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INTERIM PASTOR JEN HACKBARTH

Early in September, the Trinity Church Council hosted a “Stump the Council” event during the Sunday morning forum, and to start off the event, we played a game of Jeopardy. The players were divided into two teams of four people—one team was made up of longer-term members and staff, while the other team included people newer to Trinity (I was on this team). The Jeopardy categories included (among others) “Trinity Trivia” and “Lutheran Lifestyle.”

The game included a lot of laughter and fun. No one was able to answer every question (even the longer term members), and players had to admit when we were stumped. A couple of newer members joined the game that morning, with no time to prepare to be in front of a crowd. The game required an open mind and a willingness to make a mistake.

My favorite moment of the game happened during the bonus round. John Hodler (current congregational president) and I tried to answer a series of final questions. One of the questions was, “What do the colors on Trinity’s new

LGBTQIA+ flag stand for?” Neither John nor I got it right. After the correct answer was shared, John said, “I learned something today.”

Trinity’s core values are Engaging Worship, Radical Hospitality, Authentic Community, Lifelong Faith Formation, and Compassionate Action. The core values do not include “Always getting it right” or “Feeling badly about not knowing something.” We are a community of authenticity and lifelong formation, which means we actively engage in learning and un-learning. We strive to be curious. We encourage one another to grow.

The interim time moves a congregation from knowing to unknowing. In her book “How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going,” Susan Beaumont writes that “...when I get too full of my own knowing, God is always at the ready to right-size my own ego.” Unknowing is not encouraged by our culture because it requires vulnerability. We suspend our judgments and examine our assumptions, and this gives us space to listen to each other and to God.

It’s from this space of unknowing that we grow. No learning is too small. Simply understanding the colors of our new Pride flag makes a difference to our congregation and to our community. When we have a safe space to learn, when we admit what we don’t know, we are better advocates and reduce the potential harm we may cause.

The council met at the end of September to look at our Transition Team applications and create a group that represents the whole body of Trinity. The Transition Team’s first task will be to listen carefully to the congregation and the community, which will require letting go of their preconceived notions about Trinity. There is a mystery to God’s work in this place, and being open to God’s presence will be essential.

*Interim Pastor
Jen Hackbarth*



PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER



Blurring Temperatures, and Touchstones

Happy Fall Y'all! I love this time of year in Minnesota. I love the turn colors of the flaming Maples, murky-spicy apple cider, and the burly warmth of bright flannel.

This changing of the season embodies the "already and the not yet."

Things are changing, both hopeful and disorienting. God continues to do a new thing. There are physical shifts and significant migrations. Plants and people either go south or go dormant. Some may even retire.

We try to squeeze in as much time out at the Drive-in or out on the lawn for Trinity Fest, harvesting the last tastes from God's garden, before the deliberate lowering of the temperatures forces us inside.

I love that Fall does that, even as I long to hold on to more temperate days. But maybe the lower temps are also an invitation by God to also lower our own, or at very least to check our temperature individual and collectively.

Seems like the right thing to do right now in Fall.

How are you feeling? How are we doing?

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What's the temperature of your body and of the Body of Christ? Psychically, spirituality, emotionally, mentally, communally?

We often cross these shifts and thresholds without much thinking or checking of our temperature. We jump over time because stuff keeps happening, much of it really good and some it really tragic (including the significant loss of life due to gun violence in this country – violence begetting violence). But the movement is constant, and we often don't stop to reflect and recenter in our often unsettled world. Maybe that's just me.

Trinity Fest Touchstone

When things are unsettled, the mystics and spiritual gurus of the faith invite us to remember touchstones. Reminders of God's faithfulness. One that folks at Trinity come back to often is the lighting of candles on Christmas Eve at the Drive-in during the Covid Pandemic, a defiant sign of hope in community even as the shadows lengthened.

I will offer as a touchstone Trinity Fest as another touchstone in this blurring new chapter. It was an amazing start to the

new season, with high energy in worship, a beautiful Art Show and organ concert, delicious food from Acapulco, lots of engaging ministry team tables with key passions to share. Even the first of its kind Lutefisk Lob (which no one anticipated but was full of Spike Carlsen's contagious creativity) raising funds for desperately needed humanitarian aid in Tanzania.

These are touchstones the Trinity way: God loving us and getting stuff done together.

There was so much to tip our tiny hats to from our staff and volunteers, even as the grass withers and the flowers fade, for God does a new thing among us.

God is always doing a new thing among us.

That kind of touchstone carries me and carries us as a community, even as we blur this new chapter that is unfolding and the temperatures lower.

There is no question that we are in a new paradigm, a new Fall, and we acknowledge both where God has taken us with amazing leadership and we also take the temperature of where God is transitioning us.

I am ever cognizant of that blurring right now, that settling in, almost feeling the changing of the colors in my body. We are blurring in so many ways. This is especially true as we incorporate the gifts of new staff in the Body of Christ at Trinity to their first program year, but also as we all burst forth and blur and open up to what is unknown before us.

