



Building Blocks of Faith/Marks of Discipleship = Oct 2019 thru May 2020 Focus

# OCTOBER 2019

Trinity where we CONNECT, GROW, & SERVE  
with the love of Jesus Christ.

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

## A NEW SEASON, A NEW FOCUS, AND NEW BEGINNINGS

There is an interesting book by Mary Beth Jones entitled Jesus in Blue Jeans. I want to begin our focus on Building Blocks of Faith by sharing one of her devotions with you.

One day it occurred to me that Jesus had a belly button. (Don't laugh—it came to me as a revelation.) This meant that at some point his umbilical cord to his mother had to have been cut, and he had to begin his time on earth just like the rest of us—drooling and cooing and gradually learning to make out the familiar faces. Do you really think Jesus hit the ground running? Not so. He stumbled and crawled and bumped his head and had a spate of a two-year-old's bruises just like any active child. In his humility and profound desire to make a difference for others, he was willing to be a beginner. Jesus must have asked his mother, "How should I hold this lamb?" and his mother showed him. Jesus asked his father, "How do I cut this wood?" and his father showed him. He even had to have someone teach him how to read.

One of the most amazing concepts for me to grasp about Jesus was his willingness to be a beginner. He was willing to put down a scepter that could sway the stars and take up a crude wooden toy made by his carpenter father. Jesus said, "Unless you become like a little child, you cannot even enter the kingdom of Heaven."—Luke 18:17. What is implied is that the kingdom of heaven is really for beginners. Those who think themselves full of knowledge about it won't even get in.

My friend and minister Wendy Craig Purcell once said that she would rather be a beginner in a field that held her interest than remain a master doing work she no longer cared about. Considering the fact that most of us never utilize more than 10 percent of our total mental capacities in any endeavor, the opportunities we have to be beginners is limitless. Yet often as we grow up we quit asking questions. Once we decide that we must pretend to know, rather than ask, we have cut off any chance for advancing ourselves. One of the characteristics of power-filled people is that they have a ravenous curiosity about the world.

My friend Lisa is a brilliant former intensive-care nurse, who has become operations manager for a multimillion-dollar health-care consulting firm. One day she invited me to hear her play the piano. She'd been telling me about her lessons for several months and was extremely excited about them. When I came to visit her she made quite a production of getting her music out and unplugging the phone so we wouldn't be disturbed. She sat down to play, and I was surprised at what poured forth. It was a two-fingered children's song about a butterfly. Her finishing flourish included the use of two fingers on each hand hitting the keyboard simultaneously, which meant she ended not with a note, but with a chord. She looked up at me full of glee, "Isn't this fantastic!" she asked? "Yes!" I responded, "Bravo! Bravo!" Lisa is currently playing the piano at a child's level. Yet in her heart beats the spirit of all great masters, because she is willing to be a beginner.

Life is full of joyous and challenging skills to learn—so much so that even . . . Jesus was willing to be a beginner. So what about you? Are you a willing beginner? Are you a seasoned disciple? Is it possible that you have grown tired, even old by refusing to look at things anew? Have you come to a place in life where learning is more a burden than a joyful opportunity? Then maybe this is a time for New Beginnings for all of us! Our emphasis on the Building Blocks of Faith can be a time to let the Spirit of God work in new and different ways in the lives of His people! Perhaps we can all hear in a whole new way, Christ's call to discipleship. May this be a time to look and listen with the eyes and ears of a little child, someone who is just a beginner. I want to invite each of you to join us as we begin in October to focus on prayer. It is our first building block of faith / our first mark of active discipleship . . . a great place to begin!

Longing for new beginnings as we actively seek to practice faithfully the Marks of Discipleship,

### A Prayer

Dear Lord, help me have the curiosity of a little child. Help me to learn something new each day, and never let me be content, thinking I know it all. Help me nurture and respect the beginner's spirit in others, remembering that even You had to learn before You were able to teach. Thank You for all teachers who so willingly share their knowledge with us, the many beginners. Amen.

