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PHOTO: Easter Sunday Contemporary Service



LEAD PASTOR **THE REV. DR. CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE**

How does one even begin one's last Trinity Today article?

"...seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare...For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me..." Jeremiah 29:7; 11-13

That was the opening verse of the first Trinity Today article I ever wrote. We didn't yet know each other. It was the dawn of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church. And we were called into partnership to build a future together as the body of Christ.

I wrote:

Now, as we enter into this year, we will spend time not just celebrating the Reformation of the church but celebrating our own reformation as we reclaim our identity as Trinity and Lutheran and Church. A very particular body of Christ, called by the Spirit to be church for the sake of the world in this particular community, at this particular time. We celebrate our history, we live vibrantly our present, and we cast a broad vision for a bright future as God's people in the St. Croix Valley.

I don't share it as a particularly brilliant piece of writing, but as a reminder of where we began together and a celebration of what has been accomplished in faith, trust, prayer, hard work, and partnership.

God's call has been clear and persistent in our time together. We have learned so much about what it means to be the church, Jesus' living body. We have discovered new and creative ways to

put meat on the bones of love for our neighbors in the Valley and beyond. We care for one another and form authentic, vulnerable relationships across generations. We are committed to learning and gather for worship – celebrating word and sacrament in faith and hope. Your generosity has continued to grow and stretch in stewardship, mission giving, outreach, and the comprehensive campaign.

All of this is evidence of a community that has grown in faith and trust that God is at work in and through us, calling us into the world.

In that you will find assurance for your future together.

Transitions in leadership can be anxious times. And they can be times to discover God's faithfulness anew. Trust God. Trust each other. When anxiousness stirs, seek assurance in community, prayer, worship, and transparent communication. Remember what you have done together, what you are capable of.

Pastors have always been a movable piece in the church. It's the congregation, an ever-changing and ever-enduring community of reconciliation, that moves through time together. And you have discovered that you are vibrant, engaging, compassionate, inclusive, faithful people who have learned to trust that God has a vision for Trinity.

Continue your partnership and care for one another. Worship often. Celebrate the breadth of ministry and passion that is alive at Trinity. Visit and pray for one another. Look for visitors and strangers in your midst and welcome them with conversation and vulnerability.

Take care of your marvelous staff. They are faith-filled professionals who take their work seriously and have grown together as a team. They serve with authenticity, transparency, faith, and courage. They care about you. They have been daily partners and friends, and I will miss them deeply.

Trust your council. They are smart, faithful, and committed to the well-being of this congregation in worship, faith-formation, finance, and mission to the world. They will stand with you as steady partners in this time of transition. Look to them. They will serve you well.

Serving as your pastor has been the honor of a lifetime. You have treated me with warmth, trust, and encouragement. And you have done the same for my husband, Ted. It has been a true partnership for both of us. It's hard to imagine life in the Valley without you by our sides. We will keep an eye out at the grocery store and on the bike paths.

Personally, working alongside you has deepened my faith and trust in God. You have modeled courage and hope. I still can hardly believe that I got this opportunity to be part of your rebirth and flourishing. Know that you have loved your pastor and welcomed me generously into mission with you. Ted and I both give thanks for your willingness to open your congregation and your lives to us. We will treasure it always.

Your task now, friends, is to trust in God's faithfulness above all things. Love one another as Christ has loved you.

Know that God has plans for you, to give you a future with hope.

I trust in that with all my heart.

In love, gratitude, Christian siblinghood, friendship, and peace.

Pastor Chris

PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



God Meets Us Wherever We Are

Christ is Risen, Friends! He is Risen, Indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

It was such a beautiful and amazing run to Holy Week and Easter, as well as such a blessing to spend it with so many of you. Thank you for your faith and your hearts and voices all joining in worship.

Pastor Chris reminded us that Jesus' disciples don't just follow the cultural norms of grief and expectation and walk to see if the Resurrection is true.

Nope. Peter runs. The disciples run in a direction they didn't know possible.

