

AT THE TABLE WITH JESUS



February 2020

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

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

At The Table With Jesus = Our Lenten Theme for 2020

For all the interests that exist in our world, I am thankful that our interest and longing for Jesus also continues. Perhaps part of this interest comes from our knowledge that whenever Jesus steps up to the light, people of greatly different passions, concerns and cultures seem to be drawn to him.

To rebels, Jesus is a revolutionary.

To lovers of peace, He is the Prince of Peace.

To the brokenhearted, He is the Man of Sorrows, who is acquainted with grief.

To the sick, He is the Great Physician who binds up their wounds and heals their diseases.

To those who are enslaved, He is the Liberator who sets prisoners free.

To the humanist, Jesus is a reflection of God's idea of true humanity.

To the theologian, He is the very expression of the compassion of God.

Ideas from Table Talk with Jesus by Kenneth Mauldin

The four Gospels give us the only written and authentic picture we have of Jesus. The rest of the New Testament gives further interpretation of Christ's mission and message. It is important to recognize that our faith is anchored in history, and is passed down to us both for inspiration and direction for our daily lives. I also think we need to remember that over time we all have a tendency to pacify the stories and create a much tamer view of the one who in fact challenged leaders and stirred up people's lives.

For example: How many of us tend to remember Jesus as the one who went around "doing good", teaching, preaching, and healing others, and as a result seemed to have a large following and popularity? I think that many of us tend to hold this view. Jesus is also the one who often expressed great social concern, and he often dealt with issues of racism, segregation, discrimination and prejudice that were simply intolerable.

Our Lenten Series for this year is in keeping with our theme . . . **"Building Blocks of Faith"**. For many of us, perhaps we can recall that in our homes growing up, we often viewed the family meal time as a place where significant conversation and personal discovery took place. When we gathered at table consistently, that is where we really learned what it meant to belong, to be loved, but also to be challenged in our thinking and to grow. During Lent, we will gather each Wednesday at 5:30PM for an evening meal followed by worship. And that there in the midst of the conversations, dishes and later worship, we will explore some of the stories of Jesus gathering at table with people. You are invited to make this a high priority for the 40 days of Lent. I really believe that we can and will learn a great deal from this experience and that our faith will be challenged too.

Looking forward to "Gathering at the Table" with you on Wednesday nights,

Pastor Terry d. Nordheim

Pastor Terry

Coffee Conversations with the Pastors
Friday, February 7 from 9:00-10:30
 in the Fellowship Hall.



Everyone is welcome to join us for some great conversations. This is a great time to discuss what will be happening at Trinity in 2020!

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, February 2. If you have any thoughts to share with how to start off the new year with our new council, please join us.**

What: Tackle Hunger/
 Fill the Van with Cans
 Competition



Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

How: Kids vs. Adults-
 place your canned soup or canned pasta in your designated bucket.

When: January 5- Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 2nd)

***All donations will be donated to Family Pathways Food Shelf.**

***We will announce the winner (kids or adults) on Sunday, February 9th**

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY Sunday, February 2

During the holidays, it is easy to remember to give to charities and those in need. But the truth is, the **food shelves become bare in January, February and March.** We are collecting money on Super Bowl Sunday for our local food shelf. **Look for the soup pots in the Narthex.** “Souper Bowl Sunday” is a nationwide effort to continue to share the blessings that God gives us daily.

NOTE: For every \$1 donated to Family Pathways Food Shelf in FEBRUARY, Minnesota Masonic Charities will match it until **Feb. 28. ALL CHECKS need to be made out to “Hiram Lodge #287.”** Note “1 to 1 food shelf” on the memo line. Thank you for your support.



Parents– SAVE THE DATE
Valentine’s Date Night– Kidsitting Event
Friday, February 14
6:00-10:00 p.m.
RSVP today as only a few spots remain!