As we move forward and take our temperature through this transition, through the seasons, may we remember the touchstone of God's faithfulness, trusting that Christ will be us all of our blurring through both individually and communally.

With you in all the blurring,

Pastor Peter



Congregational Council

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

Our current congregational council includes the following Trinity members:



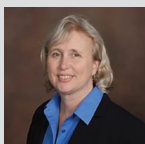
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT



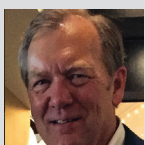
Tina Swanson
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT



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://www.trinitylc.org/our-leadership>

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. – **Ephesians 3:20-21**

WITH NEW AND RENEWED GRATITUDE. As Trinity enters the final 150 days of our 3-year New and Renewing Comprehensive Campaign, I am filled with deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude. This campaign has been nothing short of a courageous act of faith, and it is with wonder that we reflect on what God has done through this community.

Together, we have raised an extraordinary \$1,715,558 of our pledged goal of \$1,853,308 – a powerful testament to your generosity, your commitment, and your bold vision for Trinity's future. Through prayer, sacrifice, and trust in God's provision, we have accomplished remarkable things:

- **The reduction of the Thrivent mortgage from \$3,097,495 (as of 12/1/2022) to \$1,623,976, (as of 09/01/2025).**
- **The completion of the Drive-In Renovation and the 3rd Street Heritage Chapel Exterior Preservation projects,**
- **And the financial accompaniment of \$17,442 to SPAS Planting Hope Campaign and \$105,146 to support the vital work of the Trinity Missions Team.**

The New and Renewing Campaign has been about more than budgets and buildings – it has been truly faith in action. Every gift given, every story shared, and every hand extended has brought us closer to our goal and strengthened the foundation of what God is building among us. With over 92% of our goal already achieved, we are inspired by the Spirit that has carried us this far. Whether you gave early, recently, or are planning to contribute soon, your support matters. You are part of this journey that is transforming lives, spaces, and possibilities. And for that, we say **thank you.** These final 150 days are not just a countdown – they are a celebration of what we have already accomplished and a call to finish strong, **together.**

WE ARE A GRATEFUL PEOPLE. This year, our Stewardship Team chose a theme that speaks to the heart of who we are: *"We Are a Grateful People."* We are grateful for the generosity that keeps our ministries thriving, for the countless volunteers who share their time and talents, and for the spirit of love and connection that fills our church. Most of all, we are grateful for each other. Gratitude is more than a feeling – it is something we live out every day. And when we do, it brings hope, joy, and deeper purpose. Let's move into the coming year with hearts full of thanks, ready to grow, give, and serve!

AUGUST 2025 INCOME VS. EXPENSE.

- FYE General Contributions through August were \$1,257,276 (97% of Budget). 2024 YE Giving was \$1,277,767.
- FYE Total Income through August – minus Missions– was \$1,705,640 (103% of Budget). 2024 YE Income was \$1,671,478.
- FYTD Expenses through August – minus Missions – were \$1,573,384 (95% of budget). 2024 Expenses were \$1,604,879.
- As of 9/1/25, the FSB Line of Credit balance was **\$0.**

AUGUST 2025 COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN UPDATE.

- Total Pledged: \$1,853,458.
- Total Contributed (pledge): \$1,643,843.
- Percent Complete (pledge): 89%.
- Total Contributed (all): \$1,715,558.

MORTGAGE

As of 9/1/25 the Thrivent mortgage balance was \$1,623,976. The additional check from the Comprehensive Campaign to principle in August was \$55,243.92.

SECURITY TASK FORCE

This team was initiated by the Church Council to develop a security plan to ensure all individuals' access to the building is controlled. With the recent approval from the Church Council, a video doorbell system has been installed to the 4th Street doors so that we can monitor access to the church building during regular office hours. Plans for the Library to move to the Nursery room across from the River Room should be completed by the first week of October.

With a grateful heart, thank you for all you do to make Trinity a healthy, vital, and viable community of faith!

Sarah Kinsman | Parish Administrator

Financial Update from the Treasurer

August 2025 – Fiscal Year to Date
By Jill Longnecker

Long Term Debt Summary	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	12 Month Difference
Long-Term Debt – Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$1,922,708	\$2,655,486	
Increase (Decrease) since beginning of FY	(237,415)	(732,778)	
Long-Term Debt Balance – Current Month	\$1,685,293	\$1,922,708	\$(237,415)
Line of Credit Balance – Current Month	\$0	\$0	\$0

Happy New Year. Well, Happy Fiscal New Year. We continued to make great strides this year towards our long term debt, paying down the mortgage and not accumulating a balance on our line of credit. These continue to be great and positive statistics to report. For an overview of all final numbers for our 24/25 Fiscal year feel free to review the financials recently added to the Trinity Today website.

The Finance Team has been reviewing the upcoming budget and continue to assist the Parish Administrator, as well as provide updates and feedback to the council. Setting a church budget is always a difficult task. Thank you in advance for the Parish Administrator’s work and the congregation’s continued generous giving as we enter our next fiscal year.




