, I did not really know Dave. And then we simply engaged, enjoying the good conversation and coffee. We shared two hours...we shared of ourselves...we shared stories.

One way we prepared ourselves to truly listen, was to each take about 5 minutes to present a picture of what we thought would be key points of the others story, when actually having no idea. During that presentation neither one could make any corrections. Then we truly listened to each other as real details were shared. I learned that Dave met his wife as a fairly young school-boy, knowing then that she was the one. And I had no idea that fishing was a passion of his.

I believe it is safe to say we both appreciated this experience together. Even before we sipped the last of the coffee in our cups, we talked of inviting another to join us next time. So, don't hesitate to tap the shoulder of one you have known for years, to ask them to meet up...just because. You will not regret having learned of their journey, having heard just some of their story...almost without fail.

children, youth & family

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a summer recap!



"I had so much fun at camp. The things I enjoyed the most were banquet night, Wapo county fair, swimming, canteen, and a game called chip noodle. I loved spending time with my friends and being outside."

- Evalyn Goerke, 5th grader

vacation bible school

Scuba VBS was a wonderful week of faith and fun with **151 children and over 130 volunteers**. We learned about friendship with God through songs with actions, Bible adventures, and more! We are so thankful for the support of the congregation for this beloved ministry at Trinity; it's a fun-filled, active and joyful four days together.

camp wapo

It was a great summer at **Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp** in Amery, Wisconsin! **13 kids** (1st-3rd grade) spent a weekend at Seeds Camp, **45 kids** (4th-8th graders) at the week-long Camp Wapo, and nine wonderful families (**39 people**) spent a weekend at Family Camp! All playing and exploring their faith while making new connections.

elca youth gathering in new orleans

Six high school students and three adults attended the Youth Gathering! They explored the city and its history, grew their relationships with one another, ate new foods, boated in the gator country, and took in story after story at the Mass Gatherings. A truly incredible experience.

side by side

- Emma Hollands, 10th grader

New Orleans. A city with a vibrant culture full of diverse people, Mardi Gras, the bayou and delicious food. This perfectly describes the city in which the ELCA youth gathering was held and I had the honor of attending.

One of the main reasons I decided to attend this Gathering is because of curiosity (and selfishly wanting to taste the foods). With growing up going to church, I often only saw no more than 10 kids in Sunday school and around 50 in confirmation, from which I was unable to fully comprehend how big my church community truly is. When we got to New Orleans the city was full of kids my age in matching t-shirts, sweating in 90-degree heat. But it wasn't until the first Mass Gathering that I truly understood how vast a space we covered. I sat in the Smoothie King Stadium taking in all the people, I couldn't help but be in awe. There was a whole 16,000 of us and what a sight it was! When we walked out of the stadium, for at least a mile, all you could see was people. As we walked side by side, I finally realized how big my community really was. There are millions of us in the world and this convention barely scraped the surface.

This trip helped me in a lot of ways. I was able to deepen my faith, listen to the stories of others, and expand my relationships with my peers. But most of all I realized that I am not alone in this journey. Being in a relationship with God was never something that I was experiencing alone. The idea of my church community expanded in a way I never imagined possible.



outreach ministry

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Habitat Local Build



Simpson Shelter



Salem Community Meal

This past summer has been busy for Outreach with Community Meals, Simpson Shelter, Interfaith Outreach's food shelf, Salem Community Meals & State Fair Dining Hall, Habitat Local Build and more. We are so grateful for the many people that continue to serve and reach outside the walls of Trinity to love our neighbor.

There are many opportunities that we hope you'll consider volunteering for. Signups will be available in weekly communications, Sign Up Center, online or scan codes.

recurring service

• Simpson Shelter



Help with monthly lunch service 10:30-1:30pm:
sept 21, oct 19, & nov 9.
Any age can help.

• IOCP Food Shelf



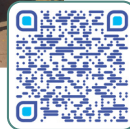
Help with one of Trinity's shifts 4:45-7:30pm:
sept 5, oct 3, & nov 7.
Must be 18 or older.