They run contrary to every ounce of "where they should be" or where they are "supposed to be" or pretend to be. Shame and embarrassment tossed to the wind.

They run in defiance to the finality of death.

That is the inspiration and promise of Easter.

God upended and disrupted all of the expectations. Christ reversed course to overcome the cruelty of the cross. God's love doesn't follow the assumed path but meets us where we are, not where we "should" be, or pretend to be.

God Meets us in YOUR and OUR journey with God

That has been one of the through-lines and values that I have heard and seen come to Easter-life throughout my time at Trinity. This church welcomes siblings at every stage and age into the Body of Christ "wherever we/they are in your journey with God."

Mostly because we know that there really is no quick, easy, smooth, straight-ahead line in life or in faith. There is no direct A + B = C trajectory of the spiritual journey. God meets us in different moments of vulnerability, growth and transformation, mountain-tops of wonder and valleys of shadow.

We don't believe that God waits for us to decide to trust or make a choice to believe, instead God promises to meet us where we are, just like Jesus, in our own flesh and being.

Not because of where we should be or pretend to be, but because God loves us. So many Scripture passages lift up this promise:

God's mercies begin afresh every morning, God's steadfast love endures forever (Lamentations 3:22-23)

We cannot flee from God's presence, even to the ends of the earth or the depths of the sea, God is there (Psalm 139:7-10)

In Christ, God chooses to love us wherever and whatever happens to us no matter what (Romans 8:38-39)

Fluid Sacraments, Confirmation, and Life Passages

I have talked with so many families and caregivers through different life passages that haven't gone exactly as they expected.

It never really does, honestly.

Things didn't go as they thought or maybe something shifted in seasons and a young one might have "missed" baptism or first communion or confirmation. I have often talked to many couples about the fact there that is no perfect time for a wedding and never the right time for a funeral. But we trust that God meets us wherever we are. And we

meet our siblings in the Body of Christ in making meaning not out of what "should" be, but out of the gifts of the Spirit flowing through us right now.

We don't believe there is any set age or stage that is excluded from any of God's gifts of grace, but we all keep growing and gleaning from the Table and Font, and as a church we WANT to and GET to celebrate that God meets us right where we are. Right here and now, schedules and timetables tossed to the wind.

Moving Like A River of God's Love in Relationship

If you or a loved one has any interest in spiritual growth around any of our shared Sacramental life (Baptism/ Confirmation and Communion), if you would like to join a learning group or if you would like to renew vows or even talk through a funeral plan that you have had, I would be honored to talk about any or all of it.

There are no straight lines in the life of faith, but the Good News is that God in Christ meets us right where we are, and we get to be an Easter community that celebrates the power of hope and resurrection.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia.

Pastor Peter





Congregational Council

Our congregational governance calls for an elected council and includes the Lead Pastor, Chris Bellefeuille and Pastor of Lifelong Faith Formation, Peter Weston Miller. Parish Administrator, Sarah Kinsman is also on council as a non-voting, ex officio member.

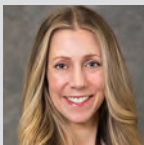
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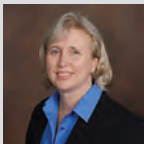
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT



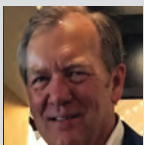
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Kirsten Parker
COUNCIL SECRETARY



Jill Longnecker
COUNCIL TREASURER



Bill Bjorum
COUNCIL MEMBER



Shane Brockshus
COUNCIL MEMBER

For more information about your council or to get in touch, please visit: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/council/>

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ ..."
1 Peter 1:3

Greetings Trinity!

