



The Messenger



Wednesday, June 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The summer always seems to go way too fast, doesn't it? Kick off the season with your church family as we gather for Trinity's annual "Start of Summer Celebration," an evening of great food, tons of fun with face painting, a bounce house, bingo, games and much more.

Bring your lawn chair, picnic blanket, and your friends and neighbors! There are opportunities to be of help, too. For more information, go to page 14 of this newsletter or connect with Trinity's Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis.

Summer Fun for the Children of Trinity

Music and Fine Arts Camp

June 17 to 21, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This camp is for children who have completed first through eighth grades. Activities include vocal and bell choir, fine arts, field trips, crafting and more! Art students from Aquinas College will help with the fine arts portion of camp.

Music and Fine Arts Camp will take place from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily with optional afternoon field trips.

For details about this camp experience, please go to page ten of this newsletter or connect with Trinity's Director of Children's Choirs Diane Biser.

Vacation Bible School

July 15 to 19, 9 a.m. to noon

VBS returns to Trinity! The fun includes music, drama, stories, games, science, crafts, and snacks! The theme for VBS this year is "ROAR: Life is Wild, God is Good!"

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome to participate in VBS. There are also many opportunities to volunteer and/or help by providing resources.

Please go to page 11 of this newsletter or connect with VBS Co-Directors Rachele Battreall or James Morin for additional information.

Cottage Meetings Scheduled for July and August at Trinity

Pastor Linstrom is inviting the people of Trinity to gather for simple potluck suppers and conversation on one of six Wednesday evenings in the summer of 2019. Tentatively scheduled for July 17, 24 and 31, and for August 14, 21 and 28, we will gather for supper at 6 p.m. and then spend time in conversation regarding the strengths of the ministry we share, our prospective growth areas and our dreams for Trinity's future.

Watch for more information and for ways to sign up in Trinity's summertime communications!

What's Happening at Trinity in June?

Weekly at a Glance

Sundays

Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Lectio Divina, noon, in The Library
High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Mondays

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Grace Group (Lundgren), 7 p.m.
Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Daily Calendar

Saturday, June 1

Middle School Lock-in ends, 9 a.m.
Marriage of Marie Roper and Brad
Selleck, 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 2

*Installation of Congregation Council
Commissioning of Faith Community
Nurse and Stephen Ministry Leader
Kristin Bradley*
Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon
Fourth Annual Prayer Tree Celebration,
5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 3

Executive Committee Meeting,
7:15 a.m.
Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Oasis Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Worship and Music Committee, 7 p.m.
"Know Mercy" softball, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

GriefShare, 4 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Al-Anon Speaker Meeting, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Trail Maintenance, 2 p.m.
Dégagé (Stouten Team), 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

Pentecost

Monday, June 10

Messenger Submissions Due
Congregation Council Meeting,
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11

"Know Mercy" softball, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

GriefShare, 4 p.m.
Youth & Family Committee Meeting,
7 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

NARFE, 1:30 p.m.
Vegan Potluck, 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

Monday, June 17

Music & Fine Arts Camp
Outreach Committee Meeting,
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18

Music & Fine Arts Camp
Staff Calendaring Luncheon, noon
Trinity Travelers Dreaming Meeting,
6 p.m.
"Know Mercy" softball, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

Music & Fine Arts Camp
Start of Summer Celebration, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 20

Music & Fine Arts Camp
Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.
"Life Begins at 60," 5:30 p.m.

Friday, June 21

Music & Fine Arts Camp
Wedding Rehearsal
Dégagé (Talsma Team), 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

Marriage of Emily Nielsen and
Nate Cox

Sunday, June 23

Music and Fine Arts Sunday
Mental Health Resource Fair,
8:30 a.m.
VBS Work Day, noon

Monday, June 24

Stephen Ministry Peer Support
Meeting (Safe Haven Ministries),
6 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25

"Know Mercy" softball, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Habitat for Humanity Build, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 30

American Guild of Organists - Great
Lakes Regional Convention, 4 p.m.

visit www.tlcr.org for event details

A Message from Pastor Bob Linstrom



Another Shooting in a House of Worship – A Message from ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

(People of Trinity, I am sharing a message from our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in place of my normal monthly column this month. Please receive this important message at a time of devastating attacks on houses of worship of many faiths in our day.

– Pastor Bob Linstrom)



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

April 29, 2019

On Saturday, the last day of Passover, another shooting occurred at a synagogue – this time, Chabad of Poway, in California. The living had gathered to offer prayers to honor the dead and to close the Jewish festival of God's liberating promise. Once again, worship was interrupted by deadly violence.

We stand against this latest public act of anti-Semitism and domestic terrorism, and with the Jewish community. Together, with our ecumenical and inter-religious partners, we will continue to “oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us” (“Declaration of ELCA to Jewish Community,” 1994).

We grieve with the community of Poway, with the victims and their families, and with all those who are wounded in mind, body and spirit by this latest act of violence committed in a sacred space.

We continue to grieve the shooting six months ago at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh; the mosque shootings six weeks ago in Christchurch, New Zealand; the arson one month ago of three historic Black churches in Louisiana; and the church bombings on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka.

We find ourselves, like the psalmist, crying out to God that “the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary” (Psalm 74:3b). We know that these incidents, together with others, are not isolated. They are linked through a tangled web of religious bigotry, violence, hatred and white supremacy that is meant to divide us – from each other and from God.

Therefore, our actions to address anti-Semitism must oppose *all* deadly workings in our midst. This is hard work but also holy work. An attack on one faith community is an attack on all. As a sign of God's liberating promise, let us stand against this scourge by standing together. May it be so.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, ELCA

Council Corner

Trinity Congregation Council Members 2018-2019

Standing committees of the Congregation Council coordinate the mission and ministry of Trinity and provide their leadership in developing new programming.