Pastor Terry d. Nordheim

Pastor Terry

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

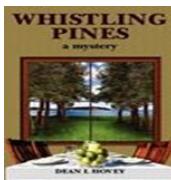
## W/ELCA Fall Gathering

Dean Hovey – Local Mystery Writer

Thursday, October 10, 2019

6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church Lindstrom



Free will offering

**Everyone welcome**

Refreshments will be served

**Door Prize drawings ~ Book Sales**

WELCA Event, sponsored by

Hosted by Ruth Circle

## Fall Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, October 13**

11:45 a.m. after 2nd Service

**AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:** Council Member Election, Capital Task Force Update- with congregational requests, Leaderwise Update (Building Blocks Fall Kick-off), and Update on Staffing Positions

Are you interested in serving on Council for a two or three year term? Please see Ross Peterson, Ken Kramer, or Gary Peterson if you would like to know more! If you are interested in serving on the Endowment Committee please see Karin Vuckich . We will vote in new members during the Congregational meeting.

## Coffee Conversations with the Pastors

**Friday, October 18**

**9:00-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall**



Everyone is welcome to join us for some great conversations. This meeting will be a great follow-up to the Fall Congregational Meeting.

## Council Q & A

The 1st Sunday of every month we welcome the congregation to join Council Members between services in the Kirvida Lounge for a “Questions & Answers” session. **The next session will be Sunday, October 6. We hope to see you there!**

## Church-Wide Study: Join Us!

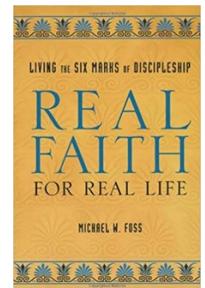
**One of the most incredible truths of Christianity is that God desires a real relationship with us.**

**This is the desire of God's heart.**

-Michael W. Foss

**Are you:**

- Looking for encouragement and practical ways to live out your faith in your daily life?
- Feeling a need to be more connected with others on the journey!



We are excited to offer a **church-wide study** of Michael Foss' book, **Real Faith For Real Life: Living the Six Marks of Discipleship**.

Join a Trinity group, with whom you can be honest and real about your life in Christ, with its twists and turns, struggles and joys. Bible passages, real-life stories, and tools for a healthy, dynamic Christian life will be shared. Sign ups sheets are outside of the office.

**The study will begin the week of October 6:**

- Six weekly sessions
- Each session is one hour in length

**Books are available for purchase (\$10) in the office.**

**All are welcome, as we grow together in Christ!**

-Trinity's Adult Faith Formation Team

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## Beer & Hymns

**Sunday, October 27**

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Uncommon Loon, Chisago City**



*Sing loudly,  
Drink slowly,  
Make friends*



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Operation Christmas Child-A Project of Faith

Many Trinity members participated in the Mission Festival in early September when we packed 43 shoeboxes to start Trinity's annual participation in the Operation Christmas Child project. Together shoeboxes were filled with pencils, crayons, notebooks, toys, soap and washcloth, stuffed animals, toothbrushes and other items. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm generated by children and adults alike as they thought about the children who are going to receive the gift of God's love through each shoebox.

At the end of September there will be a display in Fellowship Hall with a list of suggestions for what to put in a shoebox or items needed to donate for when the congregation packs shoeboxes in November. Shoeboxes are also available to fill or if you want to purchase a plastic container, the children or their families can use the container for other purposes. We will collect shoeboxes and items until November 10<sup>th</sup>. **We can no longer send toothpaste, candy or any other food items.**

We are asking Trinity members to help us send shoeboxes in the name of Jesus Christ to children around the world. Last year Trinity put smiles on the faces of **271 children**. As Trinity continues its mission to reach out to others in the name of Jesus Christ it would be powerful to be able to put a shoebox into the hands of even more children then in 2018. If you have questions, contact Coke Guilfoile at 257-6960 or email at [lme2some@gmail.com](mailto:lme2some@gmail.com)

