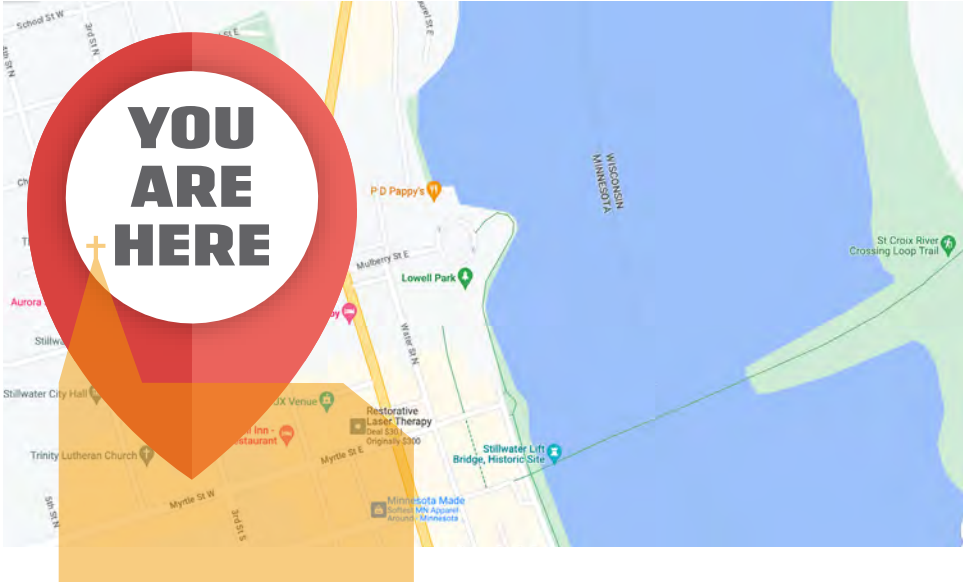


# Finding Your Place(s) @Trinity



2024-2025  
Ministry Guide

# welcome

Welcome to our shared ministry at Trinity! This guide is an effort to summarize the tremendous number of opportunities to serve, learn and grow together as the Body of Christ. While we endeavor to find ways to connect for all, your imaginations, passions and ideas are always welcome. If there is something you are longing to try, study or experience, you will find contact people on nearly every page. Or simply let me or another member of our staff know what you are thinking.

As a congregation we are deeply committed to helping each person grow in faith and discipleship while becoming connected to a loving and hospitable community. Have fun exploring!

In Christ's peace,  
*Pastor Chris*

Following each description is the contact person(s) name and information.

Please note our room formerly called the Garden Room has been renamed to the River Room.



## why trinity?

Because God  
*first loved us,*  
we live as Jesus in the world,  
*loving God and*  
*loving neighbor.*

## core values

Engaging Worship  
Radical Hospitality  
Authentic Community  
Lifelong Faith Formation  
Compassionate Action

## welcome statement

Trinity Lutheran Church is a faithful community in the heart of Stillwater.

We seek to be a church grounded in the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In doing so, we intentionally educate ourselves in becoming more effective advocates for all of God's people.

We embrace those of strong, uncertain, or undiscovered faith.

We embrace all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

We embrace every age, family structure, race, ethnicity, physical and mental capacity, and economic circumstance.

We believe all people have been created in the image of God, and therefore have valuable stories and infinite worth.

## our team

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# worship

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly at both Sunday morning services, and everyone—without exception—is invited to receive the bread and wine. Both worship services are also livestream on Facebook and available online on our website.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**9 a.m. Worship**— Gathering in the Worship Center and led by choirs, organ and instrumentalists. Here you will participate with robed clergy and worship leaders. You will sing hymns, songs, liturgy and psalms from a worship book and hear a message relevant to our lives today.

**11 a.m. Worship**—Gathering in the Worship Center and led by a band incorporating a wide variety of contemporary worship music. The congregation engages in a time of praise and worship following the historic pattern of Lutheran worship (Gathering, Word, Message, Meal, and Sending.)

## One Worship Service

A few times a year we offer only one worship service on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. to come together as one body of Christ.

- **Sept. 8** – TrinityFEST
- **Nov. 17** – ALL-IN Fall Worship
- **Dec. 15** – Children's Christmas Program
- **Wednesday, Dec. 25** – Christmas Morning Worship
- **Dec. 29** – Lessons & Carols
- **March 2, 2025** – Drive-Indoors
- **April 13, 2025** – Palm Sunday Community Worship at the Historic Lift Bridge (rain or shine)
- **May 11, 2025** – Children's Musical

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome in worship! Here are a few ways we strive to support young families on Sunday morning.

### Grace Spaces

Grace Spaces are inclusive spots around our Worship Center and Narthex for children (and anyone else!) to play, color, and be included in worship comfortably.

### Calm Lounge

The Calm Lounge is located in the Chapel adjacent to the Worship Center and is available for children accompanied by a caregiver who are in need of a diaper change, a feeding, or a friendly space to work through a big feeling. Worship is livestream so caregivers aren't cutoff from worship.

### Worship Bags

Located near all four Grace Spaces, these bags are geared toward different ages (look at the tags) and include books, activities, crafts, and fidgets to keep little hands busy.

### Sunday Open Gym

The gym is open for families in between worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. Playing is a great way to connect with other children! Supervision of children is provided for parents wishing to attend Faith Forum (see page 16).

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### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

#### 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church

God is calling us back to the table. Eat together and worship together in the River Room. Dinner church is for EVERYONE—not just for a mix of families of different ages—but also a great time for singles, couples, and friends to join in the Body of Christ at Trinity! Community meal service begins at 5:30 p.m. and worship begins at 6:15 p.m. Worship is followed by faith formation opportunities for all ages.

#### First Dinner Church & Fall Preview Night

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Families, please attend your selected program together at your usual time to meet other participants, meet staff and volunteers facilitating the program, and receive a preview of the year to come. We'll all meet in the middle for Dinner Church with meal service beginning at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:15 p.m. (Faith Formation details begin on page 9.)

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

**4:30-5:15 p.m.** Youth Choir Rehearsal (Kindergarten – Middle School) – Choir Room

**5:20-6 p.m.** Children's Faith Lab (Faith Formation for Ages 4-Grade 5) – Narthex

**5:30 p.m.** Community Meal Service Begins – River Room (Families with children in Faith Lab and staying for Dinner Church should grab food for the whole family during this time.)

**6:15-6:45 p.m.** Dinner Church (eat together, worship together) – River Room

**6:45-7:45 p.m.** Break into Small Groups:

- Middle School Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
- Adult Faith Lab
- FAFA – Faith And Fellowship Affinity (elementary school age group)
- Supervised play in the Gym for younger children

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### A Note on Summer Worship

8:30 am at Trinity

10 am at the Drive-in

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

In the precious months of summer, Trinity offers both indoor and outdoor worship options on Sunday mornings. Join us at 8:30 a.m. indoors at Trinity or at 10 a.m. outdoors at the Drive-in in Houlton, Wisconsin where you may worship from your car or lawn chair. Read more about drive-in worship and get the address for your map app at: <https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/worship/drive-in-summer-worship/>

# worship

## MUSIC

Music has a rich tradition at Trinity and is an important part of every worship experience. There are many opportunities to share your talents and connect with God through music.