Trinity youth and adults will watch your children so you can enjoy a night out! For ages 1– 12 years old. Kids– eat before you come! We will play games, eat snacks, and watch a late night movie! **Remember to make a donation to the Youth going to summer camp.**

Congregational Meeting
-Annual Budget-
Sunday, February 9th, 2020
11:45 a.m.



Join us on **Sunday, February 2nd at 10:00** for the **2020 Budget Information Session** with questions and answers. This will allow you to fully understand the budget for the vote, on the 9th.

WILD MOUNTAIN TUBING PARTY FOR all ages ... families... everyone!

Sunday, February 9 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
\$14 for unlimited tubing
Sign up by February 1.

Your family can stay longer if they would like. Bring a snack or money for snacks. **2nd graders and younger need to be accompanied by an adult.** Let Linda know if your family is driving separate.



Mi Chi Lu
Beer & Hymn Sing
 Sunday, February 9
 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 Uncommon Loon, Chisago City

All ages are welcome! Join us for a fun night singing hymns, enjoy drinks, eating food, and making friends. Deutschland Meats will have a food available to purchase.

Trinity's Garage and Bake Sale May 13-16, 2020

Plans for Trinity's 7th annual Garage and Bake Sale are underway. Like most of us as you packed away your holiday decorations, made room for the Christmas gifts and dug a little deeper into those closets and cupboards you probably not only found a few surprises but were reminded there is only so much space to go around. So, set a few bags and boxes aside and remember Trinity will be collecting starting Mother's Day, May 10th. We will also be looking for baked goods. Jellies, bars and pies are very popular so be thinking about what you could make. All is appreciated. This year proceeds from the Garage and Bake Sale will go toward Building Maintenance, New Tables for the Fellowship Hall, and Outreach Initiatives. We know from past experience this project takes many volunteers so let us know if you can help. Call Carol J. (651-257-5918) or Coke (651-257-6960) for more information or with questions.

The Stories of Our Lives

Saturday, February 8, 10:00-12:00 noon



Get motivated during these cold months to work on your story. Writing prompts, practical tips, and a supportive community will help you begin again!

These are drop-in sessions, and

all are welcome, at any stage of the writing journey. Facilitated by Cathy Nordheim

SILVER SINGLES:

Join us as we do a wine tasting at Willow Tree Vineyard in Ham Lake on Thursday, February 27th. We will leave Trinity at 12:30 p.m. There is enough room for 11 passengers in the church van. **Sign up on the bulletin board!** The event is FREE! Silver Singles is a group of retired singles that get together to enjoy the company of each other.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Sarah Circle: Thursday, Feb. 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Eve Circle: Saturday, February 8 at 9:30 at Sandy Swanson's house.

Ruth Circle: Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m.



2020 Lenten Series: "At the Table with Jesus"

Here are the possible stories and focal themes we will be reflecting on each week during Lent 2020.

Ash Wednesday-Feb. 26th

"Dinner with Matthew's Motley Crew" (Luke 5:27-39)
The 1st Dinner Scene reported by Luke is dinner at the home of Levi (Matthew) the tax collector

Wednesday – Mar. 4th

"When Love Is Misunderstood" (Luke 7:36-50)
Dinner in the home of a Pharisee, when a sinful woman shows up, wetting Jesus feet with her tears, kissing his feet and anointing them with oil, and wiping his feet with her hair.

Wednesday – Mar. 11th

"Are You a Mary or a Martha?" (Luke 10:38-42)
Dinner at the home of Mary and Martha

Wednesday – Mar. 18th

"Hot Arguments and a Cold Dinner" (Luke 11:37-52)
The 2nd time Jesus has dinner at the home of a Pharisee. This time it turns a bit ugly.

Wednesday – Mar. 25th

"Dealing With Difficult People" (Luke 14:1-24)
Table Talk on the Sabbath takes on new meaning and intensity, especially when you heal a man who is ill on the wrong day of the week.

Wednesday – April 1st

"Who's Inviting Who?" (Luke 19:1-10)
In the story of Zachaeus, Jesus invites himself to dinner and changes a life forever.