HAPPY SPRING! Like many of you, Spring is my favorite season! It is a time of transition and hope! Plants are already beginning to sprout in the garden (rhubarb and strawberries) and I can't wait to start planting seeds! Trinity, too, is in a time of transition and "living" hope. I have been here at Trinity for 2 years this May – and I am so grateful to Pastor Chris for her trust, inspiration and leadership these 2 years. So now she transitions to a blessed retirement! Well done, good and faithful servant! Trinity has recently welcomed new staff – Megan Gaul (Communications) and Dana Kruse (Youth Faith Formation) and we anticipate the arrival of our interim Pastor this summer, who will help "shepherd" us through this transition to a new pastor and a new season in the life of Trinity.

MARCH 2025 INCOME VS EXPENSE

- FYTD Giving through March was \$831,484 (107% of Budget). 2024 YTD Giving was \$810,549.
- Total Income - minus Missions- was \$1,160,604. (120% of Budget/\$90 in ERC Funds). 2024 Income was \$1,076,531. (\$60K in Council Designated Funds).
- Total Expenses – minus Missions – were \$935,725 (97% of budget). 2024 Expenses were \$983,303 (audit/higher mortgage payment).
- As of April 1, 2025, the Line of Credit balance was \$0.

MARCH 2025 COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

- Total Contributed: \$1,665,168
- Total Balance: \$248,790
- Total Pledged: \$1,913,958
- Percent Complete: 87%

MORTGAGE

- As of 4/1/25, the Thrivent mortgage balance was **\$1,765,762.**
- Additional check from the Comprehensive Campaign to principle in April for \$19,211.

FACILITIES

Here at Trinity, weather permitting, the tuckpointing and structural repair of the 3rd Street Heritage Chapel exterior will begin (April 22). The project is scheduled to be completed by Mid-July. This project is the 2nd funded project from the Comprehensive Campaign. Also, there is still a bit of work to be done out at the drive-in as well which includes the replacement of the roof on the projection building which should begin in early May. Thank you to the Facilities Team and Helping Hands for taking the lead on this project!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU for all you do to continue to make Trinity a healthy, vital, and viable community of faith!

Blessings!

Sarah Kinsman | Parish Administrator



Please Join Us
Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 am
Worship, Celebrate and Honor
Pastor Chris and her ministry
at Trinity.

You're Invited

Please join us for a Luncheon on Sunday, May 18th celebrating Pastor Chris' ministry following the 10AM Worship "Completion of Call" acceptance by the congregation. We will come together for a single, unified worship service on Sunday, May 18 at 10AM to celebrate and honor Pastor Chris and her ministry at Trinity. Following the service, share your reflections, gratitude, and moments of joy with Pastor Chris as we recognize her impact on our congregation during a special lunch reception. We welcome everyone to attend this meaningful morning of worship, community, and gratitude.

[RSVP for the celebration here](#)

or via the
QR code.



Honor Pastor Chris

As Pastor Chris prepares for retirement, we invite those who wish to honor this milestone with a gift to consider one or both of the following:

- **An honorarium for Pastor Chris to help reduce the church mortgage** and support the long-term vitality of our congregation. If you wish to make an online donation to mortgage reduction, please use this form. Credit cards, Apple and Google Pay, as well as direct debit are all accepted. This is an honorarium for Pastor Chris/Mortgage Reduction.
- **A gift to Pastor Chris for her personal travel fund** enabling her to explore new places and enjoy well-earned rest and adventure in retirement. Online donations to her travel honorarium are not available online. Please make checks directly out to Pastor Chris Bellefeuille.

Thank you for celebrating Pastor Chris' ministry and legacy in ways that reflect her love for this community and the world beyond! Cards/gifts can also be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

Honor Pastor Chris's retirement:
[give here](#) or
via QR code
to support
her future
and cherished
ministries.





worship TEXTS

Below are the scripture texts that will be used on the date listed to prepare the message for worship.

- May 4 _____ **John 21:1-19**
May 11 _____ **Children's Musical**
May 18 _____ **John 13:31-35**
May 26 _____ **John 14:23-29**



High School Graduate Blessing & Recognition

Sunday, May 4 | 10 a.m.

On Sunday, May 4th, at our 10 a.m. single Worship Service, our faith community will celebrate the Class of 2025 with a special blessing and recognition. During the service, led by the Trinity Worship Band, we will invite graduating high school seniors and their families to come forward for a time of blessing, alongside the celebration of First Communion.