### Trinity Choir

Clark Weyrauch, Director  
Rehearsals Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm  
Worship Center

Carrying on the long tradition of choral music in Lutheran worship, the Trinity Choir offers adult singers a unique means of participation that deepens spirituality, offers a different dimension to weekly worship experience, and creates an outlet for using one's God-given talents to benefit the congregation's worship life as a whole. The choir sings September through May for the 9 a.m. worship service as well as for major church festival days. In addition to weekly anthems and liturgical music (psalm settings, hymn stanzas, etc.), the choir participates in occasional Trinity-related concerts. Clark Weyrauch | 651-323-1330  
cweyrauch@trinitylc.org

### Youth Choir

Sonia Esch, Director  
Rehearsals Wednesdays,  
4:30-5:15 pm in the Choir Room  
The Trinity Youth Choir welcomes all interested singers in kindergarten through middle school. We sing in church one Sunday a month. Sonia Esch | wisokiwi@msn.com

### Worship Band

Andrew Kreye, Leader  
Rehearsals Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm  
Worship Center  
This high-energy volunteer group of instrumentalists and vocalists leads worship at the 11 a.m.

contemporary service. The slate of musicians rotates weekly and works around an individual's personal schedule. Typical instrumentation is keyboard, acoustic and electric guitar, bass and percussion. Sheet music (mostly chord charts, not typically notated music) and audio recordings are provided ahead of time. Schedule an audition today!

Andrew Kreye  
andrewkreyemusic@gmail.com

### Instrumentalists

If you play an instrument please share your gifts at Trinity!

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cweyrauch@trinitylc.org

## WORSHIP HELPERS

Radical Hospitality is a core value at Trinity. Many volunteers engage in creating a place where everyone feels welcome!

### Assisting Ministers

Lay people serve as assisting ministers. Ordained people serve as presiding and preaching ministers. The assisting minister offers prayers, helps to serve communion, and assists the pastor in any other ways needed. People age 10 and above are invited to participate. Clark Weyrauch | 651-323-1330  
cweyrauch@trinitylc.org

### Audio Visual Team

Trinity's worship services and concerts require several technicians to keep things running smoothly each week. People in junior high and up are invited to get trained on our audio/video and screen presentation systems. Volunteers are encouraged to help on a regular basis to reinforce familiarity with the equipment and procedures. Phil Kadidlo | pkadidlo@trinitylc.org

## worship

### **Communion Bread Bakers**

Our savory communion bread is baked in our very own kitchen! This team bakes every 4-6 weeks, with day and time varying according to peoples' availability. The session is usually 1.5 hours and involves making and rolling dough, and cutting bread into pieces.  
Susan Carr | [gogriswald@msn.com](mailto:gogriswald@msn.com)

### **Fine Arts Team**

This team incorporates art in all its many and various forms into our life at Trinity.

Sara Wagner  
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### **Flower Ministry**

Altar flowers give glory to God, beautify the Worship Center and honor an important person or event in your life. When you give the flowers, your commemoration is shared with the congregation in the worship bulletin. Please provide at least 10 days advance notice.

Clark Weyrauch | 651-323-1330  
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### **Hospitality Ministry**

This inter-generational ministry helps to foster community by welcoming all and initiating connections. Greeters extend welcome to all who enter our church doors. A welcome bag is provided to visitors. Coffee Crew makes and sets out coffee. Treat providers bring all sorts of delicious goodies. Ushers distribute bulletins, welcome all into our Worship Center, and pass the offering plate which makes possible the mission and ministry we share.

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Jana Grove-Collyard  
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Coffee Crew & Treats: Sara Dowling  
[sarabdownling@yahoo.com](mailto:sarabdownling@yahoo.com)

### **Communion Servers**

Help with worship! Participate in worship by assisting with communion serving, set-up, or clean-up. Serving is an honor and we are always looking for new assistants. Instructions are provided, or an experienced volunteer can guide you with set-up or clean-up the first couple of times you volunteer. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/> and click the magnifying glass in the top-right corner. Enter Kay Nelson's email: [kaynelson@comcast.net](mailto:kaynelson@comcast.net) to find the Trinity Communion Volunteers sign up. Click on the orange "Communion Servers." Review the available slots and click on a button to sign up. Need assistance? Contact Kay.

Kay Nelson | 612-850-1135  
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### **Worship Arts Team**

Advent – Christmas – Epiphany – Lent – Easter – Pentecost – this is the group that transforms the Worship Center for each season. They work with fabric, plants and flowers, banners, and more to bring worship visually to life.

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### **Thursday Tidiers**

This is the group that prepares the Worship Center and Narthex for worship. They make sure everything is ready to welcome family (members) and friends (visitors). New volunteers welcomed and needed!

Corrine Schmidt  
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## gifts management

**JOIN THE TEAM.** Our church isn't built on the gifts of a few, but on the willing hearts and hands of many who volunteer and give their time and talents to make who we are and all we do possible!

### Facilities Team

The Facilities Team's goal is to plan for maintenance, upkeep, and future use of our building and grounds. We oversee maintenance projects at Trinity, determining what can be completed by volunteers and what requires a professional contractor.

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### Helping Hands Team

The Helping Hands Team (formerly the Tuesday Guys) helps with things at Trinity behind-the-scenes in ways that may not be seen, but would certainly be missed if they didn't exist! Volunteers assist by doing light construction and repair projects around the church. To be added to the email list, contact the church office or Ron Hagen.

Ron Hagen | [ronbohagen@yahoo.com](mailto:ronbohagen@yahoo.com)

### Landscaping Team

Trinity's indoor and outdoor gardens are nurtured by our dedicated Landscaping Team. If you have a green thumb, love the satisfaction of pulling a weed or have a gift for watering, this team is for you!

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### Stewardship Team

Is God calling you to help sustain and grow Trinity's life-affirming ministries? The Stewardship Team's goal is to emphasize, promote, and engage this congregation in an understanding of the stewardship of our lives as a response to God's grace. You are invited to join our Stewardship Team who leads the fall pledge and giving drive.

Noah Schumacher  
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## childcare & preschool



### Lake Area Discovery Center

Trinity partners with Lake Area Discovery Center (LADC) to provide a preschool and childcare. LADC strives to support parents and children through a creative environment that promotes and

teaches Christian values, honors diversity and fosters fellowship within the total community. The center at Trinity opened in 2006 due to the high demand in the Stillwater area. Trinity houses LADC's largest Pre-K classroom and indoor gym. It is also home to a beautiful new outdoor community playground.  
[www.ladcfamilies.org](http://www.ladcfamilies.org)  
[ladctrinitystillwater@gmail.com](mailto:ladctrinitystillwater@gmail.com)



## faith formation – children & family

Worshipping as a family is central to cultivating faith that sticks for a lifetime. Mornings tend to be a better time of day for little ones, which is why we encourage families with young children ages birth to three to focus on the foundations of worshipping together on Sunday mornings.