Remember our Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th with a soup supper at 5:30 P.M. followed by worship at 6:30 P.M.

We will continue each successive Wed. with dinner at 5:30 P.M. and worship at 6:30 P.M.



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

2ND SUNDAY / 2ND OFFERING on January 12th, went to our Guatemala Partnership, \$980 was matched with Pearl Nelson Bequest funds. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to this 2nd offering!

2ND SUNDAY / 2ND OFFERING on February 9 will go to “After the Fire”.

“After The Fire” is a program sponsored by the Wyoming Fire Department that helps families and people displaced by devastating home fires. The program collects donated items such as toiletries, clothes, gift cards, and other essential needs items from the surrounding community to build kits to give to these families after a fire has destroyed their home. At times, the donation stockpile gets low and more items are needed to meet the demand. Sometimes, the donations do not always meet the demand of the needs based upon the family size and age of the individuals. The second Sunday donation for February, matched by the Pearl Nelson bequest fund, will greatly benefit the Fire Department and help them create more kits to give to families. It may also help them purchase larger items for the families such as temporary furniture, gift cards for groceries, and other clothing needs that can cost more. This is such a great community benefit that often times goes un-noticed and works behind the scenes. Your generous donation will help many families through these tough times to get back on their feet after a devastating home fire.

2nd Sunday 2nd Offering MISSIONS

chosen by the Witness and Outreach Committee for the first half of 2020:

March– Tapestries of Life

April– NAMI

(CHANGED to April 19th due to Easter)

May– TLC Scholarship Fund

June– Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

(Depending on their availability)

Next applications are due

May 1

for July– December.



ADULT DAY CLUB

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LAKES & PINES, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, & TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

COOKS AND MALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for cooks and male volunteers for our respite program. This would be very beneficial to the group of men who come twice a month for the program. Please see Pauline Anderson For more information about the program.

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH.

OPEN HANDS

**with Bethlehem Lutheran Midway
Monday, February 24**

Join your friends for a rewarding day to serve lunch to people in need. We leave Trinity at 9:00 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board (by Linda's office) if you can commit to volunteering!

Attention Thrivent Members:

Your 2019 Choice Dollars® expire on March 31, 2020. If you have not designated your 2019 Choice Dollars® please consider donating them to Trinity Lutheran Church. This is money that is donated in your name on behalf of Thrivent and does not cost you anything. Thrivent members eligible to direct Choice dollars® include: Those that have \$750 or more in qualified annual insurance premiums; those that have \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying products, or those who hold a Thrivent Volunteer Leadership position. The Choice Dollars® that you have available to designate can be available on a monthly or quarterly basis depending upon your premium payment schedule or contract value. If you have questions or would like assistance in directing your Choice Dollars, you can call 1-800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice at the prompt or go to <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice>.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



TRINITY'S YOUTH NEWS

Youth Director: Linda Rambow
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6TH-12TH grades



Next WORKCAMP meeting
Wednesday, February 5
at 7:15 p.m.

Come join us as we plan for our mission trip to **Chattanooga,**

Tennessee! This is open to ALL 9th – 12th graders and adults. **Deposit: \$50.**

February Faith Friends/ Club 2026

Wednesday, February 19

7:15 p.m.

Supper at 5:45 p.m.

Worship with your Faith Friend at 6:30 p.m.

Remember this is a mandatory part of the confirmation program. If you miss a date it is your responsibility to make it up with your faith friend.