Children's Musical

Sunday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

Children's Musical (during the message), worship lead by the choir and organ.

Celebration of Pastor Chris!

Sunday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Festival worship with band, choir, brass and organ.

children & family FAITH FORMATION



Register for W.O.W. Camp

A brand-new day camp offering during the week of August 11-15, is now open!

What is W.O.W. Camp? It is a collaboration of Stillwater-area churches, united to provide a fun and enriching camp experience during the week of August 11-15. Recognizing the need for more day camp options before school starts, area churches are stepping in to support families and bring joy to kids in the community!

[Register here](#) or scan QR code.

Registration closes June 11



Donations needed!

Donate outgrown large motor toys (tricycles, Fisher Price cars, balancing toys, etc.) to Trinity's LADC at Sarah Olson's office anytime this summer. Thank you for your generosity!



Is your child ready for a Spark Story Bible "glow up?"

Join Sarah Olson Wednesday, May 14 at 5:00 pm for a Bible Discovery class! Participants get to choose the worship service at which they receive their new NRSV Bible (either Dinner Church on April 30 or Sunday, May 4) to bring to class on May 14.

[Register here](#) or scan QR code.



Save the date! Trinity and Our Savors (Stillwater) will be at Wapo the same week.

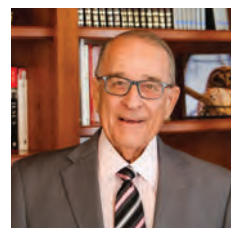
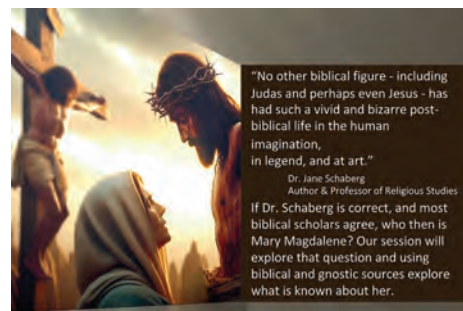
We are planning a joint meet-and-greet to meet other campers and give families the opportunity to ask their last-minute camp questions.

Bring money for ice cream and meet us at Mabel's in Bayport on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm. This event happens rain or shine.



Sunday Faith Forum 10 a.m. | River Room

At Trinity we believe faith formation is a lifelong endeavor. Questions? Reach Pastor Peter at pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org or Penny Catlin at pccatlin@juno.com. Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>



Dr. Bob Boyd
Sunday, May 4 | 11 am | River Room

Mary Magdalene: More vivid than Jesus or Judas in imagination? Join Dr. Bob Boyd as we explore her captivating portrayal in legend and art, drawing on biblical and gnostic texts to understand her identity.

Mary Magdalene: Sinner & Saint



LET'S GO and Missions

Invite you to Lunch at Shobi's Table

Wednesday, May 7, noon

Shobi's Table is a ministry of the St. Paul Area Synod of the ELCA. It is a pay-as-you can food truck that makes God's love edible on the streets of St. Paul. We will experience this ministry by eating lunch and conversing with those that benefit from this ministry. More specific information will be shared closer to the date. Please RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com or Marie Liberda at mbvgo@gmail.com by April 30.

Upcoming Possible Events

- Buddhist Temple visit
- Rustic Roots social
- Progressive (2 stop) food gathering
- Packing at Second Harvest
- Tours of other faith communities



Diggin' In

Join a community of gardeners who like to attempt to keep the premises around Trinity looking nice. Tuesdays at 9:00 however frequency and time may change depending on weather. RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com if interested or with questions.



MMM ...

Is food your love language? Do you love to cook and share the gift of food? We are looking for more people to occasionally provide a home-cooked meal for Trinity's Make a Meal Ministry (MMM...).