### Sundays At-a-Glance

- **9 a.m. Worship** in the Worship Center with Grace Spaces and the Calm Lounge available in the Chapel
- **10-10:55 a.m. Supervised Open Gym** for children (caregivers can stay in Gym or attend Adult Faith Forum)
- **11 a.m. Worship** in the Worship Center with Grace Spaces and the Calm Lounge available in the Chapel

Open Gym and Adult Faith Forum begin Sunday, Sept. 15.

Please see page 4 for additional ways we strive to support young families on Sunday morning.

See Page 4 for Children in Worship.

See Page 5 for Dinner Church.

See Page 6 for Youth Choir.

**Register at:** [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

More information and scholarships are available.

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### FAITH LAB

Ages 4 – Grade 5

Wednesday evenings

5:20-6 p.m. in the Narthex

Join faith formation exploration through Faith Lab, a dynamic program designed for children from ages 4 through Grade 5. Every Wednesday evening, we come together to explore biblical stories through engaging activities, meaningful art, and interactive discussions. Using materials from Illustrated Ministry, our sessions focus on listening, reflecting, and sharing God's love in a supportive and creative environment.

In response to the busy schedules of today's families, we've shifted our faith formation to Wednesdays, giving families flexibility and easing the weekend rush. Start your Wednesday with Children's Choir led by the talented Sonia Esch, where children learn to lead worship through music. Then, transition into Faith Lab with Sarah Olson and dedicated volunteers, right before Dinner Church. Dinner Church is a unique meal and worship experience that fosters intergenerational dialogue, celebrates shared joys and challenges, and nurtures our faith community.

We are seeking compassionate and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Faith Lab team. Your time and heart are invaluable in guiding and inspiring our faith community's children. If you feel called to contribute your heart and time to this vital ministry, please reach out to Sarah Olson. God has uniquely equipped you with the gifts already needed to make a difference!

## faith formation – children & family

Following Dinner Church, there are faith formation opportunities for all ages, see the small group listings below.

### Wednesdays At-a-Glance

- **4:30-5:15 p.m. Youth Choir** rehearsal in the Choir Room
- **5:20-6 p.m. Faith Lab** in the Narthex
- **5:30 p.m. Community meal service begins** in the River Room (caregivers with children in Faith Lab and staying for Dinner Church should grab food for the whole family during this time)
- **6:15-6:45 p.m. Dinner Church** worship for all ages and stages in the River Room
- **6:45-7:45 p.m. Small Groups**— Confirmation for Grades 6-8, Adult Faith Lab, FAFA group sessions for elementary ages, and supervised play in the Gym for younger children

Weekly Dinner Church begins Wednesday, Sept. 11. Please attend at your usual time as a family. We'll all meet in the middle with Dinner Church! Meal service begins at 5:30 p.m. with worship beginning at 6:15 p.m.

### FAFA (Faith & Fellowship Affinity)

Is your elementary-aged child ready to make deeper connections with peers and explore their faith in unique ways? If so, a FAFA (Faith & Fellowship Affinity) Group might be a great fit! Sign up for the sessions (often 5-6 weeks) that spark interest for your child. This group meets directly following Dinner Church.

Register at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/children/>

### OTHER FAITH MILESTONES & HAPPENINGS

#### Children's Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.

The Christmas season will be here before we know it, which means it's time to build excitement and anticipation for a Children's Christmas Program! This cherished tradition is a highlight for children, bringing joy and inspiration to youth as they help tell the Christmas story during worship. But to make this special event a reality, we need YOU! Here's how you can get involved:

**1) Direct:** Work with Sarah Olson and other members of Trinity's Worship Team to select a program that highlights our talented children then determine and lead a rehearsal schedule to help bring out their best.

**2) Costumes:** Use your creativity to design and craft costumes that will dazzle and delight. Your artistic touch will help our young stars shine in their roles.

**3) Rehearsal Leadership:** Assist in organizing and running rehearsals, ensuring everything runs smoothly and our performers are well-prepared for their big debut.

Volunteering for the Christmas program isn't just about the tasks—it's about embodying the Christmas story and creating lasting memories for our children and community. Whether you have experience or just a big heart, we welcome your enthusiasm and creativity. Contact Sarah Olson to help or with questions. Together, we can make the Christmas Program a time of joy and wonder for everyone involved.

## faith formation – children & family

### **Mid-Winter Intergenerational Retreat for All Ages (location TBD)**

Evening of Friday, Jan. 24 to evening of Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025

Take a break from the routines of life at home and retreat together as a family, couple, or on your own in a beautiful winter setting. We'll rest, play, and have time for devotion together. This retreat is all for all ages and stages! (Look for registration in early November.)

### **Fall Harvest Fest**

Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.

In partnership with Lake Area Discovery Center (LADC)

As we embrace the beauty of autumn, we invite you to celebrate the bounty of God's blessings at our Fall Harvest Fest! Come together for a joyful morning filled with uplifting activities and heartwarming fellowship. Let's give thanks for the abundant gifts we've received and enjoy the vibrant colors and flavors of the season. Bring your family, friends, and a grateful spirit as we rejoice in God's goodness. (Look for registration in mid September.)

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.

In partnership with Lake Area Discovery Center (LADC)

Easter isn't just a day, it's a season – it's a way of life! Enjoy celebrating Easter Sunday as a family, then the following Saturday, families are invited to join us for our LADC partner event where we'll enjoy festive Easter activities to celebrate the good news that Christ is Risen! (Look for registration in mid March.)

### **Communion Preparation**

Class on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m., immediately following Dinner Church

Receive First Communion during 9 a.m. Worship on Sunday, April 6  
Trinity welcomes all to the table to partake in Holy Communion at any age and all levels of understanding. But, if you sense that your child is eager for a deeper appreciation and understanding of the history and mystery of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, your family might be ready to join Sarah Olson and the pastors for Communion Preparation. Learn how to bake your own communion bread and discover the gift of love and belonging we receive in Holy Communion. (Look for registration in mid February.)