**Donations Needed:** It costs \$9.00 to ship each shoebox to its destination around the world. Some shoeboxes are sent to remote locations, traveling on to villages by jeep or donkey after the plane lands. So, please help fill our mailbox located by the Christmas Child display. Monies will be used, in the name of Jesus Christ for postage in addition to buy supplies to fill the shoeboxes. On behalf of the children of the world, **Thank you for sharing your love!**

## Fall Altar Guild Meeting

Mark your calendars! Altar Guild will be meeting **Sunday, October 27th, at 10:00** in the Kirvida Lounge.



## Stories of Our Lives:

**Saturday, November 2, 10:00-12:00 noon**

Whether you're knee-deep in writing, or just getting started, you are welcome! Each session is different, so you can drop in anytime. Inspiration, practical tools, and writing ideas will help you in sharing your memories on the page. Your story matters! Facilitator: Cathy Nordheim



JOIN US FOR:  
**CAMP SUNDAY**

**COME JOIN THE TRINITY YOUTH AS THEY LEAD WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 6 AT BOTH SERVICES. THEY WILL BE SHARING THEIR STORIES OF CAMP AND FAITH.**



**THE 3 YEAR OLDS AND 2ND GRADERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES AT THE 9 AM SERVICE. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RSVP TO AMBER SO WE HAVE BIBLES FOR EVERYONE!**

## YOUTH SILENT AUCTION Sundays, November 3 & 10

The Youth Committee is looking for new creative ideas for the Silent Auction.

If you like to cook, bake, sew, give of your time or services, or create things, please fill out a slip in the office or contact Linda Rambow with a description of your items or services **by October 31**. Items that can be displayed (crafts, quilts, etc.) must be brought to the church office by November 1.



## CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Sarah Circle:** Thursday, October 10 at 1:00

**Eve Circle:** Thursday, October 3 at Barbara Eastwold's House at 7:00 p.m.

**Ruth Circle:** Wednesday, October 16 at 12:30



Lindstrom Boy Scouts will be taking orders for **Christmas wreaths, swags, and garland** on Sunday Mornings. Look for them on the following **Sunday Mornings: October 13, 20, & 27. November 3, 10, 17**. We appreciate everyone's support in our programs!



# OUTREACH

The Spirit is alive and working at Trinity. How will you share the Holy Spirit?

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY / 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING** on September 8, went to Community Meals. \$840.55 was matched with Pearl Nelson Bequest funds. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to this 2nd offering!

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY / 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING** on October 13 will go to “New Pathways”

Margaret Burns and Cheryl Gray established New Pathways, Inc. in Cambridge, Minnesota in 1999 as an all-encompassing resource for families experiencing homelessness. The Cambridge Day Center was established in 2002, and New Pathways began partnering with area churches where homeless families could eat and spend the night.



New Pathways

Trinity has been one of the 14 churches that works with New Pathways since 2015. We call our program Path to Home.

Checks made out to Trinity with “New Pathways” in the memo line will be MATCHED with funds from the Pearl Nelson Bequest.

## 2nd Sunday 2nd Offering MISSIONS

chosen by the Witness and Outreach Committee for the second half of 2019:

- November– Operation Christmas Child
- December– Open Hands Midway

Next applications are due NOVEMBER 1  
for January– June.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Path to Home– Sept. 29– Oct. 6
- Second Sunday– October 13
- Outerwear Set-up– October 23
- Outerwear Fair– October 24-26
- Silver Singles– October 24



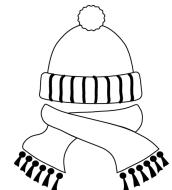
## OPEN HANDS MIDWAY-



Next serving date will be Monday, October 28. We leave Trinity at 9:00 am and return by 3:30. Contact Bonnie if you have any questions.