This ministry provides meals to folks during times of grief or a health crisis, when a little extra help and support is needed in the form of nourishing food. Please contact Zanny Johnson at zjohnson@trinitylc.org to contribute and be on the list to make a meal or for more information on the Make a Meal Ministry (MMM!)

Listen Understand Connect

Join the Racial Justice Ministry Team in the pursuit of compassion and justice:

Weather: Stand the Storm Concert

May 24, 6:30-8:30 pm

Ted Mann Concert Hall | 2128 4th St., Minneapolis.

This program commemorates the 5th anniversary of the death of George Floyd and is presented by four amazing vocal groups dedicated to pioneering new visions of social justice through artistry. Buy tickets at onevoicemn.org or contact Ann at wolff701@msn.com for tickets together and carpooling.

Day of Remembrance June 12 and 13, 2025, Duluth MN.

An event has happened, upon which it is difficult to speak and impossible to remain silent. Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie, three African American men, were lynched on June 15, 1920. There will be a gravesite service Thursday at 5:30 pm at Park Hill Cemetery and a ceremony Friday noon at the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial on the corner of E 1st St and N 2nd Ave. Contact Ann for more information at wolff701@msn.com.

Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys, June 26 at 3:00 Cost: Free!

For more information or to sign-up contact Sara at saraewagner@comcast.net or Sheila-Marie at smuntiedt@hotmail.com

Sacred Sites Tours Oct 18, 10 – 2:00 beginning at Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Paul. Suggested free will donation \$50-\$75/person.

This is the only 2024-25 tour left so register ASAP at mnchurches.org. There is no cost to register and we'll replace you if you are unable to attend. Contact Claudia at claudiaswendseid@comcast.net for more information or carpooling.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH earth keepers.

Leave it better than you found it

Dear Trinity community, here are your April Earth Keeper T.I.P.s (Thoughtfully. Intentionally. Purposefully.)

Climate Corner T.I.P.s

Our climate needs us more than ever. Every little act that takes care of the earth does make a difference! Remember, a lot of little things add up to big change.

No Mow May

You don't need to go a full month without mowing. Mowing every two or three weeks can increase flower blooms and provide food for hungry bees and pollinators. If you do mow, set your mower height at the highest setting during the month. You'll still have a tidy lawn and give those pollinators the food they need.

Bring Your Own Bags to the Store

Whether it's a run to the grocery store or other places to get your goods, bring your own bags in with you. No need to grab unnecessary plastic bags for your purchases. If you do forget to bring bags in, always go for paper when that option exists!


Shop for Your Produce at Farmers Markets or join a CSA

Local Farmers Markets are a great place to shop for your produce! You'll get super fresh veggies and fruits (and don't forget to treat yourself to some flowers!). You're supporting local farmers and it's a wonderful opportunity to get out in the fresh air and meet people in the community. Don't forget to take your own bags!

A CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is another way to support local and get fresh produce if you are unable to get out to the markets.

Read up on Climate Activism

Katharine Hayhoe's website is a great resource for getting important information about what you can do for the climate. Sign up for her newsletter while you are on her site to get climate updates, good climate news, event information, ideas on things to do and ways to join the conversation.



SJP | STUDIO JADA

Thursday morning YOGA SESSION

Join Sandy, in person at Trinity Stillwater, or virtually from the comfort of your home, for a mat/chair yoga class that incorporates strengthening poses and balancing poses. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Thursdays from 9:00am - 10:00am
This session runs from: 5/1 - 6/19

Register at:
bit.ly/Trinity-April



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practicing in the presence



ABIDE READERS

Accountability . Belonging . Inclusion . Diversity . Equity

ABIDE READERS

*Accountability Belonging Inclusion
Diversity Equity*

READ THE MARGINS this summer in the pursuit of justice and compassion. The ABIDE bookshelf in the Narthex is packed with books for readers of all ages. *Read Until You Understand* is also the title of a wonderful book by Farah Jasmine Griffin. Check it out.