*If you are interested in learning more about the Finance Team or have any general questions, please feel free to reach out to me at jlongnecker@trinitylc.org.

WE

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PEOPLE



"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:17

Our 2026 Stewardship Theme: “We Are a Grateful People.”

As we enter a new season of reflection and commitment, we are excited to announce our 2026 Stewardship Theme: “We Are a Grateful People.” This theme invites us to recognize the many blessings in our lives and respond with hearts full of gratitude through faithful stewardship.

Our Stewardship Kick-Off will take place on **Sunday, October 5**, during worship. This special day marks the beginning of our annual journey of generosity, service, and spiritual growth. We encourage everyone to participate and embrace the spirit of thankfulness that guides our stewardship efforts. **To help us save on postage costs**, please pick up your stewardship packets

located in the back of the narthex. Your early pickup helps us be good stewards of our resources and ensures you have everything you need to prayerfully consider your commitment.

Call to Action: Join Us in Gratitude

- Pray about how you can share your time, talents, and treasures in the coming year.
- Pick up your stewardship packet on Sunday, October 5 to avoid mailing costs.
- Participate in the kick-off on October 5 and celebrate with your church family.
- Pledge with joy, knowing that your generosity supports the mission and ministry of our congregation.

Together, let’s live out our calling as grateful people—faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us.

Thank you!
The Stewardship Committee

Special Note:

Included in this issue, see pages 15–18, is a document from your Council that outlines the two votes the congregation will take at the November 16th annual meeting. As required by our constitution, this notice is being provided at least 30 days in advance of the voting date. We encourage you to review the document and prayerfully consider these important decisions.

Congregational Council







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.)



Online Options For Worship

Both services will be available online and livestream from our Worship Center at Trinity. Find worship online on our website at: <https://www.trinitylc.org/online-worship> and livestream on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/trinitylcstillwater/>

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.

- Nov. 16 – ALL-IN Fall Worship
- Dec. 14 – Children's Advent Program
- Dec. 28 – Lessons & Carols
- Feb. 15, 2026 – Drive-Indoors
- March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday
- May 10, 2026 – Youth Musical

Trinity Youth Choir

- Wednesdays 4:30-5:15 pm

Welcome all super singers! We rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the Choir Room (behind the Worship Center).

The Youth Choir sings in church once a month, alternating between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services as worship leaders. Highlights include singing with an Orchestra and the Trinity (Adult) Choir in December, and presenting a musical at church in May!

To sign up or ask questions, contact Sonia Esch at wisokiwi@msn.com

Worship Texts & Special Guests or Events

Below are the scripture texts for worship on the date listed, including special guests or events.

Oct 5.....Luke 17:5-10
 9 am: Mary Schneider, Soprano Soloist
 11 am: Trinity Worship Band
 Oct 12.....Luke 17:11-19
 Welcoming New Members at Both Services
 9 am: Trinity Brass, Trinity Choir, + Organ
 11 am: Trinity Worship Band
 Oct 19.....Luke 18:1-8
 9 am: Trinity Choir and Organ
 11 am: Trinity Worship Band
 Oct 26.....Luke 18:9-14
 Reformation + Confirmation Sunday
 9 am: Trinity Choir + Organ
 11 am: Trinity Worship Band + Trinity Youth Choir

CONCERT SERIES



Cantus

- Oct 26 at 3 pm

In commemoration of the United States' 250th anniversary, Cantus offers Land That I Love – a concert program honoring our diverse American heritage with captivating music by composers carrying their own migration stories. From Saundar Choi to Gloria Estefan, these artists are as wide-ranging and multi-faceted as the music they create.

Tickets: <https://www.cantussings.org/>



St. Croix Valley Opera: By Request Concert

- Nov 1 at 7 pm

Fundraising concert for St. Croix Valley Opera. A night of Opera, Musical Theater, and song!

Tickets: <https://www.scvopera.org/by-special-request-concert>



St. Croix Sounds Orchestra

- Nov 2 at 3 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of "The Old and the New" featuring Daniel Adam Maltz, fortepiano, and Clark Weyrauch, Tenor. Enjoy works by the classics like Mozart and Haydn as well as songs from the contemporary musical theater repertoire!

Tickets: Open to the public with free-will offering accepted

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Sunday Faith Forum

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

October 2025

- **Oct 5:** Two Spirit Advocacy with Arnold J. Dahl-Wooley

Named the 2025 Twin Cities Pride BIPOC Leader of the Year, Arnold's presentations shine a light on the vital contributions and challenges of Two Spirit and LGBTQ persons within Native American culture and communities.

- **Oct 12:** Christian Doctrine of Discovery with Brenda Blackhawk

Brenda Blackhawk will dig deep into the Christian Doctrine of Discovery that justified taking lands from Native people and destroying their communities. She will also discuss the ELCA's statement of repudiation of the doctrine and ongoing work.

- **Oct 19.** Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) with Brenda Blackhawk

Brenda will report on the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), which is among the most devastating issues facing Tribal communities.