Each committee has a council committee person who acts as the liaison between the council and committee. Executive Committee members and Committee contacts are:

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Spiritual Growth – It's Still Not Just for Sundays

In my Council Corner article last year, I opened with, "Spiritual Growth – it's not just for Sundays!" And guess what - this is still true! Last year I wrote about the "facts" of what our Spiritual Growth Team does here at Trinity, and while I will touch on that again this year, I really wanted to deliberate more on, to chew on, how spiritual growth is an integral part of our lives as Christians and how it is intertwined with many aspects of our life together as the family of God.

Think about it. Spiritual growth affects every area of our Christian lives – stewardship, outreach, service, relationships, how we live our lives outside of church, attitudes and outlook, prayer, hope...You name it, and how we approach and live out the calling of our faith is affected by our spiritual growth. The more we know of God and the closer we grow in relationship to Him, the more we reflect His glory.

As Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians, "(we) are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (v. 3:18 NIV). Oh, how I long to be more like Jesus! And I need the Holy Spirit's help to grow in this way. I find that when I am spending time regularly with God in His Word, in prayer, in worship, and in fellowship with other believers, the more the Spirit is able to work in me.

I am thankful for the many people at Trinity who lead in Spiritual Growth opportunities: our pastors and lay members who lead Bible studies (check out the "Ministry" tab on the TLC website for specifics), our Grace Group leaders who lead small groups during Lent, our members who write Advent devotions for the congregation, those who plan and lead the annual women's retreat, those who stock and manage the library, our Lectio Divina group that meets each Sunday.

I am thankful for our congregation's willingness to take on tough topics, too, engaging in digging into the meat of the Bible, as we recently did at our forums on same sex marriage. Over 120 people came to the forums to study, discuss, listen, and learn about what the Bible and our Christian brothers and sisters have to say about this topic. Surveys submitted at the end of the forums indicate that many members are interested in more forums on other difficult topics – a chance to lead in these spiritual growth opportunities awaits – is God calling you to facilitate or help plan our next forum?

Hebrews 5:14 tells us that "solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil (NIV)." Wow! Chew on that! What a charge! But also a charge that we can accomplish with God's help. We invite you to join us in one of the ways listed in this article to grow spiritually with God's help. Please also be welcome to attend the next Spiritual Growth Team meeting on May 28 at 5:45 p.m.

The hope and love of Christ to you –
Wendy Johnson, Council Liaison – Spiritual Growth

Please Remember Your Offering When You are Away

As you travel this summer to vacation destinations, remember that the ministry of your congregation continues all summer long. Mail your offering or make your gifts electronically but don't forget your church!

Online Giving Through "Tithe.ly"

We are transitioning to "Tithe.ly" at Trinity for our online giving. Online giving is so easy and convenient, never miss a week even when you are out of town! For those currently giving through Vanco, a letter was mailed with instructions on how to make the switch. To get started simply click on the 'Donate' button at the top of the Trinity Website or go to <https://get.tithe.ly>

Please contact Trinity's Finance Assistant Joanna Waite in the main office if you need assistance.

Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals

Month of April 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	107,325	126,371	19,046	17.7%
Total Expenses	96,209	89,490	6,719	7.0%
Operating Income (Loss)	11,116	36,881	25,765	



Giving is above budget for the month by \$19,000 or about 17.7%.

In total spending is below budget for the month by \$6,700, or 7%. Significant items include: Utilities \$3,500 higher than expected due to the colder than normal winter/construction. This was offset by \$1,100 favorable worship expenses, \$2,000 favorable property expenses, \$2,200 favorable interest expense, \$1,300 favorable Office & Administration expenses, \$3,000 favorable cleaning service/lower hourly payroll and \$600 unfavorable timing across the rest of the areas.

2019 Fiscal Year-to-Date February 2019 to April 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Total Income	288,155	306,281	18,126	6.3%
Total Expenses	264,431	258,835	5,596	2.1%
Operating Income (Loss)	23,724	47,446	23,722	

Giving is above budget Year-To-Date by \$18,100 or about 6.3%.

In total spending is below budget Year-To-Date by \$5,600, or 2.1%. Unexpected repairs to boiler \$3,400, Utilities \$7,100 higher than expected due to the colder than normal winter/construction, offset by \$1,500 favorable worship expenses, \$600 favorable hospitality expenses, \$5,400 favorable interest expense, \$1,000 favorable Office & Administration, \$5,800 favorable cleaning service/lower hourly payroll, and \$1,800 favorable timing across the rest of the areas.

A Message from Associate Pastor Dan Schewe

"Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him."
– Luke 24:13 – 16

At the end of the Gospel of Luke we find two of the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus, on the same day they have learned about the resurrection, and Jesus joins them on their journey, yet they don't know it's him. He walks with them and joins their conversation. He meets them where they are and journeys with them to where they are going. He talks with them about what is on their minds. He accompanies them without an agenda and eventually they realize that it is him.

How often does someone walk with you without an agenda? When has someone simply accompanied you?

Summer is a time for adventures and journeys. The kids are out of school for the summer, vacations are planned, camps are scheduled, trips are taken, cottages are visited, and so on. Yet how many of our journeys have an agenda, have something we are trying to accomplish ... a schedule we must keep?

Can we learn from Christ to simply walk with one another as we journey together? Can we learn to see Christ as He accompanies us on our way?

This summer many of our youth are headed to camp at Stony Lake Bible camp and to Mission, South Dakota, on a mission trip. There are schedules for both of these adventures, things we must do to prepare ourselves and arrive where we are scheduled to be. Yet on both of these journeys we are seeking to open our eyes to see what God is already doing that we can accompany, that we can learn from, and that we can see Christ more fully through. We also are seeking to see how Christ is accompanying us on our way, how He is walking with us right where we are.

On both of these journeys we are trying to help our youth learn this different way of walking with each other. This summer I hope you can also see how Christ is accompanying you in your plans and have your eyes opened to the amazing things that God is already doing around you and calling you to participate in; and that you can learn to walk that way with each other.

Shalom,
Pastor Dan

Bless our Youth!

This summer we invite you to help bless our youth as they depart on different adventures. Thank you for supporting them in a myriad of ways! On these Sundays we will be blessing our youth in worship ahead of their trips:

Sunday, June 30 – Mission Trip to Mission, South Dakota

Sunday, July 21 – Campers to Stony Lake Bible Camp

Please continue to pray that our youth experience God in life changing ways on these amazing adventures!