### **Baptism**

Baptism is foundational to a life in Christ and is the most natural beginning point in the lifelong journey of faith. It is through baptism that we are first received into the Christian community, named and claimed as children of God forever. Through the water and word, we receive God's love, forgiveness and peace. So everyone involved in this important sacrament understands and takes those promises seriously, Trinity offers baptism preparation. Every family scheduling their first baptism at Trinity is required to complete the Baptism Milestone kit and have a follow-up conversation with a pastor. Parents, and sponsors when possible, are asked to complete this milestone in advance of the date set for baptism. Contact Jeannie to schedule a baptism.  
Jeannie Wendorf | 651-323-1302  
jwendorf@trinitylc.org

## faith formation – youth

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION (CONFIRMATION)

Grades 6/7/8

DATES TO KNOW:

**Wednesday, Sept. 11:** First Dinner Church and Parent/Child Orientation

**Wednesday, Sept. 18:** First regular session of the year

**Friday, Oct. 11:** Middle School Overnight Lock In at Trinity

**Sunday, Oct. 27:** Confirmation Day for 2024 9th Graders

**Wednesday, Dec. 18:** Final gathering before Christmas break (off Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)

**Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025:** First session back after Christmas break

**Friday-Sunday, Jan. 17-19:** Middle & High School Winter Wipeout Retreat at Camp Shaminau

**Monday, Feb. 17:** Sledding Day at Green Acres

**April 11:** All-Church Overnight Lock In at Trinity in Stillwater

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025:** Final Confirmation session for the year

**Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025:** Confirmation Day for current 8th graders (more info to come)

#### 6/7/8 Confirmation Basics

We are excited to welcome all 6/7/8 graders and their parents/caregivers to our Confirmation Faith Formation Milestone! We use the word “milestone” because Confirmation is just one stop on a lifelong faith journey.

See Page 5 for Dinner Church.

**Register at:** [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

More information and scholarships are available.

#### Contact Information:

Pastor Peter Weston Miller |  
[pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org](mailto:pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org)  
651-323-1332

### What Confirmation is (and isn't)?

Again, Confirmation is a milestone. It's a water-stop along the marathon of faith. It's a celebration of growth. Also known as “The Affirmation of Baptism,” basically, it's also an opportunity for Christians to affirm for themselves in front of their faith community the growth that they have made in the promises that their parents, sponsors, and congregation made for them at their baptism. They are encouraged to take on the faith that was and continues to be gifted to them.

#### Wednesday Night Schedule

God's people have always celebrated the physical and spiritual nourishment of what happens around the Table. We are excited to continue with Wednesday night Dinner Church.

Weekends are busy. Patterns and rituals, including worshiping as a family, have been hard to reset post-pandemic. Dinner Church offers a different kind of space to build on Trinity's values of dialog and discussion, room to accommodate our whole bodies, mingling with multiple generations, and a chance to lift our shared joys and challenges as followers of Jesus.

The schedule:

- **4:30-5:15 p.m. Youth Choir** (kindergarten through middle school) rehearsal in the Choir Room
- **5:20-6 p.m. Faith Lab** (faith formation for ages 4 to Grade 5) in the Narthex
- **5:30 p.m. Community meal service** begins in the River Room
- **6:15-6:45 p.m. Dinner Church** worship for all ages and stages in the River Room

## faith formation – youth

- **6:45-7:45 p.m. Small Groups**— Middle School Confirmation, Adult Faith Lab, FAFA group sessions for elementary ages, and supervised play in the Gym for younger children

### Confirmation Structure

Our system is a large-group/ small-group set up, with a large group presentation followed by small group check in and conversation about the topic taught. Each child is placed in a small group of about 6-8 kids with a friend or two and a caring adult leader. We strive for much more than simply instruction—we want kids to learn, of course, but we also want kids to connect with each other in small groups and share the highs and lows in their life. In short, we want our program to be about ministry as much as instruction. The parts of our process:

**Learning** – We cycle through the basics of the Old and New Testament, Martin Luther and the Small Catechism, Jesus, the Ten Commandments and more, depending on the year. We teach in engaging ways that cover all learning styles: art, music, video, skits are all involved to help get our teaching across.

**Service** – Various times during the year, groups will have the opportunity to gather for a service event or other fun event as a small group or with another small group. If we want a child to learn how to be a servant, we think it best to help them serve! In the past we've been part of meal packing, fundraising, the famous Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner, mission trip support, and other various events.

**Play** – In a small group, fun experiences bond you together and allow you to tell good stories about one another. With this closeness comes more honest conversations in small group. Each year groups hold events for fun in which small groups can participate. We also are planning lock-ins, retreats, and other various events for all our kids to enjoy together.

**Home** – We do believe that parents/caregivers need to be a central part of the adolescent Confirmation journey. We don't want to run another “drop off” program where parents/caregivers are not called to be a part of the process. Various studies show us that no one is a bigger influence on the faith of a child than a parent. We do realize that planning intentional time to talk about faith and life can be a tough and even uncomfortable proposition. We equip and partner with parents and caregivers with the time, motivation, and the tools to begin regular faith talk in the home. We send out a weekly email with updates on what we are covering at 6/7/8 Confirmation and include a “FAITH5” sheet to help guide some regular caring conversations. We also schedule various “All-In” sessions during the year so parents and caregivers can get together with other adults for practical advice from various professional theological and child development specialists.

In short, we don't want to replace a parent as an influencer of faith for the child. We want to partner together with parents, so kids have the most positive and powerful Confirmation journey possible!

## faith formation – youth

### 9th GRADE FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Day and Entry into High School Ministries

Ninth grade is when we get closer to the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Day milestone and participation in high school ministries! Ninth graders have learned much and enjoyed their time in Middle School Confirmation (hopefully!) and all of this leads up to Confirmation Day on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024 and High School Ministry after. Here is a quick peek at how the last part of the Confirmation Milestone and High School Ministry is going to look.

#### DATES TO KNOW:

**Wednesday, Sept. 11:** 9th Grade Dinner Church/Parent-Confirmand Overview: Dinner Church begins with food at 5:30 p.m., worship at 6:15 p.m., and an overview of Confirmation Day from 6:45-7:45 p.m. This gathering is for parents and Confirmands to get up-to-speed on the whole Confirmation process.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Onward:** Help out on Wednesday nights: volunteer to be of service in the Gym with the younger kids, helping set up Dinner Church, or even sit in as a high school helper in a Confirmation small group.

**Sunday, Sept. 22:** Meeting (required) – We plan to have an important gathering to have some fun together, as well as talk about Confirmation Day. Dinner included. A 6 p.m. start and 8:30 p.m. finish.

**Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12:** Overnight Lock In at Trinity

**Sunday, Oct. 13:** Small Groups Meeting (required) – We will also gather as small groups (parents need not attend) on Sunday evening, Oct. 13 from 7-8:15 p.m.

to go over projects and last-minute Confirmation Day details.

**Sunday, Oct. 27:** Confirmation Sunday – Confirmation Day is in the Trinity Worship Center on Sunday, Oct. 27. Families can choose to attend either the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. service this day. Details on this service will be coming.

#### Confirmand Responsibilities

- 1) Create a stole to be worn on Confirmation Day
- 2) Complete the Faith Project packet. Your faith project consists of these parts:
  1. Choosing a Confirmation Bible verse
  2. My Faith Adventure Reflection questions
  3. Creative project (art, essay, poem, video, song, etc.)
  4. Share your creative project with your small group in person
  5. Hold a brief interview with Pastor Peter or Pastor Chris

This is an exciting time and water stop on your faith journey! Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

**Register at:** [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org)

More information and scholarships are available.