## Outerwear Fair October 24-26th Trinity Lutheran Church

Remember to save your gently used hats, mittens, coats, boots, and snow pants for the fall Outerwear Fair. PLEASE MAKE SURE ITEMS ARE CLEAN! Questions—contact Bonnie. Volunteer Sign up sheets will be posted soon!



## Silver Singles

This is a new group for retired singles to enjoy each other's company. We plan to meet every 4th Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will also advertise any special events we will be attending. Come join us!



## PATH TO HOME

Thank you to everyone that has supplied items of your time to help our Path to Home guests. They will be visiting Trinity until October 6. There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved. Please call Bonnie if you want to help.

**Family Pathways Food Shelf** Has challenged Trinity to make 150 Green Bean Casserole Bags for their Thanksgiving baskets this year. We were able to make 82 during the Mission Festival, but this means we have 68 bags to go before October 31! How can you help?

Donate cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions, and FRENCH CUT string green beans.

# TRINITY'S YOUTH NEWS

Youth Director: Linda Rambow  
[linda@trinitylindstrom.org](mailto:linda@trinitylindstrom.org)  
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## YOUTH SUNDAY – October 6



We'll be celebrating God's love and sharing our stories of faith and fellowship on our summer trips. If you want to read, usher, pray, & sing, join us! Even if you didn't go to camp, we'd love to have you help. Invite your friends!

For 9th – 12th graders & friends: SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP! Sundays, October 6 & 13 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Bring your friends & join us for discussions and adventure. Eat first. **Bring money for ice cream on the way home**

## MYSTERY TRIP ... October 17-18 over MEA for grades 6-12.

Join us for an adventure! Only God, Linda and your parents will know where we are going! There will be fun, service, worship, and more.



Cost: \$70 includes Lodging, food, and more for 2 days! Permission slip and money due by Oct. 14. BRING a lunch.



WORKCAMP meeting  
Wednesday October 30  
at 7:15 p.m.

We'll begin making plans for our next mission trip to **Chattanooga, Tennessee!** This is open to ALL 9th – 12th graders and adults. Deposit: \$50. We have room for **23 youth and 7 adults.** Invite a friend!

## FAITH FRIENDS (7th & 8th graders) & CLUB 2025 (6th graders)

begin **Wednesday, October 23 at 7:15 p.m.** Remember this is REQUIRED as part of your confirmation journey.

PARENTS: We need more Faith Friends and 6th grade parents to help with Club 2026. Please call and say "yes" to helping out!

## 6th, 7th & 8th grade

### JR. YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



Sr. High youth: we need your help. Let Linda know when you can be there.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 2	3:00 Confirmation, Jr. Youth, Supper, Worship. 7:15 Youth Sunday Practice
Oct. 6	9:00 Camp Sunday Worship 3 yr. olds & 2nd gr. Bibles. 10:30 Camp Sunday Worship
Oct. 7	9:30 Hiking Party- 6th- 12th graders No School, bring a lunch.
Oct. 9	3:00 Confirmation, Jr. Youth, Supper, Worship. 7:15 9th gr. Faith Friends- stole making (Required)
Oct. 13	11:45 Congregational Meeting 2:00-4:00 K-5 Fun Event 5:30 Sr. High Youth
Oct. 16	NO confirmation, youth, or worship activities. MEA break.
Oct 17-18	Mystery Trip for 6th-12th graders.
Oct. 23	5:45 Supper and Worship 7:15 Faith Friends & Club 2026
Oct. 24-26	Outerwear Fair- See Bonnie Houger if you can help volunteer.
Oct. 26	9:00 9th gr. Confirmation pictures and rehearsal.
Oct. 27	1:00 9th gr. Confirmation Service
Oct. 30	3:00 Confirmation, Jr. Youth, Supper, Worship.

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## Camp Worship Service Practice: Wed., October 2 at 7:15 p.m.