A Message from Assisting Pastor Karen Niemeyer



The Beginnings of a New "Old Trinity Ministry"

Starting with our latest group of new members who were welcomed into Trinity membership on Sunday, May 19, we will be initiating a ministry that was active at Trinity in the early 2000's: *New Member Mentor Groups*. Many of our current members may remember when they were new and how their group mentors invited them to gather together for various events, from church potlucks to church picnics to a night out on the town. In fact, many of today's members tell stories of lasting friendships that began in their new member mentor group gatherings. The impetus behind this group ministry came from church studies that explored why some new members stay and flourish in a church while others become inactive or leave after their first year of membership. Among these studies' findings are the following statistics:

- New members need seven contacts with fellow members in their first six-to-twelve months of membership or they drop out, usually because they don't feel at home in their new church.
- One survey of 400 church dropouts reported that when asked why they left their churches, over 75 percent of the dropouts reported, "I didn't feel anyone cared whether I was there or not."
- When another survey of seasoned church members asked, "Why did you join this church," 93 percent reported they had joined because of the pastor. But when the survey asked, "So if the pastor leaves, will you leave?" the answer was "NO, because now I have friends here!" Their allegiance to their church had shifted from Pastor to the membership of *their* church.

A New Member Mentor Group ministry offers one way Trinity can help ensure that new members are welcomed, not forgotten when they join our church. Bob and Liz Dever, Nick and Cyndi Harrison and Nick and Julie Parady will mentor our new members who joined Trinity in May, with responsibilities that include inviting their group members to join them at various Trinity functions to introducing them to other members during the Courtyard fellowship time on Sunday mornings. Big-time appreciation to the Devers, Harrisons and Pardys for "going the extra mile" to help our special new members feel welcomed at Trinity!

Together in Christ,
Pastor Karen

We Welcome New Church Leaders during Worship on June 2



Kristin Bradley
Faith Community Nurse

Commissioning of Kristin Bradley and Installation of New Congregation Council members

Four Trinity Congregation Council members completed their terms of service in May of 2019. John Basher, who has also served for seven challenging years as this congregation's Treasurer, along with Wendy Johnson, Phil Wittry and youth representative Caroline Kuntzman have all completed their terms of service on the Council. We give thanks for these leaders!

On June 2 we will welcome four new Congregation Council members as they are installed and begin their terms in June. We welcome Mike King, Nicole Rodammer, Steve Heacock and youth representative Elizabeth Mulligan as our newest elected congregational leaders. They will be joined by returning Council members in the Order of Installation of Elected Leaders on Sunday, June 2 in worship.

June 2 will also include the Commissioning of Kristin Bradley as both our Faith Community Nurse (formerly called Parish Nurse) and our newest Stephen Ministry leader. Thankful for Kristin's new roles in our life together, we will pray God's richest blessings on one of Trinity's newest staff members.

Be with us as we set apart these leaders in orders of blessing in worship!

A Reception to Celebrate the Commissioning and Installation of New Church Leaders

The Health Ministry Committees and Stephen Ministry invite you to join in a reception on Sunday, June 2. We will be celebrating Kristin Bradley, our newly commissioned Faith Community Nurse and Stephen Ministry Leader, along with our newly installed Congregation Council members.

Please join us downstairs in The Courtyard after any of the three morning worship services. Everyone is invited to share in refreshments and celebrate our new church leaders. All are welcome!

Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 9



Sunday, June 9 will include the observance of the Day of Pentecost, the end of the Easter season remembered by the great Pentecost gathering when the disciples were afire with the Holy Spirit and speaking the languages of the world.

The Day of Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church, the Body of Christ in the world. You are encouraged to wear red, the liturgical color that evokes those flames of the very Spirit of God.

New Sunday School Coordinator Sought for the Fall of 2019

Grateful for a strong Sunday School year led by Interim Sunday School Coordinator Ingrid Brang, Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking candidates to take on this part-time staff role in preparation for the fall of 2019. Typically, a 10 to 12 hour per week position, the Sunday School Coordinator provides oversight of the curriculum and the scheduling of our teaching staff, while working closely with the other children's ministry staff leaders.



Interested? Please contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall or Pastor Linstrom for more information.

Appeals to Support our Mission Trip and Stony Lake Campers

We want your cans (and bottles)!

For the four weeks of June our Mission Trip team is holding a competitive can drive, and you will choose the winner! In the Courtyard there are two large boxes. You are encouraged to put your cans and bottles into the one you want to win the competition. In addition there is an envelope stapled to the box, you can put your bottle return receipts from Meijer or Forest Hills Foods in the envelope and they will count for the team whose box you put it in. If you put cash in an envelope that will count AGAINST that team. At the end of the month one team will be declared the winner. You hold the fate of our mission trippers in your hands!



Camp Scholarship Fund Appeal

Last year we had over thirty youth attend summer camp at Stony Lake, and this year we already have that many registered. These kids participate in elementary, middle, and high school programs tailored to their age group to help them encounter God. While at camp our youth experience God and community in amazing ways. This is largely possible because of our camp scholarship fund. We ask families to pay a \$100 deposit per camper and the fund covers the rest of the cost. This makes the life-changing experience of camp extremely affordable for every family. Many of our youth are only able to attend camp because of your generosity.

We are currently seeking to replenish this fund.

- \$150 sponsors one first through third grader for a Sunday through Wednesday camp experience.
- \$280 sponsors one third through twelfth grader for a week of camp.

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to help support this life changing experience in the lives of Trinity's youth.



Fourth Annual Prayer Tree Participants Celebration

Pizza Party and Frozen Custard Bar Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Since the fall of 2015, many of our Trinity members have been participating in a special intergenerational opportunity through which older members have been praying for our younger church family members.

On Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. in The Courtyard, we are bringing together the adult Pray-ers and the young people (ages in-utero to 18 years of age) they have been praying for since the fall. We will gather for fellowship, pizza, frozen custard and lots of fun toppings.