#### Contact Information:

Pastor Peter Weston Miller |  
[pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org](mailto:pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org)  
651-323-1332



# faith formation – youth

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Grades 9-12

Welcome to High School Ministry at Trinity! We believe that high school ministry shouldn't be about youth doing programs, but youth doing ministry, and what we offer gives you a chance to serve not only locally, but globally!

### Wednesday Night Focus

Along with Sunday worship, Wednesdays will be a weekly focus of action and ministry activities.

**Sunday, Sept. 15 (Sundays, bimonthly) – High School River Worship:** High school students are invited each Sunday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for River Worship in the Youth Center. Bible study, other discussions, games, large group / small group. Come build some faith muscles, ask good questions, and make some connections with others!

**Wednesday, Sept. 18 and ongoing – Help out on Wednesday nights:** Volunteer to help with open gym, in the kitchen, as a part of the clean-up crew, or be a small group co-leader in Grades 6/7/8 Confirmation small group – there are options for you to help and make a difference!

**Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12:** Overnight Lock In at Trinity

**Sunday, Dec. 8:** Summer trip information meeting in the River Room

A newly refreshed and reformed Youth Ministry Leadership group of high school students will also chart the course for various other group events and retreats this fall and winter.

### Sunday Worship & Service Opportunities

Come to church on Sundays! Our congregation needs your vibe and voice on Sunday mornings. You can

also plug in and help on Sundays as a gym attendant, worship assistant, greeter, usher, communion server, AV team member, part of the worship band—whatever you feel called to do! Sunday's offer a wealth of opportunities to be of service to our local congregation.

### Summer 2025 Ministry Opportunities (TBD)

#### 1. Global Service – Service-Learning Trip June 20-27, 2025

Back to Puerto Rico for another summer mission trip in 2025? Something entirely new? It's up to you. This is your event, and your experience. (An informational meeting and brainstorming session will be held Dec. 8.)

Organizational meetings with up-to-date details will begin in early 2025, including a calendar of events leading up to the trip, costs, travel specifics, and sponsorship guidelines.

The trip is open to all students who have completed at least one year of high school (grades 9-12).

#### 2. Outdoor Camp at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana July, 2025

Flathead is nestled in the beautiful mountains of western Montana. Hike, swim, and enjoy the beautiful majesty of God's creation as you create your own custom group Glacier Wilderness Adventure! Much more information to come in early 2025.

### Contact Information:

Pastor Peter Weston Miller |  
pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org  
651-323-1332



## faith formation & learning



### **Sunday Faith Forum**

Sundays at 10 a.m. | River Room  
(between worship services)

Faith Forum begins Sept. 15 with a focus on food and understanding each other in polarized times. Hear stories of God's abundance and invitation to know each other better through food.

### **Deacon Kari Alice Olsen, Shobi's Table Executive Director**

Sunday, Sept. 15

10 a.m. in the River Room

Kari Olsen is a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serving with a specific eye towards food ministry. Kari discerned her call into the ministry while working in different kitchens, particularly while she was Food Service Coordinator at Holden Village—a remote Lutheran retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. She now serves as the Director and Mission Developer of Shobi's Table, where her call to ministry means putting her faith and theology into daily practice.

### **God's work. Our hands.**

### **Local Mission Community Partner Showcase**

Sunday, Sept. 22

10 a.m. in the River Room

Trinity members will have the opportunity to become educated about and interact with

representatives from Community Thread, The Connect Place, Family Means, Solid Ground, Valley Outreach and Youth Advantage. Each representative will speak briefly and will be available to answer questions. Come and find out how you, your family, and your friends can channel your interests and strengths and become a volunteer doing God's work using your heart, hands and feet serving those in need in the community.

### **Dr. Peter McLellan, ELCA Hunger Education Program Director**

Sunday, Sept. 29

10 a.m. in the River Room

For fifty years, Lutherans have taken action to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger, grounded in God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. As part of the long tradition of the church meeting human needs, ELCA World Hunger is a testament to our hope and our commitment for this church to be part of God's transformation of the world. Peter will share his work in curriculum development which makes space for diverse learning communities to tell their own stories of growth, and integrates anti-racist pedagogy, universal design for learning (UDL), and his doctoral work in Bible and Cultures to cultivate ethical learning environments.

For offerings throughout the year, check our web site at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/adult/adult-ed/>

Pastor Peter

[pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org](mailto:pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org)

Penny Catlin | [pccatlin@juno.com](mailto:pccatlin@juno.com)

# faith formation & learning

## Adult Faith Lab

Wednesday Evenings

Following Dinner Church (see page 5)

6:45-7:45 pm | Living Room

With the conversations alive in our country right now, let's use this time as an actual faith lab.

This fall we will take a topical approach and explore events, issues, and policies from the lens of our Christian faith.

Learning and practicing together, supporting and equipping each other to live a vibrant, courageous, and informed faith in challenging times.

We will meet in the Living Room each night that Dinner Church meets, unless there is an all-in event! For more information, please contact Pastor Chris.

Pastor Chris

[cbellefeuille@tirnitylc.org](mailto:cbellefeuille@tirnitylc.org)



## Trinity Library Team

The Trinity Library is located on the lower level of the church. Library volunteers work cooperatively with ministries of all ages and strive to provide resources that encourage the study of God's Word and the growth of each person's relationship with God. The children's section includes board books, picture and chapter books, both Christian and secular, which help kids see God in all parts of their lives.

The adult non-fiction section contains a variety of topics, such as Christian living, self-improvement, marriage, parenting, family life, autobiographies, and women's issues. The fiction section, both Christian and secular, grows constantly through recommended purchases and current Book Club donations. There are a variety of resources available to assist with daily needs including: grief, theology references, Biblical concordances, Bible study materials for individual or small group use, LGBTQ, gratitude, hobbies. The Trinity Library is also fortunate to have a large Hazelden Recovery Resource collection.

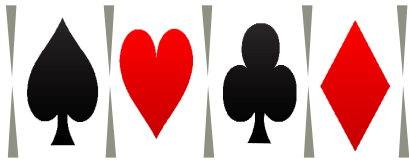
If you have ever thought it would be fun to help out in the Library, join us!

Andrea Eckman | 651-756-9153  
[andreaeckman@gmail.com](mailto:andreaeckman@gmail.com)

## congregational life

### ABIDE READERS

Accountability • Belonging • Inclusion • Diversity • Equity  
Meets for book discussion on the last Monday of the month from 6:30-8 pm | In person and on Zoom  
We are called to open our hearts and minds to the stories and to the lives of our neighbors. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors and he named them, in story after story, as the most vulnerable among us. Our neighbors have much to tell us today and we have very much to learn. Their stories may seem like a difficult and unwanted read, but like us, our neighbors abide in faith, hope and love. We will read, listen, learn, and respond in love. Add your name to the email list for updates.  
Ann Wolff | wolff701@msn.com



**BRIDGE** FOR TRINITY

### Bridge for Trinity

First Monday of the Month  
8:45-11:45 a.m., Boutwell's  
Brownstone A Community Room,  
5450 Nolan Pkwy.  
\$5/Offering to Trinity  
Join us, the first Monday of each month, 8:45-11:45 a.m. at Boutwell's. Advance notice is not necessary. Just come when you can and bring friends for a morning of casual, fun bridge with men and women of all levels. Players of all levels are welcome!  
Ann Wolff | wolff701@msn.com

### Earth Keepers

The Trinity Green Team is now known as Earth Keepers, and our mission is simple: Leave it better than you found it. If you have a calling to help with the environment, and want to contribute to positive changes and actions, this is the team for you!