If you went to camp this summer at Luther Point, Adventures, Klein Ranch, BWCA or Workcamp, please mark this date down. We'll be leading both Worship services on Sunday, October 6 to tell the congregation about our experiences. Let's share our faith and tell how we have been touched by God's grace.



## CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

The following youth will be professing their faith in Jesus Christ on Sunday, October 27 at the 1:00 p.m. worship service. These students have completed three years of confirmation studies, worship and service.

NATE BLUHM	HOLLY ODLAND
TYLER DRURY	MAX OLSON
COLLIN DUNLEAVY	HALEY OVERGAARD
TESS HASKIN	MARISSA ROSSOW
CHRISTIAN HAUGEN	SOPHIA SHUGA
LUCAS HEILAND	JACK WALKER
JAKE HELGASON	TOVAH WARNKE
NATHAN HOLT	LEYTON WEHRENBERG
AIDAN LUGER	STEPHEN WEISS
COLIN MEYERS	LOGAN WEST
MADELYNN NASE	LEAH ZARUBA



## Outerwear Fair- October 24-26

**Sr. High Youth - this is a fun service project for you. It's a chance to hand out coats to those in need. Work Friday, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. and / or Saturday, from 9:00 - noon.** Let Bonnie know that you'd like to help, or call the office.



## Happy Birthday!

to these 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders:

Max Olson	10/6
Ryan Leibel	10/11
Kylie Carlson	10/12
Sophia Shuga	10/12
Abby Zins	10/14
Kierra Dunleavy	10/17
Evi Reedy	10/18
Marie Christensen	10/20
Sullivan Carlson	10/23
Christian Haugen	10/23
Elena Martinez Dunbar	10/24
Blake Norelius	10/24
Jacob Willman	10/28
Brianna Garner	10/30

## Help with the SILENT AUCTION! November 3 - 10



Donate your time & talents for this event! (Wrap gifts, shovel walks, make a Christmas ornament or craft!) Fill out a description of your items and leave in the office. Thanks!

## THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU

- the youth and adults who came to the **Planning & Pizza Party** & meeting.
- to everyone who helped with the **Mission Festival!**
- all who **help with Confirmation Small groups!** We couldn't do it without you!
- to our **Workcamp Sponsors.** You are such an important part of our experience and journey
- to the parents who helped with the **8th grade Confirmation Retreat:** Denise Carlson, Stacy Aldrich, Avery Bird, Christian Schmidt, Darcy Paulsen, Kim Anderson, Rhonda Gajeski and Pastor Terry, too. (I apologize if I missed anyone.)

when in  
doubt-  
Pray it out.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



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## Family Worship Sundays

Join us on **Sunday, October 6** for Camp Sunday. Worship together as a family at either 9 or 10:30 a.m. and hear first hand what Trinity's kids did at the different camps this summer. **There will be NO regular Sunday school.**

However, students will be asked to complete Sermon Notes during the service and families will be asked to serve as Greeters and Ushers.

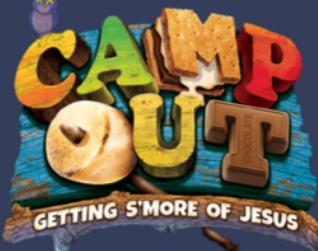


## 3 YEAR OLDS and SECOND GRADE BIBLES

Trinity Lutheran Church invites all 3 year-olds and 2nd graders to receive a Bible from the congregation on Sunday, October 6 during the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. **Please RSVP to Amber by October 1** to make sure a Bible is ready for your student.