SCREAMING, DREAMING AND SCHEMING FOR A BETTER WORLD

By: Spike Carlsen

I was in a meeting the other day, when a woman slammed the table and declared, "I've seen how this story ends. Scream! Scream as loud as you can." A little context helps here. The meeting was about refugee housing and the woman slamming the table was Evgenia. Evgenia left Russia ten years ago amid Putin's ruthless rise to power...which, of course, put an end to many stories.

The meeting consisted of folks from Russia, Ukraine, Colorado, Afghanistan and Minnesota. We were huddled around a small table at Caribou Coffee and batted around a host of ideas. The meeting was a bit chaotic, but out of it was borne Refugee Housing Minnesota (RHMN). It was unanimous the immediate goal would be to help refugees and newcomers pay May and future rents; to provide a cushion so these recent arrivals could catch their breaths, continue their job searches, and establish roots—without having to panic over whether they had a roof over their heads. The

long-term goal would be to add other services, resources and support.

Some back history. The Trinity Missions Team has been working with the Minnesota Council of Churches' (MCC) Refugee Services team over the past several months to help raise funds to pay refugee rents; this to make up for the federal funding abruptly frozen in January. A request for donations went out and churches of all denominations, mosques, book clubs, organizations and people (including many of you) opened hearts and checkbooks. As a result, two months'-worth of rent were raised for 43 recently-arrived, yet stranded, refugee families.

Funding cuts have continued to the point where most resettlement agencies—including the one we'd been working with—have been dismantled. RHMN's goal is to help fill that void by providing refugee rent support. Office space has been rented, a fiscal sponsor secured, a [website](#) created and volunteers are already at work.

So, as Evgenia suggested, we should all continue to scream for what we believe in; rally, write, volunteer, vote, talk. Diane Butler Bass recently wrote, "You are part of the solution. Get to work and do something about injustice. Stand up to evil. Feed the hungry. Care for

the suffering. Don't beg for a miracle or a magic fix. Just do it."

One way to scream is with checkbooks and piggy banks. One cause you can support is RHMN. You can find out more about the goals of the group, meet the team and make a donation by visiting www.refugeehousingMN.org. All donations go directly toward housing and all are tax deductible. If you wish to donate visit <https://www.refugeehousingmn.org/donate>.

For those wanting to be involved in other ways, there are volunteer opportunities for interpreters, drivers and befrienders. The most urgent needs are for pro-bono legal and accounting help.

Please spread the word via friends, places of worship, social media or social organizations. Contact [Spike](#) or [Kat](#) Carlsen with any and all questions.

Our screams will make a difference.



RHMN team members

Immigrants Make Our Community Vibrant

If you would like to share your story of immigration, please contact a member of the Missions Team. We hope to compile several stories of our friends and neighbors who share their history as immigrants to the United States. Recent refugee stories are most welcome.



Quilt Fundraiser

The quilt fundraiser was a success with Lynae Olson receiving "Aloha", a quilt made by our Piecemakers.



Do you have photos?

Share Pastor Chris photos (labeled with year, your name if return desired) for the narthex display; drop at church office Missions mailbox in the next few weeks. Unlabeled photos go to archives.

Blessing of the Quilts was held on Sunday, April 6

There were 41 quilts on display which have been made by our Piecemakers this past year. These quilts are now packed and sent to Lutheran World Relief. They will be distributed to areas of need. In 2024 there were 370,818 quilts distributed throughout the world by Lutheran World Relief.



June is Pride month-what does this mean? Learning Together 101

Karen Gieseke (she/her) | RIC Team Chair

You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive. 1 Cor. 12-13 The Message

Celebrating June as Pride month in the US began with ideas and actions over one hundred years ago! In 1923, 31-year-old Henry Gerber returned from Germany after three years of the US Army during World War I. While in Germany, Gerber witnessed an organized movement to secure civil rights for gay persons, and he hoped to begin a similar culture in the US upon returning. In December 1924, Gerber and six allies formed the Society for Human Rights, and began publishing

a newsletter, Friendship and Freedom. Unfortunately, the police arrested Gerber and his allies, jailed them for three days with no charges filed, destroyed Gerber's papers, and Gerber lost his job. Gerber persisted under a pen name, but his identity, work and advocacy was virtually erased.