Scott & Jill Kneeskern  
kdkdesign4@gmail.com



### Group Spiritual Direction

Six-session series offered various times throughout the year  
"Spiritual direction is like a lazy river...slow moving, unexpected and fluid, while still boundaried. It is a safe place to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through guided centering prayer, scripture, silence and the sharing of others." Spiritual Direction Groups meet 6 times, about every other week, or as the group decides. Group sizes are from 3 to 6 people. We offer group spiritual direction series at various times throughout the year. Bring a commitment to attendance and confidentiality, and a willingness to share and listen.  
Zanny Johnson | 651-323-1341  
zjohnson@trinitylc.org

## congregational life



### **LET'S GO! Ministry Group**

Group events are open to everyone and for people of all ages, abilities, and interests. Our mission statement is: LET'S GO is a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church that embraces ALL people through educational or recreational opportunities. LET'S GO aims to inspire, invigorate, and build friendships while participating in a wide variety of activities, knowing that God is with us always. A variety of activities are determined by the team. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome!

In appreciation for all the blessings in our lives, the LET'S GO team is collecting food and hygiene items at upcoming events for donation to Valley Outreach, our local food shelf. Bring items to the events listed below and the LET'S GO! team will get them to Valley Outreach who will get them to those who need them most. The need to walk alongside our neighbors is ongoing and appreciated! For suggestions on what to bring, please see their list of most-needed food shelf items at: <https://valleyoutreachmn.org/food-donations/>

### **Hike at Willow River State Park Sunday, Sept. 15 | Meet (about 10 a.m.) following worship to carpool**

Enjoy a morning hike and picnic lunch. Gather at Trinity's 4th Street entrance after the 9 a.m. worship service to carpool to

the park in Wisconsin (about 25 minutes from Trinity). Entrance fee is \$11 per car. We will hike approximately 3.4 miles on paved and dirt trails through the woods to the scenic waterfalls. Bring a lunch for a picnic at the pavilion after the hike. Please RSVP to Jill Longnecker at [jnlongy@msn.com](mailto:jnlongy@msn.com).

### **Trivia at River Siren**

**Thursday, Sept. 19 | 5:45-8 p.m.**

River Siren Brewery in downtown Stillwater has competitive trivia on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. If you are a trivia buff or just want to give it a try, Clark Weyrauch, our host, will assist with getting you set up; meet at the brewery at 5:45 p.m. He will form the teams based on number in attendance. Snacks and beverages or pizza from Victoriano's are available for purchase at the brewery, or you can bring in your own food. RSVP to [cweyrauch@trinitylc.org](mailto:cweyrauch@trinitylc.org) or just stop by!

### **Celebrate Fall & Apples**

**Sunday, Oct. 6, 3-5 p.m. at the Rivertown Inn**

Join us for a beautiful fall afternoon of conversation, food, and community. Pastor Rich will again be playing his favorite tunes. If you wish to bring a food item for all to enjoy, make sure "apples" are an ingredient—BE CREATIVE! Send your RSVP and direct any questions to Sandy Wendt at [sjwendt46@gmail.com](mailto:sjwendt46@gmail.com).

Randy Propp – Team Co-Leader  
[rapropp56@gmail.com](mailto:rapropp56@gmail.com)

Sandy Wendt – Team Co-Leader  
[sjwendt46@gmail.com](mailto:sjwendt46@gmail.com)

Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/lets-go/>

## congregational life

### Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

Boutwells Landing, Skyview Conference Room

Pastor Steve Hokonson leads a men's Bible study. The Bible study meets on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Skyview Conference Room located on the second floor of Boutwells Landing main building located in Oak Park Heights.

Invite your friends and neighbors, as participants are from Trinity and other area churches.

John Hodler

[johnhodler@gmail.com](mailto:johnhodler@gmail.com)

### Racial Justice Ministry Team

Taking steps individually and as a faith community towards understanding, confronting and dismantling the racial bias and systemic racism that is around us, among us, and within us. The group is committed to both education and action and sponsors events seasonally at Trinity. If you have a heart for this work, join our team!

Gary Cross | [garyc1042@gmail.com](mailto:garyc1042@gmail.com)



### Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Team

All God's Beloved children are created in God's image! This belief and awareness center the justice-focused actions and service of the RIC Ministry team. Opportunities and service are for all ages and include diverse experiences such as: learning activities and community art projects at Trinity, a booth at the Valley Wide Pride Fest in Hudson, resource sharing and

book discussions, and opportunities to be an advocate and ally at Trinity and in the larger community. Trinity's commitment to loving the diversity of God's children guide these acts of learning and love, as we intentionally seek to be Jesus' hands and feet for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Friends and neighbors are welcome, so invite them too! Watch for upcoming opportunities to participate in. Join in this shared justice-work! Karen Gieseke | [kgieseke@live.com](mailto:kgieseke@live.com)

### Trinity Golf Group

Thursdays at 10 am

Applewood Golf Course

Every Thursday during golf season and weather permitting, we play at Applewood Golf Course. Open to everyone who likes to golf! Tee time 10 a.m.

Hope to see you there.

Gene Kelm | 651-439-1374

[gene.a.kelm@gmail.com](mailto:gene.a.kelm@gmail.com)



### TRINITY TIRED MEN'S TROUPE

For busy men who want to connect with God and each other

### Trinity Tired Men's Troupe (TTMT)

One of Jesus' most overlooked miracles is having a dozen or so friends in his 30s. If you are looking for a little more community and connection, TTMT would love to have you join our roster. Some guys meet for coffee or for a beer at a local hangout. No prerequisites. Just abundant support, grace, laughter and God's love to go around.

Pastor Peter Weston Miller  
[pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org](mailto:pwestonmiller@trinitylc.org)

## congregational life

### **Tuesday Morning Book Group**

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Join other women in friendship and lively conversation about fiction and non-fiction books covering a wide variety of topics and themes.

Penny Catlin | 651-485-8319  
pccatlin@juno.com

### **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 9 am, Meeting in the Living Room

Begins Sept. 17, ends April 29, 2025

This year we are studying Hebrews. We start with prayer requests, and pray together at the end of our study time. All readings are in class, so there is no homework, and all are welcome!