Feb. 2	Tackle Hunger Canned Food Drive Ends Kids vs. Adults– who will win?
Feb. 5	Confirmation– 3:00 p.m. Jr. Youth– 4:30 p.m. Supper– 5:45 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6-7	6th/7th gr. Confirmation Retreat at Hosanna
Feb. 9	Wild Mt. Tubing Party 12:30-4:30 p.m. Beer & Hymn Sing– 5:00– 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Confirmation– 3:00 p.m. Jr. Youth– 4:30 p.m. Supper– 5:45 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Kidsitting Event 6:00-10:00 p.m.– NEED campers and parents to work this event. See Linda if you can help!
Feb. 15	Workcamp Chili Cook-off at Uncommon Loon 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Celebration of the Lakes Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. Bingo 2:00-5:00 p.m. (Please start bringing in prizes!)
Feb. 19	Supper– 5:45 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m. Faith Friends & Club 2206– 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 21-22	8th gr. Confirmation Retreat (Required)
Feb. 26	ASH WEDNESDAY (No confirmation– please worship with your family) Soup Supper– 5:30 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	IMPROV at the Middle School Health Fair– 6:30-11:30 a.m.
Feb. 28-29	YOWSA Ski Trip (Rescheduled) leave Friday at 5:30 p.m. and return Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
March 1	K-5 Fun Event (Confirmation Kids to help) 2:00-4:00 p.m.
March 4	(No confirmation– please worship with your family) Soup Supper– 5:30 p.m. Lent Worship- 6:30 p.m.
March 9-11	Spring Break Mystery Trip

FOR all ages ... families... everyone!

Wild Mountain Tubing Party!

Sunday, February 9

12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

\$14 for unlimited tubing

Your family can stay longer if they would like.



Bring a snack or money for snacks.

Sign up by February 7.

Celebration of the Lakes:

Pancake Breakfast & BINGO!

Sunday, February 16

BREAKFAST: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

BINGO: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall



6th – 12th grade youth: Join us to work at the Pancake Breakfast and BINGO Party. **Sign up** on the youth bulletin board to help! **Please start collecting NEW Bingo prizes.**

MYSTERY TRIP– 6th-12th graders
during Spring Break
Monday March 9– Wednesday March 11

Mark your calendars! Watch for more details.



TRINITY'S YOUTH NEWS

Youth Director: Linda Rambow
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6TH-12TH grades

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2020 South Dakota Camps for 6th – 12th graders

KLEIN RANCH July 11-17

ADVENTURES July 17-24

We'll ride horses, camp out, hike, worship, and more!
\$125 deposit and slip are due by February 12. Bring a friend!

B.W.C.A. August 5-11

Sr. High youth and friends ~ sign up now for one of the best weeks of your life! Come be part of a team that will work together and see God's creation close up, and feel His peace! **We have 7 spots. \$50 due by March 31.**

CONFIRMATION UPDATES:

6th – 7th grade CONFIRMATION RETREAT at Hosanna Lutheran in Forest Lake Feb. 7-8

8th grade CONFIRMATION RETREAT will be Feb. 21-22

These are REQUIRED We will have classes.

During Lent, February 26 – April 1

Remember it is expected that you will attend LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. with your family. Your small group will continue to serve at Wednesday night suppers.

NO Wednesday afternoon classes during this time. Classes resume APRIL 15 (Make-up retreats will be the first two Wednesdays in April)



SOUP SUPPERS during Lent!

Feb. 26/ March 4, 11, 18, 25/ April 1

5:30 p.m. before Lenten Worship

The Workcampers will be serving soup. Freewill offering supports the Workcamp trip to Tennessee this summer! Bring the whole family.

Workcamp Sponsored Event:

Celebration of the Lakes- Chili Cookoff Competition

The event will be held at the Uncommon Loon in Chisago City from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Watch for more details about the cookoff!



Happy Birthday!

to these 6th – 12th graders:

Matthew Phelps	Feb. 3
Ashton Pihl	Feb. 3
Logan Mittelsteadt	Feb. 4
Griffin Walker	Feb. 9
Owen Dresel	Feb. 13
Ethan Eyler	Feb. 13
Wyatt Benjamin	Feb. 17
Abigail Bergerson	Feb. 20
Sam Helgason	Feb. 22
McKenna Keene	Feb. 24
Tovah Warnke	Feb. 25
Oskar Fuge	Feb. 26

YOUTH CAMPERSHIP FUNDRAISER:

Valentines' Kid-Sitting

Parent's Date Night Out

February 14, 2020

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Youth campers and parents– we need your help to make this event possible! We are expecting to have 30 kids here. Let Linda know if you are able to volunteer even for part of the night!