- **Oct 26.** Stump the Pastors

Bring your burning questions for our pastors. Ask about a sermon, theology, or whatever is on your heart or mind.

Questions, ideas, concerns...contact Penny Catlin (pccatlin@juno.com) or Pastor Peter.

Children & Family Faith Formation



FAFA: It's Not Too Late to Join STEMtastic!

Get ready to dive into the wonder-full world of STEM. This free, hands-on program for elementary-aged youth explores science, technology, engineering, and math through creative projects and playful discovery.

- **When:** Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 PM (ish)
- **Where:** New Library
- **Dates:** September 17, 24 & October 1, 8
- **Cost:** Free!

Whether your child is science-obsessed or just enjoys trying something new, they'll be welcomed and encouraged every step of the way.



Celebrating God's Abundance – Fall Harvest Fest & Dinner Church Wednesday, October 29 | 5:00 pm (Outside on the Green Space, with indoor backup in case of weather)

Join us for our Fall Harvest Fest & Dinner Church on Wednesday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m. We will celebrate God's abundance with fall crafts, games, and activities for the whole family. The evening will end with a chili Cookoff and Dinner Church. All are welcome!

Think your chili has what it takes? Contact Sarah Olson by Wednesday, October 22 to sign up for the cookoff!



Dinner Church & Wednesday Learning

Join us for Dinner Church, a community meal and worship service for everyone—families, singles, couples, and friends. Connect with the Body of Christ every Wednesday evening in the River Room. The night is a full schedule of faith and fellowship for all ages:

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) – Chapel

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)



Thrivent Grants and T-shirts

Hey, all you Thrivent Members!

Did you know that you can request two \$250 grants a year to help in a service project at Trinity? This past year, the Piecemakers have received batting for about 40 quilts. This past year, \$500 has been used to purchase Enfamil Baby Food for our families in need, through Valley Outreach. This past year, some of the products needed to complete the Selian Hospice Kits for Tanzania, have been purchased.

When you complete a request through Thrivent, you may also receive T-shirts "Live Generously". The Missions Team is looking for old t-shirts to make a quilt for our events. Anyone have t-shirts that are just sitting in your closet and are unused? Please deliver your no longer desired t-shirts to Marie Ilberda or another missions team member at your earliest convenience.



Refugee Update

On World Refugee Sunday, June 22, 2025 we welcomed two of our Vietnamese Refugee family members. Brother Rip Dinh and sister Thuy Hang Xui greeted us warmly. When they moved here in 1975 they were two and four years old. You can listen to their greeting on the Trinity Webpage, listening to the Sunday, June 22 service. Then, just this past month Dad Rop and Mom Minh Dinh met with Rev. Dan Johns, a TLC member and also the current pastor at the time of their arrival to Stillwater. Next year we'll celebrate this 50 year commitment. Thanks Trinity.



Trinity Library

We are getting things ready for the new location of the Trinity Library! Your fellow members have been working to dismantle, repair walls, paint, and carpet the new space. Once this is complete the work to shelve the books will begin.

Please make a point to check out the progress when you are in the building. We are excited for this new location, more visible and accessible. How much room we will have for groups to meet in there remains a question until we see how it unfolds.

Thanks to all who have given of their talents to accomplish this work. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne C. Swanson at scs003@aol.com

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:30 a.m., starting Sept. 11
Boutwells Landing, Skyview Conference Room

Studying of the Parables of Jesus.

- 3 weeks on the Parables of the Kingdom
- 3 weeks on the Parables of Grace
- 3 weeks on the Parables of Judgement

Jesus told parables because he wants YOU to figure it out! He and we want to know what YOU think. Come and help figure it out!

Join Trinity

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity? We would love to have you!

Please scan the QR code to fill out a membership form. Zanny Johnson, Connections Coordinator, will follow up with more details about the upcoming membership classes. For your convenience, the classes will be held on the same day you attend worship: the Wednesday class will be immediately after Dinner Church, and the Sunday class will be between services at 10 a.m.



New members will then join during worship on either Wednesday, October 8, or Sunday, October 12, at the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. service.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH EARTH KEEPERs. Leave it better than you found it

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

Climate Corner T.I.P.s

There is no Planet B. Let's all work together to keep it cleaner than we found it for the next generation.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

Community Charging at Trinity Lutheran Church (CC at TLC) - Check out the EV Charging Station Project

We're driving sustainability and a Green Stillwater forward by installing the first public use EV chargers in downtown Stillwater—creating an oasis in downtown Stillwater's charging desert and inviting our community and visitors to power up with us!

- Cleaner air (zero harmful emissions)
- Increased foot traffic to downtown businesses, leading to increased economic growth for Stillwater's small business community
- Enhanced brand image for Stillwater
- A public station for your use when you get your EV!

Check out details of the project on TLC's website by going to the Earth Keepers page under the 'Get Involved' tab. Consider a donation to the project to help us continue our efforts of promoting a strong local economy and a cleaner and sustainable environment.

Join the Washington County Food Scraps Program - It's FREE to Join!