Lynn Schurrer  
schurrer@aol.com | 651-430-1632  
Joan Newman | 651-230-2175  
chuckjoan.newman@comcast.net

### **WOMEN'S CIRCLES**

#### **Anna Circle**

Meets third Tuesday at 3 p.m.  
Wendy Klemz | 651-253-4661

#### **Dorcas Circle**

Meets second Thursday at 1:30 p.m.  
Lois Walton | 651-439-6948  
Betty Wasmundt | 651-439-0582

#### **Leah Circle**

Meets second Tuesday at 9 a.m.  
in the Community Room at  
Boutwells Building B  
Sally Studtman | 651-308-4767  
Phyllis Paulson | 651-275-5186

#### **Marion Circle**

Meets second Wednesday at  
1 p.m. in members' homes  
Pat Reinke | 612-201-2900

#### **Rebekah Circle**

Meets second Monday at 12:30 p.m.  
Carolyn Minor | 651-491-9259  
Dellzie Hodler | 651-485-9902

### **Circle Leaders' Covenant**

The purpose of this team is to ensure connections and help equip and support leaders so all women in Trinity

Circles experience:

- Mutual care and love
- Atmospheres in which Jesus has an on-going opportunity to transform their lives
- Encouragement to serve in areas of passion and strength

Zanny Johnson | 651-323-1341  
zjohnson@trinitylc.org

### **Women's Retreats**

Trinity strives to provide affordable, renewing retreats each year. Come for time away with other Trinity women to be refreshed, spiritually uplifted, make new friends and strengthen connections with those you already know! Stay tuned for details and dates.

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### **Women's Talk and Tea**

Saturday, May 10, 2025

10 am in the River Room

This Trinity tradition continues in May! Women gather for a lovely morning of tea, refreshments, fellowship and guest speaker. Save the date and watch for more details.

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## congregational care

### **Birthday Call Ministry**

Every month, volunteers call and wish Trinity members a HAPPY BIRTHDAY on their special day. The birthday list is divided according to the number of volunteers and each call only takes a few minutes. No experience necessary, just a cheerful voice and a desire to brighten someone's day!

Jeannie Wendorf | 651-323-1302  
jwendorf@trinitylc.org

### **Caring Friends/ Celebrating Seniors**

Caring Friends extend God's love by keeping in touch and strengthening connections with Trinity members age 80 and older. This ministry builds intentional, caring relationships, expressed through phone calls and sending cards through the mail. Caring Friends also host the Celebrating Seniors events, consisting of worship and a luncheon with entertainment. If you are interested in being a Caring Friend, contact Zanny Johnson.

Zanny Johnson | 651-323-1341  
zjohnson@trinitylc.org

### **Funeral Hospitality Ministry**

The Funeral Hospitality team offers comfort and support to bereaved families who choose to host a funeral luncheon at Trinity.

Lynae Olson | 612-418-1513  
lynae.ke.olson@gmail.com  
Dellzie Hodler | 651-485-9902  
dellziehodler@gmail.com

### **GRIEF COALITION:**

#### **Growing Through Loss Grief Support Speaker & Small Group Series**

Tuesdays, Sept. 10–Oct. 15  
6-8:30 pm at Trinity  
Growing Through Loss is an opportunity to receive grief support and learn more about grief in a group setting, free of charge. Each night includes a brief presentation by a grief educator, followed by small group time focused on particular kinds of losses. Attend a single night or the whole series. No need to register.  
St. Croix Valley Grief Coalition  
scvgriefcoalition@gmail.com

#### **Grief Support Groups**

Grief groups are for those interested in learning more about their own grief and being supported by others. Groups meet a couple times per year on dates to be determined.

Zanny Johnson | 651-323-1341  
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#### **Knitting Ministry**

Fourth Thursdays, 10 a.m., Narthex  
If you love to knit (or would like to learn), join us to make prayer and baptismal shawls, hats, mittens and other items, which are given to people in need in our community and throughout the world. Come whenever you can, or contribute what you make at home.

Lois Walton | 651-439-6948



## congregational care



### **MMM! Make a Meal Ministry**

Trinity's Make a Meal Ministry provides meals to folks during times when a little extra help and support is needed.

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[zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org)

Lucinda White

[lucindazehr@gmail.com](mailto:lucindazehr@gmail.com)

### **Multiple Myeloma Support Group**

Meets on 2nd Wednesdays of month  
1-3 p.m. | Living Room

Open to patients and care partners.

Barb Davis | 651-210-2985

[stillwater@imfsupport.org](mailto:stillwater@imfsupport.org)

### **NAMI Events**

Trinity partners with NAMI to provide resources for those living with or having a loved one with a mental health condition. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. The NAMI Washington County Affiliate supports that mission locally by providing support groups, sponsoring community presentations, and by providing resource information on navigating mental health Visit <https://namimn.org> and watch for upcoming events through Trinity's regular communication channels (newsletter, bulletin, email, etc.). Jeneal Olsen, NAMI Community Educator | [momjmo@comcast.net](mailto:momjmo@comcast.net)

### **Prayer Group**

Trinity's Prayer Group prays for those who have requested prayers, prayer list is updated weekly. Group members are passionate about the impact and importance of praying for the concerns of others and the needs of the world. All prayer requests are confidential and only shared with permission.

Kim Dahlgren | 651-323-1309

[kdahlgren@trinitylc.org](mailto:kdahlgren@trinitylc.org)

### **Sunshine Ministry**

Trinity sends a rose to our seniors on their birthdays when they turn 75, 80, 85, 90 and every year thereafter. The Sunshine Ministry is financially supported through the sale of dish cloths and hand-decorated kitchen towels. We welcome all embroiderers! Dish towels are provided and are available in the Church Office, or reach out if you need them delivered.

Carolyn Minor | 651-439-7139

[carmin42@outlook.com](mailto:carmin42@outlook.com)

Zanny Johnson | 651-323-1341

[zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org)

### **The Bridge Tai Chi Chuan**

Mondays | 6:30-8 pm

Gym | \$30/month

For people of all levels, Tai Chi offers an exploration of body, mind and spirit connections.

Benefits include:

- Mind/body awareness
- Energy level
- Flexibility
- Balance and coordination
- Concentration
- Lower back strength
- Reduce stress

David Teschler | 612-991-5117

## congregational care

### **Trinity Piecemakers**

#### **Quilting Ministry**

Tuesdays from 2-4 pm, Room 109  
Meets September through May  
Make quilts to distribute to those in need through Lutheran World Relief and local groups, such as Bundles of Love. Everyone is invited—no quilting experience necessary. Join us every week or whenever you can. We meet in the lower level of the church in the “Quilting Quarters.” Donations of fabric and supplies also welcome.  
Carolyn Minor | 651-439-7139  
carmin42@outlook.com Zanny Johnson | 651-323-1341  
zjohnson@trinitylc.org

### **AA Meetings**

Mondays, 7 a.m. | Weekly Kickoff  
Tuesdays, 7 a.m. | As Bill Sees It  
Wednesdays, 7 a.m. | A Step Meeting  
Thursdays, 7 a.m. | The Study Group  
Fridays, 7 a.m. | Book of the Month  
Saturdays, 8 a.m. | Amigos III  
These are open, non-smoking meetings and offer confidential support for people struggling with chemical addiction. Please use the 4th Street entrance.