• Salem Community Meal

Help serve monthly community meal 4-7pm: **sept 10, oct 8, & nov 12.**
Any age welcome. This past year, through Trinity's Outreach budget we are supporting costs of a meal each month.

To everyone at Trinity, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continuous support and intentionality to our mission and community. Your generous donation to our community meal program will directly impact our northside neighborhood where we've heard how important our food ministry is. You exemplify well how brotherhood and sisterhood, with love in mind, in Christianity can play out.

From Rachel & your family at Salem



walk for water

saturday, september 28 | 9am

We will walk to help bring awareness to the 2,300 people who die from water borne disease daily, most of them are children under age 5. Team Trinity's goal is 23 walkers! Scan code to join the team.



fall serve weekend

october 11-12

A variety of projects around Trinity and the community. Details to come.

seeds of hope sponsorship, el salvador

Since 2012, Trinity members have supported students in El Salvador through the Seeds of Hope educational sponsorship program, led by Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Chanhasen. Building relationships with the people of El Salvador has been a key value since our first trip there in 2011. Through this program, connections are nurtured, with students and sponsors exchanging letters that share a bit about their lives and families. Sponsors also provide financial support to help make education a reality for these students.



This past summer, several members from Family of Christ traveled to El Salvador to connect with students and deliver new backpacks and letters from sponsors. The photo shows some of Trinity's students receiving their backpacks and letters from sponsors.

In September, existing sponsors will be asked to renew their sponsorships, and we will receive recommendations for new students from leaders in El Salvador. In early October, we'll kick off our Seeds of Hope sponsorship program for new sponsors. This might be something you and your family would like to consider—information to come late September.



2024 trinity farmers market

sunday, september 8 after worship

Trinity's Outreach Team is hosting its 5th Farmers Market! While enjoying the market, know that your purchases are making a difference—proceeds will support **Bricks to Bread**. We're also seeking donations of produce, baked goods, and canned items to sell, and volunteers are always welcome. See sign up in the Narthex.

bricks to bread

For several years, we've supported the work of **Bricks to Bread**, a local nonprofit that builds brick ovens for Costa Rican families seeking a sustainable source of income. These ovens not only provide a livelihood but also foster community connections. Through sales of pretzels and baked goods at Trinity and the AGAPE Gift Market, we've been raising funds to build Trinity's first brick oven.

Our goal is to construct this oven in El Salvador, supporting a family and their community. This year's Farmers Market will benefit **Bricks to Bread**. Learn more at **SHIFT, September 15** after worship.

Thank you all so very much for being such a special part of Bricks to Bread mission work. I'm so excited to continue this special journey and opportunity to serve God's people in a new place, El Salvador.

Nancy Alvarado, Bricks to Bread founder



AGAPE
gift market

november 16-17

The church and community come together annually to support this market. Through your volunteering & shopping you are supporting others!

All net profits are donated to support Disaster Relief, Global & Local efforts.

Over \$277,000
since the first market!

There will be a variety of ways to help before and during the market. Watch for details coming soon.

Collecting for resale at the market:
gently-used (current titles) books,
puzzles, and games.
Drop off at Sign Up Center.

my eagle scout project

- Walter Holmes

As I was starting to think about what to do for my Eagle Project, I had an idea in mind pertaining to mountain biking. However, when I heard about the Capital Campaign at Trinity and that a portion of the proceeds were going to help our sister church, **Salem Lutheran**, I decided to reach out to Salem's Pastor Eric Hoffer to see what projects they needed help with.

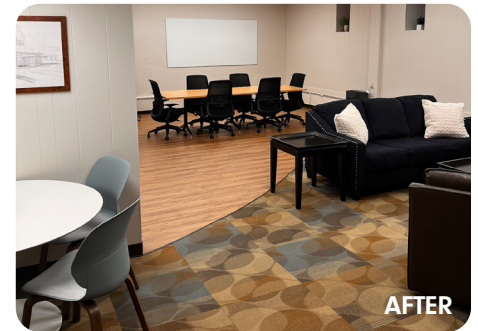
I learned they had a **community room** that didn't function well enough to be used by people anymore. When



talking with Pastor Eric, I found out that the space is used by multiple groups from the community and realized all the outreach the church provides that I wasn't aware of. I knew this was going to be a big project but wanted to help because of the impact on their community by having an updated and more functional space.