As you eat more veggies and fruits, you'll have more food scraps. Put them to good use and compost them! Go to www.washingtoncountymn.gov/2969/Food-Scraps-Collection and sign up. The bags come to you for free (if you need a container, that's free too! Just go pick one up). All you need to do is put your food scraps in the bags and place the bag in your garbage each week. It's THAT easy!



Let's Go Events!

- **Stillwater Trolley - Historic Tour**
Monday, October 13, 11:00
To reserve tickets, go to StillwaterTrolley.com, choose Historic Tour, and pay. Tickets must be reserved 24 hours before date.
- **Rivertown Inn Social**
Sunday, October 26, 3-6 pm
Featuring "Pumpkin" this year; bring something to share! Join us in the fun of socializing and eating in a beautiful setting. Contact Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com to RSVP or ask questions
- **Christmas Caroling**
Thursday, December 11, 5:00
We will visit The Estates at Greeley and The Estates at Linden. More info to come.
- **Watercolor 101 Workshop with Molly Birkeland**
Thursday, January 8, 6-7 pm
Room at TLC TBD
Learn the basics of watercolor in our Watercolor 101 workshop. All supplies are included—just bring yourself and your imagination! To join, RSVP to Sandy Weber at stillweber@hotmail.com.



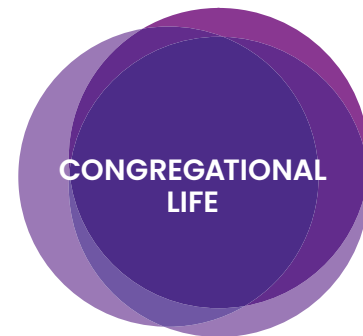
YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class

Thursdays 9 - 10 am
In-person and on Zoom
9/11 - 10/30 | \$88 for 8 classes

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!

If you have a guest, want to try a class or want to take fewer than a full session of classes, you can purchase one or more drop-in-tickets.

Register at: bit.ly/Trinity-Fall



Abide Readers

Accountability Belonging Inclusion
Diversity Equity.
Monday October 27, 6:30-8:00.

All are welcome to the ABIDE Readers Discussion of **God Is Red: A Native View of Religion** by Vine Deloria Jr (1933-2005), Standing Rock Lakota citizen. In 1974, *Time* magazine called him a "Theological Superstar of the Future." Email wolff70l@msn.com for the Zoom link if you're new to the list.

CELEBRATE Indigenous Peoples' Day this year! There are two especially good books for families and classrooms in the ABIDE Collection (bottom shelf) in the Narthex. Learn together!

Indigenous Peoples' Day by Katrina Phillips, citizen of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and professor of history at Macalester, is a beautiful and informative book for elementary aged kids.

We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell, citizen of the Cherokee Nation, looks like a children's picture book, but it's also perfect for middle school kids and older. The chapters are short and readable. If you don't know these words, this book is for you: Native Nations (MN has 11) - Assimilation (MN had more than 60 boarding schools) - Allotment - Indian New Deal - Termination - Relocation - Tribal Activism - Self-determination - Indian Child Welfare & Education - Religious Freedom (not until 1978 for American Indians) - Economic Development - Language Revival - Sovereign Resurgence. Before writing books for children, Traci wrote legal codes, testimony for Congressional hearings, federal budget requests, grants, and reports.



Trinity becomes a Coalition Member of MN Strong 4 Trans Youth

Karen Gieseke, (she/her) Pride Justice Team Chair

In the Fall of 2024, Trinity was invited by a St Paul MN ELCA pastor to consider becoming a coalition member of MN Strong 4 Trans Youth, which is part of Transforming Families, based in the Twin Cities.

What is Transforming Families?

"a community where transgender, gender non-conforming, and questioning youth and their families come together to support each other in a welcoming and respectful space... for parents, kids, siblings, and teens ... the opportunity to meet and learn from other people traveling the same path. As a community, we work together to make sure our children can grow up happy and safe in Minnesota... to listen to each other's stories, exchange resources, build community, and have fun!"

Since the invitation, Trinity's Pride Justice Team and Trinity's Council have learned much about Transforming Families and the role of a Coalition member. This learning included both the Pride Justice team and the Council meeting with the Transforming Families Executive Director, the Pride Justice Team visited and toured the organization's Minneapolis office, and additionally, the Pride Justice Team invited the Executive Director to participate in the March 14 event, *Community Coming Together: supporting our LGBTQIA+ family, friends*

& neighbors, hosted by the Pride Justice Team, and attended by over 50 people from 11+ communities from across the Twin Cities.

What is the MN Strong4TransYouth Coalition?

"a growing alliance of businesses, nonprofit organizations, community and faith-based groups, and performance spaces across Minnesota that have come together with a unified purpose: to publicly affirm and support transgender youth and their families."

Each member of this coalition has taken a bold and visible stand in advocating for the dignity, safety, and well-being of trans youth. More than just words, these members have demonstrated their commitment through action—by financially supporting Transforming Families and partnering with us as we shape and expand the coalition's vision... Supporting these organizations ... is a great way to make our state a place where our kids can thrive in safety and acceptance."