Invitations were sent out in May. If you did not receive your invitation in the mail, please contact Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis.



Music and Fine Arts Camp Coming Soon!

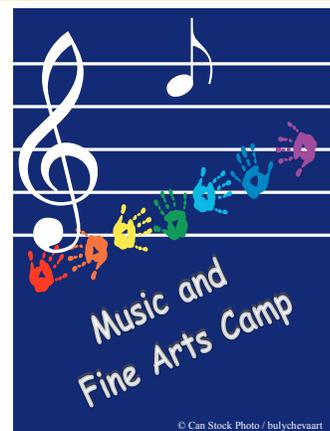
Save the dates! June 17-21 will bring music, painting, crafting, and more to the halls of Trinity for a week of creativity and fun for your children who have completed first grade through eighth grade.

This year we will again be having students from the Art Department of Aquinas College guiding our art projects. Music activities will include creative ways to include music and movement in everyday life and why we should do that and how to make it a family activity!

Field trips will take the children to places they may have never been. Coordinated crafting activities will complete our adventures in the amazing world of art and music.

Look for the registration form in an upcoming eBlast to enroll your child soon!

On Sunday, June 23, the campers' creativity will be featured at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.



Who is our next Sunday School Coordinator?



Ingrid Brang has done an amazing job serving as Interim Sunday School Coordinator for the 2018/2019 school year. We are blessed to have had her as part of our Children's Ministry team. Anticipating a busy family schedule next fall, Ingrid has chosen to step down from her staff position, but still plans to teach. Thank you for your service, Ingrid!

The search has begun for Trinity's next Sunday School Coordinator. This paid staff position involves a commitment of about 10 hours per week. Classes meet weekly from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. during the school year. The Sunday School Coordinator provides oversight of the curriculum and responsibilities include printing lessons from a Lutheran curriculum, preparing crafts and activities, ordering supplies, recruiting volunteers, and scheduling teachers and parent helpers.

Interested applicants are asked to contact Director of Family Ministry Rachele Battreall or Pastor Bob Linstrom for more information.

ROAR VBS is July 15 to 19 from 9 a.m. to noon



Trinity kids ages 3 years through 5th grade will have a ROAR-mazing time! All week long we will learn that when "Life is Wild, God is Good!" The fun includes music, drama, stories, games, science, crafts, and snacks! Trinity kids are encouraged to invite friends. Visit tlcgr.org and click on the VBS link.

What makes Roar VBS awesome? You do!

- Calling all VBS Volunteers! Adults, middle school and high school youth are encouraged to sign-up. Roles include: crew leaders, crew helpers, station helpers, registration assistants, kitchen helpers, and more! To sign-up go to: tlcgr.org and click on the VBS link.
- We need ROAR Resources! Do you have any props or African theme decorations we can borrow? Can you help purchase some supplies? Look for our "ROAR Resources" board in The Courtyard on Sunday mornings.
- Decoration Days! June 23 from noon to 3 p.m. and July 14 from noon to 6 p.m. We'll be getting crafty making props, signs, and scenery to transform the church into Africa! Sign-up by contacting Rachele Battreall.

What's VBS all about?

Go to group.com/Roar to find out or contact VBS co-directors Rachele Battreall and James Morin.

Moving Forward with Same-Gender Marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7)

In the early years of the 21st century, the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) were invited into prayerful discussion around the topics of ordaining LGBTQ pastors in committed, monogamous same-gender partnerships and the blessing of same-gender unions. The congregation I served engaged all the study documents that came from that initiative. There were some here at Trinity who took on that study as well. Like many of the communities that entered that prayerful deliberation, we were not of one mind. But we embraced disciplines of respectful listening and learning together, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In 2009's "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" social statement of the ELCA, our church neither endorsed nor forbid same-gender marriages, recognizing that within congregations there are differing understandings and convictions on this matter. According to our church's social statement, all decisions about recognizing, supporting and holding publicly accountable same-gender relationships are entrusted to congregations. Recognizing that the church is not of one mind on this subject, the 2009 actions of the ELCA provided that congregations and clergy should discern together whether to recognize such relationships and to what degree.

In June of 2015 the Supreme Court of the United States rendered its decision announcing the right of same-gender couples to have equal access to marriage. For many members of the ELCA, this decision was a welcome sign of hope and a time for celebration. Other members of this church did not agree with the court's decision and remained deeply concerned because of their understanding of scripture. Trinity's Congregation Council



spent an hour in heartfelt discussion at its July 2015 meeting about the implications of the Supreme Court decision. We were not of one mind, but that evening this congregation's leaders listened respectfully to one another, sought to understand the convictions of our neighbors, and agreed that this topic would be an important one to engage the congregation in prayerful study.

In the spring and summer of 2016, I led an extended Wednesday adult forum series on the ELCA study document "Journey Together Faithfully: The Church and Homosexuality" and its accompanying "Background Essay on the Biblical Texts." Over the several months that we gathered, we carefully read the handful of scriptural accounts cited when discussing same-gender relationships and the assessment of those texts by biblical scholars who differed in their understanding of the Bible's teachings. We were not of one mind as we studied and prayed together. But we encountered this important study employing the standard of 'bound conscience,' which maintains that a

position of pastoral or ethical concern based on a particular understanding of scripture leads one to stand on that understanding as inextricably linked with faithful living. Yet, one's neighbor can have a different understanding that is likewise a reflection of her 'bound conscience.' We recalled that, when on trial for heresy in 1521, Martin Luther and the reformers cited the same scripture that their adversaries employed but were bound to speak from hearts that perceived a different way to be the church. Both sides spoke from 'bound conscience.'

In January of 2018, I brought to the Congregation Council agenda the request from a long-time member of Trinity to celebrate his marriage to his same-gender partner at Trinity. In keeping with the action of the ELCA in 2009, the

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clergy and congregational leadership of Trinity entered a time of discussion, discernment and prayer. After two months of Council discussion, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Council voted to allow this marriage celebration at Trinity, but we were not of one mind. We committed to host a series of congregational forums to engage the people of Trinity in a significant time of discussion, discernment and prayer around the topic of same-gender marriage in our life together as the Body of Christ.