THANKS --- THANKS --- THANKS --- THANKS

- to Aisha, Ali, and Shelbye for a great Winter Retreat at Luther Point Bible Camp. Thanks to Noah B., Noah F., Laura H., and Christian S. for chaperoning.
- to the Improv troupe for a great performance and discussion at St Bridget's Faith Formation class.
- to the congregation for all your pop cans!
- to the adults who are Faith Friends. What a great way to share your faith with Trinity's youth.
- to Katie, Joleen, Kim, Jolene, and Emmy for going to Recharge with Linda and Avery to learn more about working with children, youth, adults and sharing faith.
- to the congregation for the opportunity for Linda to spend time in Anaheim, CA., at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza for continuing education.



BIBLE TRIVIA SUPER BOWL

February 2

4th graders vs. 5th graders

Kick Off at 9 a.m.



Fans of 4th and 5th graders are welcome to watch as the kids go head to head as they compete for the Bible Trivia Trophy.

FOR all ages ... families... everyone!

Wild Mountain Tubing Party! Sunday, February 9

12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

\$14 for unlimited tubing

Your family can stay longer if they would like.

Bring a snack or money for snacks.

2nd graders and younger need to be accompanied by an adult.

Sign up by February 7.



Trinity Lutheran Church
Grades 3-5
Wednesday Afternoons
3:45-5:45 p.m.

We have kicked off C.I.A and are having a BLAST playing new games, learning more about Jesus, and lots of Bible knowledge.

Thanks for sending your kiddos each week! They are awesome!! Want to enroll your 3rd- 5th grader-fill out the enrollment form and turn into the church office!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS

Sunday, March 29

11:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

(a light lunch will be served)

Contact Avery
(avery@trinitylindstrom.org)
to sign up.



This class is geared for children in first grade or older, who wish to receive their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

February 2	Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Bible Trivia Super Bowl
February 5	C.I.A- 4:00 Supper- 5:45 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.
February 9	Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Snowtubing at Wild Mtn. Beer & Hymn Sing
February 12	C.I.A- 4:00 Supper- 5:45 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.
February 14	Kid-sitting 6-10 p.m. Sign- up soon, spots are limited.
February 16	Celebration of the Lakes- Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30 Bingo 2:00-2:00 p.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
February 19	C.I.A- 4:00 Supper- 5:45 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.
February 23	Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
February 26	Ash Wednesday-No C.I.A Soup Supper- 5:30 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.
March 1	Sunday School 9:00 a.m. K-5 Fun Event 2:00-4:00 RSVP
March 4	C.I.A- 4:00 Soup Supper- 5:30 p.m. Worship- 6:30 p.m.



THANK YOU...

~ Parents, for bringing your kiddos to Church each week.

~ Sunday School & C.I.A. volunteers, I could NOT do it without each one of you!

~Linda, for always knowing EXACTLY what is going on.

March is SPIRIT MONTH in Sunday School!

Each Sunday in March, the Sunday School students will be getting into the SPIRIT by dressing up. (This is optional, but it will be fun!) Dress up on:

March 1 - Sports Team Jersey



March 8 - in your Pajamas (Daylight Savings - spring forward)



March 15 - Super Hero



March 22 - Western

March 29 - Bible Character



February Baptismal Birthdays

Max Morgan
Kaleb Krueger
Kara Sanders

Lilei Meredith
Jacob Commers



FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.