Chisago Lakes Area Lutheran Churches Present



## Save the Date PLAY AND PRAY DAY

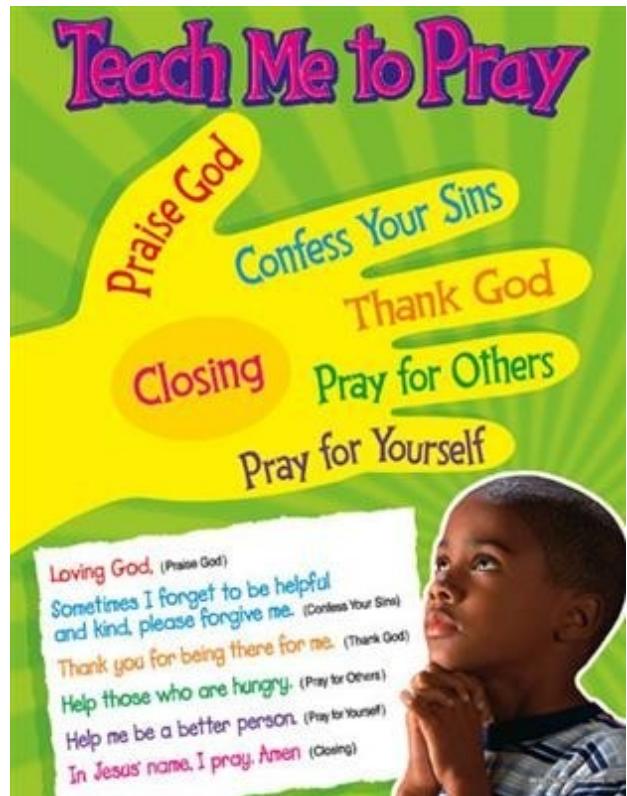
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**  
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**9:00 A.M- 3:00 P.M.**  
**KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 5**  
**COST: \$5**

ZION LUTHERAN'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GRANT WILL HELP COVER SOME OF THE COST

Watch for more details. Hosted by Chisago Lake, Trinity and Zion Lutheran Churches

## Building Blocks of Faith

October Sunday School Focus: Pray Daily



We will learn that prayer is communicating or talking with God. We may not be able to call God on the telephone or send Him a letter, but prayer is just as real.

### Why should we pray?

Because it makes our relationship with God stronger. Could you imagine trying to have a best friend without communicating with them? Prayer is seeking God and His direction for our lives. Praying also helps keep us out of trouble. Jesus told us to pray, "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." (Matthew 26:41)

Join us this month  
by doing a 31 day  
prayer challenge  
as a family!



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## Sunday School Covenant

A Covenant is an agreement between God and his people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from them in return.

At Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School, we ask that your child/ren make this Covenant.

- ◆ I can listen.
- ◆ I can learn.
- ◆ I can stay safe.
- ◆ I can show respect.
- ◆ I can participate.
- ◆ I can have fun!

**Rotation Sunday School is EXCITING but it doesn't just happen – it takes many volunteers. We need all parents to be involved in some way to make this program a success!**

The lessons are FUN and EASY! We work together to plan the lesson and gather the supplies. You will be surprised at how enjoyable the experience is and how much you will learn. Call Amber at 651-257-5129, or e-mail [amber@trinitylindstrom.org](mailto:amber@trinitylindstrom.org) if you are able to add your name to the list of volunteers!

For 3rd—5th Graders:



**WEDNESDAYS,  
starting September 25  
\$25/ child**

Registration forms can be found online at [www.trinitylindstrom.org](http://www.trinitylindstrom.org) or in the church office.  
Transportation from Lakeside Elementary is provided.

- 4:15-5:45 Snacks, dramas, games, activities, Bible studies  
5:45 Supper with your family (free-will offering)  
6:30 Casual, family Worship

## October Baptismal Birthdays

Brenna Meredith  
Riley Meredith  
Lia Bird  
Izabel Isaacson

Cruz Muske  
Karlee Krona  
Jack Peloquin



October Baptismal Birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, October 13 during Sunday School.