For several months in mid-2018, the Council laid the groundwork for a series of forums in the fall and winter of 2018-2019 on the topic of same-gender marriage. Invitations to register for the forums were promoted through our newsletters, e-Blasts and other Trinity communications in mid to late 2018. Council members prepared to serve as table facilitators for the critical times of discussion that would be at the heart of these forums and several Council members committed to providing times to wrap these forums in prayer, inviting others to join them in that discipline.

The three Sunday evening forums were held in November, December and January this past winter and were attended by more than 120 members of Trinity. The inter-generational group gathered to break bread together, to pray, to study and to listen to one another with the deep respect of honoring the other's 'bound conscience.' We studied biblical foundations for our discussion, the tradition of marriage in both secular society and in the Church, and the ELCA actions to date in relation to same-gender marriage. We observed the shifts in attitude in scripture and in the Church toward slavery, the role of women, divorce and remarriage through the centuries. We were not of one mind, but a growing consensus was

evidenced as the forums continued. The survey that was received at the end of the forum by 89 of the participants was directive. The vast majority of the respondents were supportive of their church welcoming same-gender marriage, under the same standards of pre-marital counseling and preparation for the service of marriage that is required of other premarital couples. We were not of one mind, but the Council received the response of the congregation in deliberative forums and, in March of 2019, acted to welcome same-gender marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, throughout these years of study, discussion, discernment and prayer, I have carried the weight of the significance of these deliberations. Many of your congregation's leaders have carried that weight as well. We pray for the unity of the Body of Christ even as we take on challenges that are divisive and without easy answers. We pray that the Spirit will continue to guide every aspect of our shared ministry as we seek to embrace God's mission. The action that we have taken reflects

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the "all are welcome" invitation that Trinity's pastors announce every Sunday as we come to the meal of grace, the Lord's Supper. That welcome is without condition before a God who welcomes us with an unconditional love. If you are troubled by this new day in our life together at Trinity, I would ask you to speak with one of Trinity's pastors as we seek to continue caring for the goodness and unity of this ministry we share.

I continue to give thanks for the deep privilege of serving as one of Trinity's pastors.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bob Linstrom

Start of Summer Celebration - Wednesday, June 19



Donations needed!

Bingo is a very popular activity at our Start of Summer celebrations and the winners have had an exciting array of items from which to choose in the past! All types of gifts are appreciated and should be appropriate for various age ranges such as 4 to 10, 11 to 16 and 17 and up. These prizes do not need to be expensive. Bingo winners enjoy gift cards, meal cards, games, movie passes, accessories, toys, etc.

Please drop off Bingo gifts no later than noon on Tuesday, June 18.

Volunteers needed!

Director of Congregational Life Angela Davis and Family Activity Coordinator James Morin are seeking volunteers to assist with this year’s “Start of Summer Celebration” from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19. With the help of many people, we are all able to enjoy a summer evening together!

Volunteer opportunities for the Start of Summer Celebration include set up, clean up, grilling, activity supervision, and more. To sign up, please use the link in the Trinity eBlasts. If you have questions or would like to be involved with the planning and implementation of this exciting event, please contact Angela Davis.

Highlights of the evening include:

- Dinner favorites - pulled pork, hot dogs, salad, chips and more!
- Bingo, bounce house, sidewalk chalk, face-painting, and more!
- Bring your lawn chair/picnic blanket, and your friends and neighbors!

“Know Mercy” Trinity Softball Team Game Schedule



Trinity’s coed softball team, “Know Mercy,” is led by Trinity member Chris Engle and they are ready for action! Let’s show our support for the team by attending their games!

All games are played on Tuesday evenings at Manhattan Park located in East Grand Rapids just west of the East Beltline at 3180 Cascade Rd SE. You can also enter the park from the side street at 430 Manhattan SE.

Mark your calendars NOW! Here is the upcoming game schedule:

June 4 - 8:15 p.m. at Field 2	July 9 - 7:15 p.m. at Field 2
June 11 - 8:15 p.m. at Field 1	July 23 - 6:15 p.m. at Field 2
June 18 - 8:15 p.m. at Field 2	July 30 - 6:15 p.m. at Field 1
June 25 - 7:15 p.m. at Field 1	August 6 - 7 p.m. at Field 1

Now that the Building Project is Completed...

Volunteer Opportunities at Trinity

The completion of our "Big Building Project" is history! But we still have a number of facility challenges and the opportunity to plug into as volunteers. Not all areas of church were touched by the Building Project and we could use help to complete work tasks by small teams of volunteers. Carpentry, painting and yard work are some of the needs. If you have an interest, look for upcoming Friday eBlasts with a link to SignUp Genius for a description, more information and times.

Stone Surplus

Lime stone pieces are available for your landscaping and patio needs. Salvaged stone pieces as well as a surplus of new unused stone is stockpiled around the church garage. Please check this out and help yourself to this extra material.



New Earth Keeping Group Forming

Are you concerned about environmental issues? Do you feel strongly about our responsibility to take care of God's creation?

A new group is forming at Trinity that will focus on ways that we can be better stewards of the environment. You are invited to get in on the "ground floor" to help establish the group's initial goals and projects to be addressed.

There are many Trinity households just beginning to recycle at their own homes who might benefit from some tips and encouragement. Now that the building project is completed at Trinity, it's a good time to focus on freshening up the grounds and landscaping. Or perhaps Trinity volunteers could help with an environmental concern in the community. The members of the group will have an opportunity to "think outside the box" in planning for their ongoing earth keeping work.

If you missed the opportunity to sign up at worship on Mother's Day to receive information about the group's formation, please be in touch with Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten.



Mission Interpreters



Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) advocacy is most effective when Lutherans across the country are involved and active. The ELCA has professional policy staff who help facilitate Lutheran advocacy efforts, but members of Congress want to hear from their constituents – your stories, experiences and influence impact their decisions.

By signing up for the ELCA e-Advocacy Network, you will receive legislative updates and key advocacy opportunities in your inbox. You can also share these action alerts with

your personal network on social media.