### **Al-Anon**

Thursdays, 11 a.m.  
Saturdays, 8 a.m.  
Open meeting for family and friends of people struggling with addiction.



### **YogaDevotion**

#### **Chair/Flow Combo Class**

Thursdays, 9 am, \$11 per class  
Meeting In Person & on Zoom  
Come and experience God’s presence through the practice of yoga. Meeting in-person in the Narthex and online through Zoom—choose the option that works for you. All levels and abilities welcome!  
Sue Peterson | ToddlinSue2@aol.com

YogaDevotion session dates:

Sept. 12–Oct. 31 – \$88

Nov. 7–Dec. 19 – \$66

(no class on Thanksgiving)

Jan. 9–Feb. 27 – \$88

March 6–April 24 – \$88

May 1–June 19 – \$88

June 26–Aug. 14 – \$88

# outreach missions

## Outreach Missions Team

The Outreach Missions Team supports the vision of Trinity: providing an environment where people of all generations can live as Jesus in the world, loving God and loving neighbor; participating regularly and utilizing their strengths; teaching about the Accompaniment model of mission and ministry. The team encourages healthy small group mission activities led by individuals with passions in varied areas. The team consists of ten individuals with three year terms, who have the fiduciary responsibility for all funds designated to missions. Team chair: Marie Liberda mbvgro@gmail.com | 484-577-7272 Secretary: Sandy Wendt 651-470-1902 sjwendt46@gmail.com

The opportunities in mission are many. Through discernment and prayer the Missions Team has recently decided to focus on four areas: Housing Insecurity, Refugee Settlement and Inclusion, Global Companions, and Local Companions.



## Outreach Mission Ministry Team Vision:

We will follow God's example of love by collaborating with others to facilitate a world in which the basic needs of all people are met in an environment of peace with justice. (See Matthew 25:25-36 and Isaiah 58:6-8.)

## HOUSING INSECURITY

### Emergency Housing Services

Stillwater City Council has approved EHSB (the Emergency Housing Services Building). We will continue our work with EHSB and Washington County to address homelessness in our area. Marie Liberda | mbvgro@gmail.com 484-577-7272

### Tiny Home Communities

Trinity partnered with the organization called Settled to sponsor a tiny home for a person experiencing chronic homelessness. Sacred Settlements prioritize sustainable housing, purposeful work, and supportive community. Many thanks to everyone that donated money and time to successfully cover the cost of building a tiny home. We will be supporting a second tiny home (and be the first church to have sponsored two homes in the metro area). We currently have a generous gift of matching 2.5 times each gift received in order to achieve this goal. New areas are being developed and Settled has set a goal of 12 new houses by January 2026.

Mark Weber | 612-618-1509

Markrweber22@outlook.com

# outreach missions

## REFUGEE SETTLEMENT & INCLUSION

For the past few years we have sponsored a family of five from Afghanistan who are now living and thriving in the metro area. Trinity worked with a coalition from First Presbyterian Church, Ascension Episcopal Church, the Eastern Twin Cities Islamic Center and Boutwells Justice Team through the Minnesota Council of Churches.

We want to continue to support refugees in our region. We have opportunities to work with those already in this area as well as supporting new families. We have recently received a request to work with Syrian refugees and though the timeline was tight we want to further our connections to help as we are able. We will continue to work with refugee resettlement.

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Lynae Olson | 612-418-1513  
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## GLOBAL COMPANIONS

### Tanzania

The focus for Tanzania mission has three primary elements centered in walking alongside (using our Accompaniment Model of Missions) our Tanzania mission partners:

- 1) our companion congregation relationship with the Mwatasi Lutheran Church in the rural high country of the Iringa district of Tanzania
- 2) secondary school and college scholarships for students from Mwatasi. Scholarships are a critical need and are welcomed throughout the year in any

amount. Secondary school scholarships average \$350 per student per year. We have been committed to sponsoring about 26 students each year from our partner congregation in Mwatasi.

3) The medical ministries started by the late Dr. Mark Jacobson (a son of this congregation) in Arusha. We also maintain involvement with partner organizations such as Iringa Hope (savings and loan agriculture cooperative), St. Paul Partners (water engineering), water projects in Mwatasi village, and Global Health Ministries. We work with Bega Kwa Bega, an agency of the ELCA Saint Paul Area Synod, to further our cooperation and relationship. We have 13 people from Trinity visiting Tanzania this fall from Oct. 19 to Nov. 4 to further our connections.

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### Disaster Relief

The Outreach Missions Team sends donations to disaster relief in various parts of the United States and the world via Lutheran designated organizations.

### High School Mission Trip

We support the youth on their summer mission trip.

Also see Trinity Piecemakers Quilting Ministry on page 24.

## outreach missions

### LOCAL COMPANIONS

We support local agencies in the Stillwater area through our gifts of time, food and dollars. These include: Valley Outreach, Community Thread, Solid Ground, Family Means, Dream of Wild Health Farm and Open Hands Midway.

#### Angel Tree Christmas Gift Ministry

Each Christmas we provide gifts for children and grandchildren of those incarcerated. The prisoner requests who to give gifts to, then we purchase and deliver them in the local area (from East St. Paul to Somerset area). This is done through the Angel Tree organization. We also give a gift card to the caregivers. This has been a very positive and rewarding endeavor as each year we have more people wanting to give, than we have names received.

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#### Community Thread

Volunteers are needed for the many activities run by our local Community Thread. Consider being part of the Transport Team (providing rides to and from medical appointments, social visits and errands); the Call Companion Team (socializing from the comfort of your home by calling a new friend two times per month); the Home Help Team (assisting with indoor/outdoor tasks such as lawn care, small repairs, house cleaning, pet walking, technology support); the Lawn Care Crew (adopting a yard to help with routine mowing), or annual one day events which include Stuff the Bus, River Rally, Holiday Hope, and Rake a Difference Day.

<https://communitythreadmn.org/>  
651-439-7434

### Dream of Wild Health Farm

Support from the Outreach Missions Team has helped the Indigenous youth of the Twin Cities area to achieve their mission to “restore health and well-being in the Native community by recovering knowledge of access to healthy indigenous foods, medicines and lifeways.” Their farm is in Hugo.  
<http://www.dreamofwildhealth.org>

### God’s Work, Our Hands

A volunteer coordinator is needed for Trinity’s participation. One event in September 2025.  
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### Valley Outreach Food Shelf & Clothing Distribution

Donations of food, as well as personal hygiene items and clothing are needed all year. Volunteer opportunities can be found in both the food shelf and StyleXChange clothing store. There are a variety of days, time slots and tasks to choose from and an orientation session is also provided.  
<http://valleyoutreachmn.org>  
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