## October Birthdays

Sunday School (grades 3 year-olds – 5th grade)

Cora Peloquin  
Gabriella Anderson  
Isabella Pierce

Kara Sanders  
Mikenna Fritzke



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 2	All Wednesday Activities
October 6	Youth Sunday 3-Year-olds and Second Grade Bibles at 9 a.m. <b>Sunday school attends worship with their Families</b>
Wednesday, October 9	All Wednesday Activities
October 13	Fall Congregational Meeting at 11:45 a.m. K-5 Fun Event 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16	<b>No Faith Kids or Wednesday Activities - MEA</b>
Wednesday, October 23	<b>No Faith Kids – Outerwear Fair</b>
October 27	Confirmation Service at 1 p.m. Beer and Hymn Sing at Uncommon Loon
Wednesday, October 30	All Wednesday Activities
November 3	All Saints Sunday
Monday, November 4	<b>Pray and Play Day at Zion</b>
Wednesday, November 6	All Wednesday Activities
November 10	Commitment Sunday K-5 Fun Event 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13	All Wednesday Activities
Wednesday, November 20	<b>All Wednesday Activities – Last of 2019</b>
Wednesday, November 27	Thanksgiving Worship

## MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

### Community Meals

Ray & Virginia Morris

### Faith Kid Scholarship

Anonymous Donor

### Fellowship Hall Tables

In memory of Ardis Forster

David & Carol Johnson

### Operation Christmas Child

In memory of Ardis Forster

Larry & Colleen Guilfoile

### Outerwear Fair

Jackie Nelsen

### Senior Choir

In memory of Ardis Forster

Wayne & Rhonda Mattson

### Spit & Shine

Jan Rutledge

When writing out a memorial check, it is appreciated if you write on the memo line where the funds should be designated to, for example: Workcamp, Senior Choir, etc.



*Be sure to stop by and read this month's thank you cards posted on the bulletin board:*

**Carrie Vaia & Family**– On behalf of myself and my family, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your generosity of spirit with the many gestures of kindness. We are sincerely grateful for all the memorials and donations given to the “Office Paper Supply Memorial” named in Don’s honor. (Please read the beautiful letter Carrie wrote to the congregation on the bulletin board).

**The Refuge**– Trinity, thank you so much for the wonderful care packages for our clients! Please know how much of an impact that makes on their lives during such a hard time.

**Lakes Area Police Department**– Trinity & Bonnie– thank you for the treats for our department! She even delivered them on Friday the 13th, during a full moon! Just what we needed!



## PRAYERS



We keep in our prayers the newly baptized:

Bennett Ward Sanders– September 1

We keep in our hearts and prayers the families with the recent loss of:

We keep in our prayers those in need of healing: Jeremy Greene, Bill Freeman, Shane Nelson, Tom Schock, Diane Morris, Harvey Reed, Adrace Rolland, Shirley Severin, Gary Peterson, Gari Jo Miller, Bernie Von Wald, Shannon Rice, Joe Mallery, Mason, Shari Crawford, Ruby Johnson, & Hilde Miller.

### Have a prayer chain request?

Do you want to be added to Trinity's Prayer Chain recipient list? Do you want to add a prayer request? Contact Shari Bachman at 651-257-9380 or email her at shari@bachmansphotography.com

\*If you are adding someone else, please get permission from them before doing so.



## Chimes Council Report: "Oh Dear God"

Daily prayer is the first Mark of Discipleship. This is the habit of our living in relationship with God in Jesus of Nazareth. Prayer is a habit because it only comes naturally as we practice it.<sup>1</sup>

Creating a habit of prayer reflects our commitment to practicing prayer. It has been developed through the ebbs and flows of our relationship with God to become a part of daily life. But like all relationships, habits can get in the way of strengthening our interactions. Habits can lull us into a daily routine where we forget to pay attention or fully appreciate the person who we are forming a relationship with. "Oh Dear God" is how I have always started my morning prayer. These three words led me down a path of reviewing what fears and troubles I was about to face in the next 24 hours. Recently, Coke Guilfoile mentioned she changed the words from "Oh Dear God" to "Good Morning God". I have since adopted this change in my morning prayer routine. It has transformed my morning and refreshed my relationship with God. Now I start the conversation like I would with my best friend... expressing joy and thanks. Eventually we get to what is troubling, but having the joy and thanks first puts it all in perspective.