It took two months from start to finish to give this room an extreme makeover, complete with new flooring, lighting, a kitchenette, and furniture,

including a new boardroom table with chairs. This project became more rewarding than I thought it would be because of the people from the community and parishioners stopping in while we were working, giving blessings, and thanking me for providing a new space for all the different groups that would be using it.



I especially want to thank the people of Trinity who supported this project financially and by volunteering. This project would not have been possible without you. I hope you can someday see it in person.

dorcas circle

Marlys Jenson, *lay leader* | MKJenson7@gmail.com
Joan Ziemer, *lay leader* | JAZiemer41@gmail.com

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 5** in the Conference Room. Email Marlys or Joan with any questions.





thursdays, sept 5 - nov 21 | 4-6pm
trinity sanctuary

Gather with us in the Sanctuary as Pastor Ann greets us for this fall session.

West Suburban Grief Coalition

(WSGC) serves a mission to provide caring support and education for persons grieving the death of a loved one. The Coalition is supported by 15 area churches, including Trinity Lutheran, to provide a safe, non-threatening environment where people can share and understand feelings of grief. Through weekly speakers, followed by small-group discussion among members with similar losses, attendees may grieve openly with others who "get it" and learn how to manage their ongoing grief so that they can move forward with fulfilling lives.

As it has for over 30 years, WSGC meets year-round on Thursdays (except holidays). Small discussion groups include spouse loss; child loss and friends & family (all other) loss. Volunteer facilitators are trained and supported by a licensed therapist. Sessions are free to all and church affiliation is not necessary.

While there is no right or wrong way to grieve, West Suburban Grief Coalition encourages healthy grieving that can lead to insight, personal growth and a meaningful post-loss life.

Pastor Ann Fenlason
AnnF@TrinityLongLake.org

TrinityLongLake.org/ONE

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We are excited to inform you that your gifts to the **Capital Campaign** are at work! Your gifts will help keep us warm and dry as we are...



annual ministry support



capital campaign projects



legacy gift planning

our first priority – maintaining our property

The Council has approved major projects: **the roof & boiler**, totaling **\$529,000!**

The **64-year-old boiler** has been removed and two smaller energy-efficient boilers are coming next week.



The roof project, a fully adhered EPDM (synthetic rubber roofing membrane) with added insulation begins in mid-October.

Determining the details of the next priorities: **security and sanctuary technology** improvements of lighting, sound, and video are in process.

Thank you for your gifts making these projects possible as we strive to be good stewards and caretakers of our church home. We have already received \$312,000, and with an additional significant and generous commitment to the roof project, we will be able to fully pay for the boiler & roof without any added loan burden on the church! Also, with this commitment, your gifts and pledges to the campaign total **\$1.168 of our \$1.25 million goal** over the next three years!

If you have not yet pledged, please join over 100 households contributing or make a one-time gift toward these projects.

annual ministry support

We're planning **Fall Dinners** in November and are excited for the time we'll share a meal and inform you about the exciting work happening.

legacy gift planning

Jan-Mar 2025 | Ideas and education on how we can be helpful to loved ones and continue to be generous after we have died and rest in the promise of new life in Christ. Topics include Financial Planning, Legacy Gifts, & Funeral Planning.



trinity foundation

Pastor Adam Butler | AdamB@TrinityLongLake.org

One of the great privileges of the **Trinity Foundation** is to award scholarships to young adult leaders as they endeavor to impact their world. This year we granted **18 scholarships totaling \$16,250.00!**