ELCA advocacy works for change in public policy based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs and projects around the world and in communities across the United States. We work through political channels on behalf of the following biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Stand up for policies that create opportunities to overcome poverty, promote peace and dignity, and defend God's creation – visit the "Advocacy News and Updates" page to find advocacy opportunities now.

Stephen Ministry - All are Welcome!



An Invitation from Stephen Ministry

As part of our continuing education, we are pleased to be hosting Tara Aday, Director of Prevention at Safe Haven Ministries on Monday, June 24.

Safe Haven serves women and children who have experienced domestic abuse. They offer emergency shelter and non-shelter programs for women and children, as well as education and prevention programs for the entire community. Motivated by Christ's love, their mission is to end domestic abuse.

Because this is a topic that should be of interest to other members of our congregation and their friends, we are extending an invitation for you to join us. We will be meeting at 6 p.m. on June 24 in The Courtyard.

We hope to see you there!

Health Ministry - June is Mental Health Awareness Month

The magnitude of mental illness in this country is staggering. According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year, and half of all Americans have such disorders at some time in their lives. These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity. Nearly every person in our congregation has been touched in some way by mental illness. And yet individuals and families continue to suffer in silence or stop coming to their faith community because they are not receiving the support they so desperately need. They become detached from their faith community and their spirituality, which can be an important source of healing, wholeness, and hope in times of personal darkness.

WHY CARE?

The WhyCare? Campaign from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is an opportunity to share the importance of mental health treatment, support, and services to the millions of people, families, caregivers and loved ones affected by mental illness. It is also a challenge to address broken systems and attitudes that present barriers to treatment and recovery.

Care is a simple 4-letter word, but a powerful way to change lives for people affected by mental illness. It's an action. It's a feeling. It's a gift we give to ourselves and each other. People feel loved when someone cares. People feel heard when someone cares. People recover when someone cares – society changes when people care. Entire systems change when people care. Through our own words and actions, we can shift the social and systemic barriers that prevent people from building better lives.



Trinity is certainly a congregation that cares but we also have work to do! We are designating June as Mental Health Awareness Month, so we can join together with NAMI and many local organizations to break down barriers, stigma, and access to care. Watch for articles, mission moments, prayers and messages to help all of us be better informed. Let's provide support, advocacy, inclusiveness, and education for those living with a mental health issue. Our goal is to empower each person to lead the fullest life possible. We'll culminate this month-long initiative with a Mental Health Resource Fair on June 23 between all of our services.

Special thanks to Trinity member, Kay Zeaman, for facilitating communications and connections to make our awareness month happen!

In His Peace,
Kristin

Excerpts are taken from www.mentalhealthministries.net and www.nami.org

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid" - John 14:27

Help With Habitat for Humanity Build on Saturday, June 29

Trinity members are invited to help with a home for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 372 Rumsey Street SW in Grand Rapids. The scheduled task for that day is exterior work (framing or siding). Volunteers 16 years of age and older are welcome to participate in the project. Chaperones are required for youth under 18 years old.

This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in an important outreach ministry that focuses on building houses for qualified families using mostly volunteer labor and donated materials.

Gloria Von der Heide is Trinity's Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Coordinator. Contact her ASAP at 616.454.7454 or at g_vonderheide@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer that day. Gloria is expected to turn in the names of all Trinity volunteers two weeks in advance to Habitat for Humanity. Please be in touch with Gloria by June 14!



Interfaith Hospitality Network at Trinity July 7 to 14

Trinity has been a Host Congregation for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for over 20 years, since 1997 when the network was established in Grand Rapids. This amazing ministry is operated as a division of Family Promise of Grand Rapids. IHN involves Grand Rapids area churches that house homeless families on a rotating basis in church buildings four times per year for a week at a time. A small army of welcoming volunteers are needed at each church during host weeks to act as an evening host, prepare evening meals, stay overnight, provide activities for the children and/or help with set-up or tear-down.



Our next host week at Trinity is from July 7 to 14. Look for a link in Trinity's Friday eBlasts to the SignUp Genius to volunteer. There may be quite a few of our Trinity volunteers on a summer vacation during that week in July. So if you will be in town please consider sharing some of your time with these precious families.

If you have questions about this important ministry, please contact Director of Discipleship Sylvia Stouten.

Family Promise hosts Family Frolic at the Zoo - June 30

Family Promise of Grand Rapids is hosting their 2nd annual family community event. Family Frolic at the Zoo will take place Sunday, June 30 at John Ball Park Zoo from 6:30 to 9 p.m.! This event will benefit homeless families and children who are ready to move home!

It's going to be a fun-filled night with raffles, prizes, giveaways, free froyo and, of course, ANIMALS! The one and only Emily Linnert from Wood TV8 will be our host for the evening!

Tickets are \$15 per person and children under the age of 18 get in free thanks to the generous support from Eastbrook Homes. All ages are welcome. Light snacks, refreshments and a cash bar will be available. RSVP at bit.ly/FamilyFrolic2019

Will you help to end homelessness...one family at a time!?



Buy a Book of Bus Tickets!



You are invited to support our community's most vulnerable members by purchasing bus tickets to be distributed to community organizations including Dégagé Ministries, Family Promise (IHN) and Samaritas. Many area residents do not have cars and rely upon public transportation to get to job interviews, work, grocery stores and appointments. Bus tickets can provide stability for individuals and families who are struggling.

Please consider supporting this ministry by purchasing one or more packs of bus tickets. A pack of 10 tickets is \$13.50.

Please place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it off in the Church Office. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with "bus tickets" on the memo line. We will collect for this special program through the end of July.

Diapers and Underwear Appreciated



One child goes through thousands of disposable diapers. Now imagine you have a limited income and can't afford to buy them. As a result, you resort to changing your baby's diaper only once or twice a day. Soon you have a very unhappy baby with diaper rash!

Beginning on Mother's Day and continuing through Father's Day, we will gladly welcome your contributions of diapers and underwear. Please consider donating all sizes of NEW unopened packages of children's, women's and men's underwear, undershirts and socks as well as diapers. You may place your donations in the labeled bins located in the narthex and in The Courtyard.