As we enter the Building Blocks of Faith journey we are starting with prayer. Meaning, we are starting with our personal relationship with God. We are encouraged to review our habits and share our thoughts with others in group discussions. If three little words from Coke can refresh my relationship with God, imagine the power held within our congregation when we all connect.

### BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH

Church-Wide Study: Join Us!

**Sign-up for a group on the bulletin board – variety of times and locations available.**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Anderson– Council Member

1. MICHAEL W. FOSS. *FAITH FOR REAL LIFE, Living the six marks of discipleship*. Augsburg Fortress, 2004.

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## Readers, Sound Technicians, & Communion Assistants Needed



Interested in reading the lessons on a Sunday morning at the 9:00 service or being a Communion Assistant or Sound Technician at either service? Please contact Amber at 651-257-5129 x 1 or at [amber@trinitylindstrom.org](mailto:amber@trinitylindstrom.org). If you would like your name taken off of last years list, please contact Amber by October 31. If you are currently reading or assisting and want to continue, you do not need to respond.

## Cup Washing Crew

Interested in being part of the 2020 Cup Washing Crew at Trinity? It involves washing the cups and glasses after coffee/fellowship on Sundays. You will be scheduled approximately 3 times per year. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact LaVonne at 651-257-1804 by December 1. If you are already part of the crew and want to remain so – no action is needed. This will be LaVonne's last year coordinating the group. We thank her for all her time and commitment!



## Wednesday Night Cooks Needed



Volunteers are needed to help PREPARE several Wednesday evening suppers. (Confirmation students serve, provide dessert and clean up.) John & Cherylyn Pemble will be coordinating the meals. Please let the office know if you are interested in helping out!

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## October Finance Report:

After the hottest July in history, now we may have the possibility of the most precipitation in a year in history. As I write this, the 6:00 pm Center City sirens are competing with the thunder to see who can be the loudest. What a blessing we have through the Love of our brother Jesus Christ, Who died for us, our Father, Who was willing to sacrifice His Son and the Holy Spirit to guide us to CONNECT, GROW and SERVE at Trinity. May we listen, learn and follow through the next months as we utilize the Building Blocks of Faith.

It is with pleasure that I can, again, say we are still in a solid, positive, financial position. Some **of you have used the Required Minimum Distribution benefit (and to pay no taxes) and have sent your offerings directly to Trinity from your retirement account.** What a blessing to Trinity and all of us to see our budget paying personnel, administration, building needs, and all the budget line items, without having to transfer any funds, except as voted on by the congregation for a bonus and interim Pastor, from the Nelson Annuity!

Our resilient and motivated staff and our many children have worked hard to pay for their trips where they witness to others and represent Trinity. Please keep them in your prayers. **Also pray that those needed to fill staffing for a Chris. Ed. Director, an Organist, and eventually another Custodian will hear the call and soon be with us.** They are so essential to the smooth operation of Trinity.

**We have started working on our 2020 budget and preparing for the October Congregational Meeting. We want you informed, but we also need input from YOU to be sure we are true representatives of the congregation.** Stewardship, in conjunction with Finance, is preparing some informational letters and “Question and Answer” times to be held at Trinity.

Keep in mind that council meetings are open to everyone. **We have several positions on the Church Council that need filling. Please pray and consider becoming a Council Member. Or do you know someone who is interested? Let Ken Kramer or Ross Peterson know.** We are an eclectic and welcoming Council. Why not come to the next Council meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm? We will have just completed the October Congregational Meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> and should have some scintillating conversations.

Diane John, Treasurer

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**For more financial information, please stop by the Church office.  
Thank you.**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Traditional  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:30 p.m.  
Supper served at 5:45  
(free-will donation)

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closed from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch

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