February Birthdays



Lucas Schwartz- 8	Grace Richter- 5
Makenna Thorsen- 11	Leon Waldvogel- 9
Shiloh Lundgren- 3	Landon Fenton- 10
Max Morgan- 7	Chloe Haugen- 10
Beau Miller- 8	Kayden Krueger- 4
Eelyn Nephew- 8	Ashton Drury- 11

Building Blocks of Faith February: Building Relationships

Feb. 2- Superbowl Trivia

Feb. 9- Commandments 1-3

Feb. 16- Commandments 4-6

Feb. 23- Commandments 7-10

Family Conversations:

1. The 10 Commandments of course!
2. Encourage each other to INVITE someone to attend church with you, talk about who you would like to invite.

Things for Families To Do Together

1. Make a poster listing the 10 commandments. Decorate it and hang it somewhere you can see it each day.
2. Attend church together as a family at the 10:30 service



Family Prayer

Dear Lord, Help each of us to follow the commandments that you have give us. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS**Altar Guild**

In memory of Ron Holt
 Friends & Family
 Paul Bjorklund
 Keith Carlson
 John Grandstrand
 Pat & Gary Moe
 In honor of Elijah's Baptism
 Doug Kraft & Mary Adams

Capital Improvement Fund

In memory of Ron Holt
 Neil & Carla Norelius

Community Meals

Ray & Virginia Morris
 Nancy Radefeldt

Food Shelf

In memory of Katie Anderson
 David & Carol Johnson

General Fund

Linda Bartlett
 In memory of Ron Holt
 Larry & Coke Guilfoile
 In memory of Shirley Melaas' Brother
 LaVonne Ludke & Don Johnson
 In memory of Marie (Adelle) Ostrom Taylor
 David & Carol Johnson
 In honor of David Heldt's Retirement
 LaVonne Ludke & Don Johnson

Helping Hands (Pastor's Disc. Fund)

Troy Heling

Organ Fund

In memory of Marie (Adelle) Ostrom Taylor
 Neil & Carla Norelius
 Family & Friends

Outerwear Fair

Merlin Garlid

Paper Fund

In memory of Don Vaia
 Carrie Vaia

Patron of the Arts

Marcia Smith
 In memory of Ron Holt
 Dale & Becky Fredell

Spit & Shine

Merlin Garlid
 In memory of Ron Holt
 Jim & Lorraine Koenig
 In honor of Clark Malcomson's Birthday
 David & Carol Johnson

Youth

In memory of Katie Anderson
 Gene & Mary Hagglund

**PRAYERS**

We keep in our prayers those in need of healing:

Bill Freeman, Shane Nelson, Tom Schock, Ardace Rolland, Shirley Severin, Tom Schock, Peggy Bergquist, Melissa Vrudny, Becky Dudley, Shirley Bodell, Bette Jean Gagne, Carrie Holmquist, Duke Rudquist, & 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.

Thank you

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

Larry & Pat Johnson– Prayer Blanket Ministry, thank you so much for the beautiful blanket and prayers for Larry.

Ace Johnson– Trinity Youth, thank you so much for the blizzard box! We old folks appreciate things like that!

Samaritan's Purse– Trinity, we are deeply grateful for your partnership in this ministry.

Almelund Fire & Rescue– Trinity, on the behalf of the fire department I would like to thank you for your donations to our house fire victim. Your kindness made a difference!

Cass Dennison- Prayer Blanket Ministry, thank you for the beautiful blanket you gave me after my surgery. I have been held in grace and everyone's love and prayers.

David Heldt– Trinity, thank you for the cake, gifts, and cards on my retirement. It is time I let the younger guys take over.

BTYR– W/ELCA, thank your or your donation to help our local veterans, it is much appreciated.

Anne Elliott– Trinity, thank you so much for all you did to help us with my mom's memorial service and luncheon.

Open Hands– Trinity & Bonnie, thank you for your 2nd Sunday offering. Your gift will provide a crucial foundation of support to ensure we are able to provide free meals.

Family Pathways– W/ELCA, thank your or your donation to our Backpack 4 Kids program.