The current coalition membership of 109 members includes eighteen faith-based communities including several ELCA congregations, along with a variety of other members such as the Phipps Theater, the MN Vikings, MN Orchestra, and Children's MN, just to name a few.

What does this mean for Trinity?

"Rooted in God's unconditional love, we are a community where all are embraced, valued, and encouraged to grow... Compassionate Action—We serve others with empathy, justice, compassion, and Christ-like love."

These statements are values and commitments Trinity publicly states and is seeking to live. Trinity's partnership as a coalition member provides a pathway for Trinity to live out compassionate action, to love unconditionally with Christ-like love, to support other communities centered in a justice where all are valued. Opportunities for ongoing partnership, such as the March 14 community event, may happen in the future. Watch for details. Meanwhile, Trinity has boldly and publicly lived into their mission statement, "Because God first loved us, we live as Jesus in the world, loving God and loving neighbor. To learn more about Transforming Families, go to: <https://www.tffmn.org/>



October is LGBT History Month

In 1994, Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher, believed a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history, and gathered other teachers and community leaders. They selected October because public schools are in session and existing traditions, such as Coming Out Day (October 11), occur that month.

The LGBT community is the only community worldwide that is not taught its history at home, in public schools or in religious institutions. LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community and makes the civil rights statement about our extraordinary national and international contributions.

To learn more, go to:

<https://lgbthistorymonth.com/>



Please join Trinity's Pride Justice Team and the Sunday Faith Forum ministry in welcoming:

Arnold J. Dahl-Wooley, Two Spirit Advocacy

Sunday, October 5 from 10-11am

Trinity Lutheran Church/River Room
115 N. 4th Street, Stillwater

Named the 2025 Twin Cities Pride BIPOC Leader of the Year, Arnold's presentations shine a light on the vital contributions and challenges of Two Spirit and LGBTQ persons within Native American culture.

Can't attend? Watch the livestream during or after the event.

<https://www.trinitylc.org/sunday-forum-livestream>



About Arnold:

Arnold J. Dahl-Wooley is a groundbreaking advocate, storyteller, and leading voice in the movement for Two Spirit and LGBTQ+ visibility. Proudly rooted in American Indian culture, Arnold made history in 2013 when he and his husband, Matthew, became the first same-sex couple to have their marriage officially sanctioned by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe—a landmark moment for Indigenous and queer rights. In 2025, Arnold was named Twin Cities Pride's BIPOC Leader of the Year, a recognition that honors his unwavering commitment to uplifting marginalized voices and building inclusive community spaces.

With over two decades of national speaking experience, Arnold brings fierce passion, cultural insight, and unapologetic authenticity to every stage he steps on. His work explores the sacred roles of Two Spirit individuals before colonization, the devastating impacts of colonialism on Indigenous identities, and the journey to reclaim and celebrate Two Spirit roles in contemporary society—offering audiences a heartfelt perspective on the ongoing fight for dignity, respect, and equality. A significant part of Arnold's advocacy focuses on suicide prevention, anti-bullying, and cultural inclusion—addressing critical issues that disproportionately affect Two Spirit and LGBTQ+ youth.

Through deep personal storytelling, he reveals the resilience required to face down bigotry and the strength that comes from embracing one's full identity. Arnold's talks are not just educational—they're a celebration of identity and community. As part of his outreach, he offers buttons and stickers as gifts, creating small yet meaningful tokens of solidarity and connection for his audiences.



Troubling but Necessary Education: Sunday Forums on October 12 and 19

By: Claudia Swendseid, member of Trinity's Racial Justice Ministry Team



Mark your calendars to hear Brenda Blackhawk, an ELCA activist for racial justice and Director of Communications at Central Lutheran, will lead Trinity's Sunday Forums on October 12 and 19 at 10 AM. She will discuss

the Christian Doctrine of Discovery that justified taking lands from Native people and destroying their communities. Brenda will also discuss the ELCA's Statement of Repudiation and ongoing work.

On the 19th, Brenda will report on the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), which she co-chairs. Abduction and murder of Native women is a devastating issue facing Tribal communities. On some reservations, Native women face murder rates over ten times the national average.

Ms. Blackhawk is eminently qualified to educate us on these critical topics. A writer, volunteer, and organizer based in Minneapolis, she graduated summa cum laude from Iowa State University. From 2019 through 2022, Brenda was a Racial Justice Organizer from the ELCA's Minneapolis Area Synod, working as part of a statewide coalition to restore the vote for people with felonies on their record.

Currently, Brenda is Director of Communications at Central Lutheran in Minneapolis. She sits on the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, co-chairs the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Sub-Task Force and the Human Rights Commission of Brooklyn Park. Brenda frequently writes on racial justice topics for ELCA publications and speaks on them for groups. She also volunteers as a youth basketball coach.

Brenda loves her family and enjoys being the oldest of nine siblings, wife to her

husband, Chris, and dog mom to Luna and Loki. In her free time, Brenda reads, sings, dances, beads, eats, or watches a Marvel movie/show.