Fast forward to June 28, 1969. The Stonewall Inn, Greenwich Village, New York, a friendly and inclusive meeting place for the LGBTQIA+ community was raided, followed by arrests and multiple days of protests and riots. This is not the first recorded story of protests calling attention to human rights for the gay community. Beginning in 1965, gay rights activists in Philadelphia had been holding protests for basic human rights, but these protests required men to wear business attire and women to wear skirts and blouses.

Following the Stonewall uprising, a public march to commemorate the event was planned for June 29, 1970. A suggested slogan for the march was 'Gay Power', but this was rejected because the gay community did not yet feel empowered. Rather, the community did feel pride in their identity, thus the term "gay pride" was chosen.

In 1999, the one-day Stonewall event grew to a month-long event and June was declared Pride month by President Bill Clinton. The experiences, support and advocacy of Army officer Henry Gerber seventy-six years earlier were beginning to take root. Celebrating the beauty and identity of all God's LGBTQIA+ children was named publicly as a value.

In 2025, the Trinity community continues its participation in celebrating Pride month. Two examples are the June 1st Pride worship services, and the June 21st Valley Wide Pride Festival, Hudson WI, where Trinity will host a booth. You are invited to publicly show your support by attending

these events, including being a part of the festival booth.

What else might you do?

In Corinthians, Paul invites us to enter into a larger and integrated life where Jesus has a say in everything, including releasing old labels of identity and understanding ourselves in a larger and more comprehensive way. Trinity publicly proclaims this comprehensive life by displaying a Pride flag, letting our LGBTQIA+ family, friends, neighbors, and community know we value ALL God's children as part of the Body of Christ.

What will you choose to do?

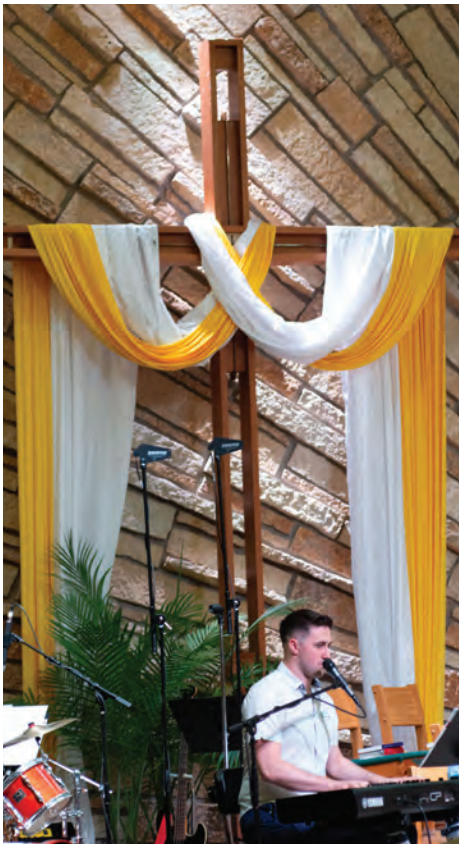
To learn more about participating in Trinity's Valley Wide Pride Fest booth contact Karen Gieseke: kgieseke@live.com

To learn more about the various Pride flags, go to: <https://www.hrc.org/resources/lgbtq-pride-flags>





PHOTOS: Installation of Dana Kruse, Blessing of Pastor Rich, Palm Sunday, First Communion Worship, Dana's Stillwater welcome hunt with High School youth, Paper floral Installation in honor of Pastor Chris





Easter Garden Memorials & Honors

EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

IN MEMORY OF:

Our Parents – Ed & Lois Studtman	Sally; Nancy & Family
Bill & Becky Hansen; Leonard & Carol Malwitz	Ann & Clint Malwitz
Lois & Arthur Edstrom	Dick & Julie Edstrom
Barbara E.G. Holthouse	Gary Holthouse
Our Parents & Our Siblings	Chuck & Joan Newman
Melva & Norman Anderson	Kathleen Macdonald & Family
Donna Dielentheis	Kristin, Jeff & Livia Klemetsrud
Reid & Carol Johnson	Gossai Family
Nicholas Haase	Aaron, Melissa, Jackson, Audrey Haase
Phil Wendt	The Mission Team
Frankie, Evelyn, Nan & Darlene Peterson; Walter & Frances Schell	Roger Peterson Family
Phil Wendt	Don & Judy Loe
Leo, Ardell, Eileen, Gail & Thomas	Charyl Junker
Helmuth & Marcella Reinke; Bob & Irene Huber	John & Pat Reinke
Michael – Son	The Felsch Family
Rick Lee Johnson	Leighton & Sue Johnson
Herbert & Maxine Berger	Deborah & Tom Wall
Dick & Audrey Jeans	Randy Jeans
Jim, Sue, Mom, Dad, Chuck & Marv	Sandy Holcomb
Reno & Marlene Carlson; Ralph & Sally French	John & Pat Reinke

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Pastor Chris – with grateful hearts for her ministry at Trinity	Darlene, Diane, Gerrie & Lois

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Worship Attendance

Sunday, Mar. 2

In-person 10 am _____ 285
Online views/week 9 am _____ 104

Sunday, Mar. 9

In-person 9 am _____ 143
Online views/week 9 am _____ 56
In-person 11 am _____ 95
Online views/week 11 am _____ 21

Sunday, Mar. 16

In-person 9 am _____ 165
Online views/week 9 am _____ 107
In-person 11 am _____ 93
Online views/week 11 am _____ 37

Sunday, Mar. 23

In-person 9 am _____ 156
Online views/week 9 am _____ 68
In-person 11 am _____ 103
Online views/week 11 am _____ 24

Sunday, Mar. 30

In-person 9 am _____ 152
Online views/week 9 am _____ 94
In-person 11 am _____ 96
Online views/week 11 am _____ 33

NOTE: Online views in one week are one-minute or longer views.

Worship On TV

Trinity's traditional Sunday worship service is rebroadcast on channel 14 through Valley Access Channels (VAC) on the following days and times:

Sundays at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Mondays at 7 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Baptisms

- **Lennox Lee Madline & Layla Joy Madline**, twin children of Andrew Madline & Jeré Solberg
- **Nadia Clare Granquist**, child of Donald Granquist-Matthees & Minuca Granquist

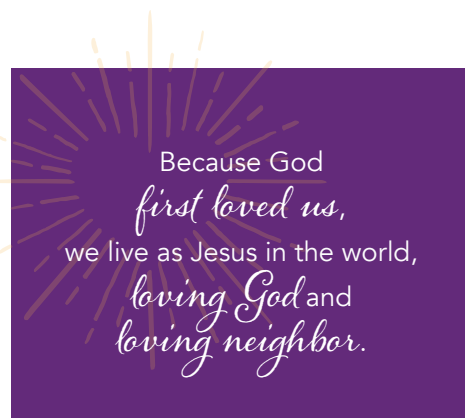
Christian Sympathy

- To the family and friends of **David Graham**
- To the family and friends of **Thomas Sundquist**
- To the family and friends of **Elaine Frederickson**
- To the family and friends of **Donald Steinmetz**
- To the family & friends of **Irene Berg**

Church Office Hours

The church office is open the following hours or by appointment.

Monday–Thursday
9 a.m.–5 p.m.



Core Values

Engaging Worship
Radical Hospitality
Authentic Community
Lifelong Faith Formation
Compassionate Action

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Read our welcome statement at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/mission/>

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VBS 2025: Compassion Camp Registration is Open

Join us for Compassion Camp Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20 from 9:30-11:30 am. Please contact Sarah Olson at solson@trinitylc.org, if you (or a middle school or high school youth in your life) would like to volunteer!

[Register here](#) or scan the QR Code