Our Guatemala Partnership with El Buen Pastor

Travel Dates: March 12-21, 2020

Five Trinity members, **Diane John, Emmy Lundeen, Karen Mortenson, Pastor Terry Nordheim, and Katie Roche**, will be traveling to Guatemala and representing our congregation as we engage in worship, activities, home visits, dedication of gifts, meal preparation, council meetings, and formally entering into partnership with the presentation of our covenant with El Buen Pastor in San Antonio Tzeja.

We are preparing several gifts to bring with us and deliver to our partner congregation: a baptismal font uniquely created by the wood carving group; a covenant that Trinity members will be invited to sign; photographs of our congregation (taken on Rally Sunday) and of our families; Sunday school supplies, flip flops, and shampoo bottles that have been collected throughout the past year; letters that have been written by Trinity members and youth; health supplies; and small activities to be completed with the youth and women's ministries.

Tasks to look for in February:

- Covenant Signing by Trinity members
- Family Photos readied to bring with
- Collecting a small quantity of health supplies
- Shampoo Drive!

****Please participate in these opportunities throughout February--more information to come in the announcements!**

Words of the Month:

- ***orar** (pronounced oh-**rahr**): to pray
- ***caminar juntos** (pronounced kah-mee-**nahr hoon-tohs**): to walk together
- ***aprender de** (pronounced ah-prehn-**dehr deh**): to learn from

Question: In January, the Second Sunday offering was collected to support our partnership with El Buen Pastor. How will this collection be used?

Answer: Any money donated or collected toward our Partnership with El Buen Pastor in Guatemala is put into the "Guatemala Dedicated Fund." Most importantly, the money in this fund is used to pay the \$1000 annual Partnership Commitment support that we agreed to when we entered into partnership with El Buen Pastor. This \$1000 is divided in three ways. Approximately 90% goes directly to ILAG (the Lutheran Church in Guatemala), where it is divided between the ILAG Synod and El Buen Pastor, our partner congregation. ILAG also provides financial support, leadership opportunities, and specific ministry resources to churches in partnership. The smallest portion, 5-10%, remains in the St. Paul Area Synod (SPAS), to support our synodical partnership with Guatemala that helps produce hymnals and fund transportation of Guatemalan delegates when they come to MN for various events. 100% of these funds are used to improve conditions and build relationships for partner congregations. Additionally, the Guatemala Dedicated Fund may be used to pay for the costs of getting resources to Guatemala, purchasing health supplies for the health promoters and activity supplies for delegation use while with the partner congregation, ministry materials at Trinity, and thank you gifts for the hosts in Guatemala. There may also be times when El Buen Pastor asks us to partner with them on a specific project that they decide is needed. If we agree to support this effort, then funds from this account will be used for that purpose.

Please keep El Buen Pastor, our partnership, ILAG and the Trinity delegation that will be traveling in March in your prayers!

¡Gracias por toda tu ayuda!

Con la gratitud y la expectación,

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Bequest Task Force Update

The Bequest Task Force held their fourth meeting on January 16th. Committee members are Paul Dennison, Jim Jordal, Mike Leadholm, Emmy Lundeen, Twyla Mitchell, George Popa, Gail Seaver (chairperson), Marcia Smith (secretary), and Joe Thimm. Non-voting members are Dave Johnson (council president) and Pastor Terry. Work continues with allocating the bequest funds into categories. After combining similar ideas and removing others, the number of fund allocations has been reduced. This process will continue through February along with defining some parameters for use of the funds. The task force recognizes capital (building) needs as a major funding area. It is the Task Force's goal to submit their recommendations to the Church Council sometime in March with a sharing and feedback session occurring after our wintering members (snowbirds) return in the Spring. A congregational vote will occur at a later date. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 12th. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have questions.

-Gail Seaver, Task Force Chairperson.