Manuel Retamozo and Amy Odgren, co-chairs of the task force, presented the group's findings. They spoke about the church's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement efforts and highlighted the ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement, led by Vance Blackfox, ELCA director for Indigenous ministries and tribal relations, as well as the truth-seeking and truth-telling initiatives revolving around Indian boarding schools.



The Landing of Columbus – John Vanderlyn

The Doctrine of Discovery (Doctrine) is a policy enacted initially by the 15th-century Catholic Church proclaiming the "divine right" of Christian nations to seize the lands of non-Christian people, purportedly to "save souls" and bring them into European civilization. In practice, Indigenous communities were forced to convert to Christianity, killed and enslaved; while the lands "discovered" by explorers, like Columbus, were claimed as the property of the discoverers' nation.

Once North American colonies won independence, the Doctrine was invoked by Thomas Jefferson. He declared that the policy, which held under British rule, remained sound now that the United States was independent. The Doctrine was used to support westward expansion of White Americans.

The Doctrine also found its way into U.S. law at the highest levels. In 1823, the Supreme Court drew on the Doctrine to deny Indigenous title to lands in the U.S. This ruling has remained a cornerstone of Federal Indian Law ever since. As recently as 2005, in *City of Sherrill v. Oneida Indian Nation*, the Supreme Court ruled against the Oneida's attempt to regain traditional lands based on several factors, including the Doctrine.

The Doctrine of Discovery is rarely mentioned today in conversations concerning the land rights of Indigenous peoples because it is so blatantly racist

and immoral. While most church bodies and faith communities have repudiated the Doctrine, including the ELCA*, it continues to inform policies of the United States (as well as Australia, Canada and New Zealand) regarding return of lands appropriated from indigenous people.

May 5 has been recognized as the **National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**, honoring Hanna Harris, a 21-year-old woman from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe who went missing and was later found murdered in 2013. Following are grim statistics that we will learn about on October 19 at the Sunday Forum.

- **Murder is the third leading cause of death** for American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, according to the Centers for Disease Control.
- American Indian and Alaska Native women experience a murder rate **10 times higher** than the national average.
- **More than four in five** American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime.
- **56.1%** have experienced sexual violence, **55.5%** have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, and **48.8%** have experienced stalking, according to the National Institute of Justice.

In 2021, to the 2016 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, the ELCA adopted the Declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native People by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

It reads, in part: "...We commit to advocacy for and being in solidarity with Tribal Nations, MMIWGR organizations, families, and friends who have gone missing or who have been murdered. Indigenous women and girls go missing at a much higher rate than any other group in the United States.... There are 2 foci in this commitment. One is advocacy. Tribes, states, and the US government can and should pass legislation to coordinate work to alleviate the problem. The second focus is relational. Synod leaders can establish relationships with Tribal Nations, express solidarity, help with prevention, with search and rescue, with comforting the anxious and bereaved. Congregations can, as well."

More information and resources on the ELCA website at [Missing-and-Murdered-Indigenous-Women](https://resources.elca.org/wp-content/uploads/Repudiation_Doctrine_of_DiscoverySPR16.pdf).

Join the Racial Justice Ministry Team on Sundays October 12 and 19 at 10 AM in the River Room to learn from Brenda Blackhawk about these necessary topics.

Council Vote November 16th, Please Read:

Trinity Lutheran Church Constitution amendments – November 16, 2025, Annual meeting

Trinity constitution amendments will be voted on during the November Annual meeting.

During Trinity's November 16, 2025, annual meeting, the congregation will be asked to approve ELCA mandated model constitution language changes to Trinity's Constitution and to ratify the non-mandated constitution amendments the congregation approved in November 2024.

Trinity's non-mandated constitution amendments ratification explanation:

The St. Paul Synod and Trinity's constitutions require non-mandated constitution language amendments to be approved by a majority vote at one congregational meeting and ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds vote approval.

At the Congregation's November 17, 2024, Annual Meeting non-mandated amendments to the Constitution were approved by 99% of members in attendance and voting.

The ratification vote for these non-mandated amendments to Trinity's constitution will be conducted during the November 16, 2025, Congregation's Annual meeting.

Here is a recap of the previously approved non-mandated constitutional amendments. The complete language for each of these paragraphs can be found in Trinity's Constitution which is located on Trinity's website:

Trinity Website>New Here?>Our Leadership?>Constitution/Bylaws

Chapter 10. Congregation Meeting

C10.01, C10.02, C10.03, C10.05, C10.06, C10.07, C10.08, C10.09 *clarified Congregational meeting notification and voting procedures for in-person and remote meetings.*

C10.04. *Establish fifty voting members as a meeting's quorum.*

Chapter 11. Officers of this Congregation

C11.01 *clarified/removed redundant language that identified Congregation Council officers.*

Chapter 12. Congregation Council

C12.05. *Reduced Council spending authority from balance sheet asset value to \$250,000.*

C12.11. *Clarified language regarding who can call special meetings.*

Chapter 13. Congregational Committees

C13.01. *Membership of Executive Committee was clarified.*

C13.08. *Changed 'shall' to 'may' serve. Added language clarifying Lead Pastor and Council President serve on Executive Committee.*

Mandated ELCA Model Constitution amendments explanation:

Council Vote November 16th, Please Read:

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The ELCA's model constitution is routinely reviewed, and amendments are approved by the Churchwide Assembly. As explained below, ELCA congregations are required to adopt this revised language. Below is a detailed explanation of the revisions and the adoption process.