Monetary gifts are also appreciated. If you are writing a check, make it payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, and write "Diaper/Undie Sunday" in the memo line.

The underwear will be distributed through local Grand Rapids organizations that serve our community's most vulnerable families. There is a need, especially, for larger adult size underwear and undershirts such XXXL.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

New Members Welcomed in May of 2019



In addition to celebrating our Dedication Sunday at the close of our church building project, the people of Trinity welcomed new members at all three services on Sunday, May 19.

We give thanks for our newest partners in ministry – watch for their profiles in an upcoming issue of *The Messenger* and be sure to greet Trinity's new members in the weeks ahead!

SOLO Together in June



“SOLO Together” just might be a great way for you to get out more often and enjoy the company of other women!

Trinity women who are at least fifty years of age and are widowed, divorced or are single without a significant other have been having a great time together. They meet for lunch at a variety of area restaurants on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. to simply have fun!

On Tuesday, June 4 the group will have lunch at Bluewater Grill. The restaurant is located at 5180 Northland Drive NE in Grand Rapids.

Reservations are made for the group in advance so it is important to RSVP. Please contact Trinity member Marjorie Paul by Sunday, June 2 to let her know you would like to attend on the June date or if you have questions. Marjorie can be reached at 616.209.5263.

“Life Begins at 60”



Start the Summer Off at Logan's Roadhouse

The “Over 60's” crowd will meet once again at Logan's Roadhouse, 1651 Marketplace Drive SE in Caledonia on Thursday, June 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in their side room, Logan's Garage. *Logan's has plenty of room so all are welcome!* Happy hour until 6 p.m. will include a variety of drink and appetizer specials, with a full dinner menu at reasonable prices to follow after 6 pm.

The restaurant can be reached via U.S. 131 or M-6, exit 11 (Kalamazoo Avenue, between 60th and 68th Street). Contact Mari and Mike Franz at mari49546@gmail.com to make your reservation.

“Trinity Travelers” Dreaming Meeting – all are welcome June 18

In the summer of 2016, 26 “Trinity Travelers” journeyed on the trail of Martin Luther through the cities of Luther’s Reformation and other cities and the countryside of Germany, one year before the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Two years later, 31 traveled in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul in Greece and in the World Heritage site of Ephesus in Turkey. Both trips brought together people of Trinity and their friends for major immersions in global faith destinations, while also providing the opportunity to grow in community with one another and enjoy their new travel companions.



It is time to come together and dream of a new destination, perhaps in 2020. Is it time for a trip to Israel? Perhaps the Lutheran retreat center of Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state? All are welcome to come together on Tuesday evening, June 18 at 6 p.m. for a brainstorming meeting. This will be a first planning time for the next pilgrimage of the “Trinity Travelers;” please consider joining us!

New Trinity Social Group forming for “Empty Nesters!”

A new group at Trinity is up and running! We have been going with the name “Empty Nest Group” but that doesn’t really describe who we are. We are people that are too old for “Young and Sleepless” and too young for the “Life begins at 60” group.

If you are an empty nester, we want you. If you still have kids at home, we want you. If you have never had kids, we want you. If you are single or married, we want you! What we have in common is some time on our hands to get together with others that want a community within Trinity.

If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Corina Dulecki at corinard@comcast.net or look for our Facebook group named “Trinity Lutheran Church-GR Empty (or almost empty) Nesters.”



Save the Date

JULY

July 2 – SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
July 6 – 13 - High School Youth Mission Trip
July 7 – Lutheran World Relief Quilting, noon
July 7-14 – Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests on site
July 8 – *Messenger Submissions Due*
July 8 – Blood Drive, 12:30 p.m.
July 8 – Congregation Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
July 9 – “Know Mercy” softball game, 7:15 p.m.
July 14 – VBS Work Day, noon
July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School (VBS), 9 a.m. to noon
July 17 – Cottage Meeting, 6 p.m.
July 20 – Men’s Breakfast, 8 a.m.
July 21-26 – Campers to Stony Lake
July 23 – “Know Mercy” softball game, 6:15 p.m.
July 24 – Cottage Meeting, 6 p.m.
July 27 – Memorial Service for Oscar Hoff, Jr.
July 30 – “Know Mercy” softball game, 6:15 p.m.
July 31 – Cottage Meeting, 6 p.m.

AUGUST

Aug. 6 – SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 6 – “Know Mercy” softball game, 7 p.m.
Aug. 12 – *Messenger Submissions Due*
Aug. 14 – Cottage Meeting, 6 p.m.
Aug. 21 – Cottage Meeting, 6 p.m.
Aug. 25 – Kindergarten Blessing of Backpacks
Aug. 25 – One Worship Service, 10 a.m., followed by a Pig Roast/Congregational Potluck
Aug. 28 – Cottage Meeting, 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2 – *Labor Day - Office Closed*
Sept. 3 – SOLO Together Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 8 – Preschool Blessing
Sept. 8 – Sunday School Rally Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 9 – *Messenger Submissions Due*
Sept. 23-28 – Pictorial Directory Photography Sessions
Sept. 25 - JOYful Days, 10 a.m.

Thank you notes...

I wish to thank our Trinity family for all your prayers, caring and assistance during the last five years. Ralph’s crippling rheumatoid arthritis kept him from attending church, but he was happy to watch the service on TV. Visits from the Pastors and others, and home communion allowed him to still feel a part of the congregation. Thanks to the quilters and Stephen Ministers for the lovely quilt for him. A special thanks to Pastor Bob for being with us for a beautiful Commendation of the Dying service in the hours before Ralph’s passing.

I have been overwhelmed by the number of hugs, prayers, cards and sympathy from all of you. We have been blessed by such a warm and loving faith family. Thank you and God bless.

Joyce Schenk and family



Dear Pastors Bob, Karen, and Dan, and all the Saints at Trinity,

Thank you for the generous gift of chairs! Having more comfortable seating will make everyone who eats meals, attends meetings, takes classes, or participates in other activities here at Prince of Peace, Portage, feel more welcome. May God continue to bless your ministry.