COUNCIL CORNER

As we move into 2020, my desire for Trinity is that we as a congregation continue what our Mission Statement states, that we at Trinity are a place where ... “We Connect, Grow and Serve with the Love of Jesus Christ.” The Annual 2019 Congregation Report, which will be available the first week of February beautifully reflects our ministries activities that occurred this past year. Be sure and pick up a copy at the Church (Information Tables). You will be amazed as to how many members and (non-members) have become involved in the various ways to serve Christ, others and the community.

During 2020, the Church Council on your behalf will be very busy. Here are several priority areas that will no doubt receive significant attention by the council this year: 1) The Pearl and Elmer Nelson Task Force that was appointed in 2019 will complete its report sometime in early spring (March). They were appointed to come up with recommendations as to how the Nelson gift funds were to be used. Once the Church Council receives their report and studies and discusses it, they will bring their recommendation to the congregation for a vote. Information related to the report and the council recommendation will be shared with the congregation prior to the vote. 2) The Capital Improvement Task Force has completed their report and have submitted it to the Church Council. The council will now review it and formulate a “Action Plan” for the congregation to vote on sometime in early spring. Information on this report and the council's recommendation will be shared with the congregation prior to the vote. 3) Also in early spring, the council, along with both pastors, will develop a plan and adopt a process for the “Calling” of a Part-Time, permanent Associate Pastor to replace Pastor Brad Barr. Currently, Pastor Karri Anderson is temporarily serving in that position. It is anticipated that the entire process will take between 6-8 months. The “Proposed 2020 Budget” includes funds to fund the Associate Pastor's position through 2020. Efforts will continue to find solutions for funding this vital position long term. 4) Finally, the council will continue to work at finding ways to not only increase the growth of our congregation, but how we can increase the involvement of our members in practicing the six Blocks of Faith in their faith journey (Worship Regularly, Prayer, Bible Study, Building relationships, Serve Others and Give Faithfully). As we strive to implement these practices, may God be Glorified.

Have a Great Spiritual Growth Year!! David Johnson, Council President

Endowment Sunday

The TLC Endowment Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2019 Endowment Grants. Our congregation has been abundantly blessed and has generously given to many worthwhile projects in our previous grants. The Endowment Committee is looking for projects that continue that tradition as well as share our abundance through new initiatives and projects.

The authorizing by-laws for the TLC Endowment fund lists four major areas for grants to be awarded. LOCAL OUTREACH is for programs that help our own members as well as projects for the local community where we live and work. GLOBAL OUTREACH extends our abundance to the larger community. These projects touch unknown lives in our country as well as around the world. In addition to the kinds of proposals we have funded in the past, we would like to encourage proposals that break new ground in sharing our abundance. The third area for grants is for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS on our house of worship. The fourth area is for EDUCATION, specifically religious career opportunities. In the past we have primarily funded scholars actively seeking an educational degree in a religious career. However, funds have also been provided for the Youth Leadership, Luther Seminary and Adult retreats. We would like to continue to encourage applicants who need education or training for their religious career that is not necessarily leading toward a degree.

In all cases, we want to encourage potential projects that continue our rich tradition of sharing our abundance as well as projects that break new ground in our sharing. Feel free to talk to any member of the Endowment Committee about your idea and how to make it become a grantable project. Committee members for 2020 are Mike Chrun, Jenny Dresel, Todd Peterson and LeRoy Mitchell.

Application forms are available in Fellowship Hall. Applications are due by Monday, March 2. Place completed forms in the Endowment mail slot outside the church office. Thank you.

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SCAMMER ALERT

Please be alert that some of Trinity's email addresses were hacked again this month. Trinity Staff and Council Members will NEVER ask you to give MONEY or GIFT CARDS via the phone or email. PLEASE do not respond to these calls or emails. They will try to convince you that they are really staff members. If you are ever confused hang up the phone, and directly call Trinity's phone number and talk with a staff member directly. We are doing our best to try to get our email addresses more secure, but scammers always seem to be one step ahead of the game. We apologize to those of you who have received these scam emails from our work/ personal email addresses.

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