Sarah Cornell

Augsburg University
Physician Assistant Studies

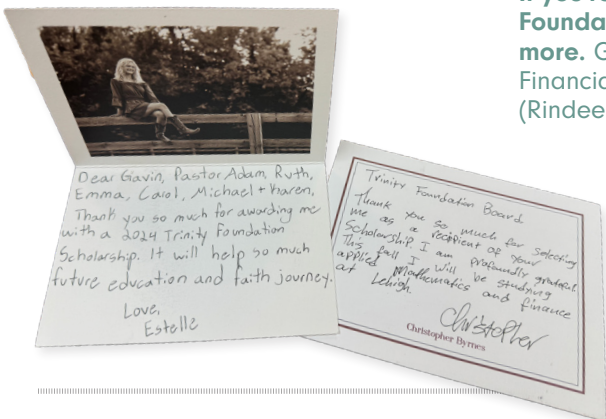
"The Trinity community has always been so supportive of my dreams to pursue a career in healthcare. This scholarship has helped fund my PA education and I am forever grateful for the love and support I have received at Trinity throughout the years."

Lily Munsch, freshman

University of Wisconsin Madison

"I am so grateful to have received this scholarship from the Trinity Foundation as someone who has been a part of this community from a young age! It will help me continue in my pursuit of Christian leadership into my collegiate years. Thank you again for the scholarship!"

If you're interested in giving to the Foundation scan the code to learn more. Giving questions, contact Financial Manager, Rindee Erdmann (Rindee@TrinityLongLake.org).

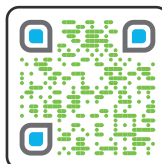


trinity preschool

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Trinity Preschool continues to brighten our look. We are eager to show off our new boys and girls bathrooms that were updated this summer. Room 110, which we lovingly call "Trinity Town" has been re-imagined and will continue to welcome early morning extended care and afternoon lunch bunchers. Preschool begins Wednesday, September 4th and we are ready for another fabulous year!

Trinity Preschool accepts registrations throughout the year if spots are available. Scan code to learn more and set up at tour!



FOR CHILDREN 33 MONTHS TO PREK



council president corner

This spring, Trinity Council members—both new and returning—gathered in anticipation of a busy year ahead. At the May meeting, council members were encouraged to support **Summer Nights** by volunteering at the first event on June 12th. The response was outstanding, leading to a successful kickoff that inspired members to volunteer for future Summer Nights. Each subsequent event has warmly welcomed our church and community, offering evenings of good food, diverse music, fun, and games.

Events like Summer Nights provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with a wide range of people in our congregation and community. Personally, I've been delighted to reconnect with individuals I haven't seen in a while. The informal atmosphere and relaxed setting have allowed for meaningful conversations that might not have happened on a typical Sunday morning.

This is just one example of how gatherings enable council members and all Trinity members to connect with each other and the broader community we live in. Listening and being heard by one another strengthens our bonds. Through these connections, we share our lives, thoughts, joys, and concerns, creating a space where God helps us understand and appreciate each other.

Christy Morse, Council President



Christy working the welcome table with her husband Terry.

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The Holden Prayer

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.



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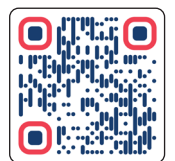
During my sabbatical, I went to **Holden Village**—a Lutheran retreat center in the North Cascades of Washington. One of the first things I noticed that surprised me was how intergenerational the community was. The ages of us “Villagers” went from rambunctious toddlers to senior citizens using canes or walkers even on the steep inclines of the paths there. Evening worship (vespers) was held each night with close to 300 villagers attending, strong voices blended together in song and prayer, filling the large room.

The Holy Spirit gave me a great blessing the night communion was served when I was asked by the Village pastor to serve bread along with her. While Holden places emphasis on the Village being a community, two days into my stay, I still wasn't "feeling it". But that night as I ripped pieces of bread off and placed them in the

outstretched hands of my fellow villagers, I began feeling a deeper connection to these people I didn't even know. In that brief span of 15 minutes as Christ's body and blood were served to all, it was about receiving the real presence of Jesus into our bodies, affirming our oneness in Him. Through this, the Spirit reminded me about what makes us community, not just at Holden Village but throughout the world; it is what Christ has done for us, binding us together through his body and blood. This is a truth that will never change or fade over time—and this truth is just as valid in the communion line as it is in the line at the grocery store. Christ has united the world—past, present, and future—and given us an amazing gift of grace and love meant to be shared with friend and stranger alike!



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