Shalom,
Pastor Rachel Laughlin and all the Saints at POP

(200 of our old black chairs went to Prince of Peace)

June Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations!

June 1

Kristine Candela
Beverly Heyne
Michael Mason
Karen Nagle
Eric Tooley

June 2

Chas Schaner
Kelli and John Basher
Marge and Jack Greiner

June 3

Tara Anderson
Sue Bailey
Gretchen Flemming
Charmayne Mulligan
Calvin Posthumus
Rebecca and Mark Mattison

June 4

Susan Cothorn
Jacob Hall
CJ Havard
Georgi Hoeksema
Gayl and Brad Kessel
Kathy and Steve Nelson

June 5

Megan Hudson
Erin and Aaron Breough

June 6

Jim Bennett
Patrick Brang
Biruta Fessenden
Emily Keller
Theo Marquardt
Dick McKenzie
Elliot Rieth
Sarah and Travis Budzyn
Linda and Terry Zabel

June 7

William Beute
Jane Claus
Matthew Corrigan
Lori Law
Jacqueline Murray
Sarah Turnage
Lara Freeburger and Michael Soczek

June 8

Todd Brandstadt
Laurie Freshour
Bethany Hicks
Andy Steketee
Carol and Erick Kind

June 9

Ben Battreall
Darin Estep
Niki Ferguson
William Heyne
Elijah Marvin

(June 9 continued)

*Beverly and Kenneth Block
Jennifer and Ryan Dwyer
Krista and Kyle Flack
Chris and Dave Straw*

June 10

Matthew Blair
Kim Bradbury
Robert Crossman
Sarah Kuntzman
Alexis Mason
Ethan Mason
Jen and Dave Thamban

June 11

Kim Danielski
Ryan Dwyer
Kevin and Katie Gingras
Amanda and Bruce Hungerford
Nancy and Bob Scott

June 12

Andy Bekker
Lynn Hagenbush
Larry Longstreth
MayEllen Morin
Eli Owens
Jennifer and Jeff Haywood

June 13

Jackson Brandstadt
Tom Malvitz
Lexy Shannon
Lindsey Skalandis
Mike Thorsen
David Young
Amanda and Adam Huff
Caitlin and Robert Oliver

June 14

Tyler Cross
Debra Petrick
Kris Shannon
Jane and Donald Barsema
Micki and Michael Smokovich

June 15

Brayden Croly
Debra Johnson
Katie Moga
Ryleigh Owens
Beth Reimel
Tom Steel
Erin Vigna
Anthony Zarou
Linda and Bob Heine

June 16

Marcelyn Anderson
Marilyn Grant
Melissa Haneline
Scott Hansen
Hannah Johnson
Rebecca Linstrom
Carol Schumacher
Meri and Bill Leidel
Venta and Jamie Norris

June 17

CJ Conrad
Sarah Frecka
Sandy Rothfuss
Lynn and Kevin Grzelak
Janine and Bruce Johnson
Kathy and Fred Wilcox

June 18

Lilia Henkel
Hulda Johnson
Gavin Law
Joyce and David Kuecherer
Julie and Joseph VanVliet

June 19

Ryleigh Fisher
Janet Genow
Joshua Giuliani
Cathy Kirsch
Eden Korb
Hannah Parshall
Tami Saum
Tom Williams
Deb and Bill DeWitt
Lisa and Bill Keller

June 20

Janelle Beaudry
Mary Frick
Jacob Johnson
Christophe Muganza
Joshua Price
Sheryl VanderBaan
Tammy and Eric Engblade
Joan and Ed Lohr
Lynda and Doug McCready

June 21

Peter Fisk
Brylee Peters
Tara and Song Anderson
Norma and Stephen Brink
Anna and Mark Bryce
Tess and Tim Lundgren

June 22

Kelsey Becker
Craig Curtiss
Thomas Lee
Alaina Rose Lundgren
Ryan McNally
Valerie Seif
Linda Snow
Cindy and Morrie Fongers
Emily and John Keller
Jamie and Randy Kuntzman

June 23

Steve Archer
Norma Brink
Sam Carlson
Nick Johnson
Brian Mazurek
Mark Rohde
Sue Wait
Donna Wollen
Raija and Jim Boles

June 24

Kris Baker
Phyllis Gehl
Bob Pergler
Edie Pergler
Andrew Sawhill
Ann and Lee Schomberg
Kathleen and Dale Sommers
Kathryn and Scott Stoll

June 25

Carol Kind
Elena Luders
Lisa and Jeff Postlewaite

June 26

Chris Bickel
Alexis Braaten
Jodi Hutchinson
Jon Kelder
Jim Kubicek
John Mielock
Halle Ulreich
Jane and John Ashby
Ginta and Ryan McNally
Judy and Don Otten
Sue and Neil Sandler

June 27

Morgan Black
Jim Coates
JT Hudson
Evan Reiersen
Ruth and Denny Helzer
Debbie and Kenneth Lown
Jessica and Roger Marks
Patti and William Patton

June 28

Norah Barker
Vaiva Norris
Parker Proux
Anne Tooley
Jennifer and Scott Hall

June 29

Nick Grooters
Joan Hansen
Wendy Johnson
Roy Lamprich
Melissa Ziech
Corina and Scott Dulecki

June 30

Robert Missman
Emmett Morin
Patrick Murray
Cathy and Gordon Kirsch
Lisa and Matt LaFleur
Elizabeth and Thomas Lee
Mitchell and Samuel Noland
Gale and Dale Volkerding
Ning Liu and Gary Watson

If you have a special milestone birthday or anniversary, please contact the main office at Trinity to let us know!

Use our New West Entry during the week



Seeking to greet our weekday visitors and care for the security of our facilities, we have begun to use the new west entry, under the Cross Tower, during office hours and for weekday meetings and events.

The main office of the church is just inside that entry and most of our gathering spaces are adjacent to the new entry hall.

Although other exterior doors will be locked during the week, we will continue to have multiple exterior doors open on Sundays and for funerals and weddings.



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