MANDATED 2025 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA®

[WITH RATIONALES]

Prepared by the Office of the Secretary
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
August 2025

Following are amendments to the *Model Constitution for Congregations* that were approved by the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~; all changes are highlighted.

Provisions within the *Model Constitution for Congregations* are of two types:

- **Those provisions marked with an asterisk (*) are required when a congregation amends its governing documents.** They must be used without alteration or amendment of the text in any manner (i.e., neither additions nor deletions are permissible). Such provisions go into effect immediately upon approval by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any legally called meeting of the congregation, provided that they have been presented to the congregation at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- **Provisions not marked with an asterisk are non-required provisions.** These provisions represent wording recommended by the Churchwide Assembly. If the congregation chooses to incorporate them into the congregation's constitution exactly as presented here, these provisions require a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any legally called meeting of the congregation, provided that they have been presented to the congregation at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

If the wording of non-required provisions is altered or amended in any way from the text presented here, the provisions must be approved at one congregation meeting by a majority vote and then must be ratified *unchanged* by a two-thirds vote at the next regular meeting of the congregation. (See *Model Constitution for Congregations*, *C16.04. for more detail.)

For convenience, the rationale that was presented to the Churchwide Assembly for each amendment is provided in italics following the amendment. These rationales are *not* part of the amendments with which they are associated, they are *not* part of the *Model Constitution for Congregations*, and they are *not* intended to be incorporated into the constitutions of congregations. They are here only to give context for the amendments.

The Office of the Secretary would like to express gratitude for your faithful attention to your congregation's constitution!

Chapter 1.

NAME AND INCORPORATION

- C1.02.** For the purpose of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws and continuing resolutions, the congregation of (insert full legal name) is hereinafter designated as "this congregation."

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Rationale: Insertion for comprehensiveness.

Chapter 5. POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

- *C5.04. This congregation or the Congregation Council shall elect from among ~~its~~ the voting members of the congregation laypersons to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected by this congregation and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by the (insert name of synod) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Rationale: This change allows for lay voting members of the Synod Assembly to be elected either by the congregation or by the Congregation Council. Current language requires election by the congregation.

Chapter 7. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

- *C7.03. If the voting members of this congregation present at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this congregation vote to relate transfer to another Lutheran church body, title to property shall continue to reside in this congregation, provided the process for termination of relationship in *C6.05. has been followed. Before this congregation takes action to relate transfer to another Lutheran church body, it shall consult with representatives of the (insert name of synod).

Rationale: Consistency with 9.71.d. of the ELCA Constitution.

Chapter 9. ROSTERED MINISTER

- *C9.02. Only This congregation may call as a pastor only:
a. a member of the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; or
b. a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament who has been recommended for this congregation by the synod bishop;
may be called as a pastor of this congregation.

Rationale: Formatting for clarity.

- *C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:
....
8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, proclaiming God's love for the world, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.

Rationale: A number of amendments were made by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to this bylaw and to its parallels throughout the constitutions. In the process, the phrase "proclaiming God's love for the world" was omitted from the list of responsibilities of rostered ministers. This amendment restores the phrase.

- *C9.06. At a time of pastoral vacancy, an interim pastor shall may be appointed by the bishop of the synod with the consent of this congregation or the Congregation Council.

Rationale: It is not always possible for a synod bishop to appoint an interim pastor for every congregation.

- *C9.15. Under special circumstances, subject to the approval of the synod bishop and the concurrence of this congregation, a minister of Word and Sacrament of a church body with which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially has established a relationship of full communion may serve temporarily as pastor

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of this congregation under a contract between this congregation and the pastor in a form proposed by the synod bishop and approved by this congregation.

Rationale: Provision is being changed to “required.” With the increasing use of exchangeability of rostered ministers with full communion partners, it is advisable that all congregations make allowance for that possibility.

- *C9.22. ~~Only This congregation may call as a deacon only:~~
a. ~~a member of the roster of Ministers of Word and Service of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or~~
b. ~~a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Service who has been recommended for this congregation by the synod bishop.~~
~~may be called as a deacon of this congregation.~~

Rationale: Editorial reformatting for clarity.

- *C9.23. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall:
....
c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, **proclaiming God’s love for the world**, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations;

Rationale: A number of amendments were made by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to this bylaw and to its parallels throughout the constitutions. In the process, the phrase “proclaiming God’s love for the world” was omitted from the list of responsibilities of rostered ministers. This amendment restores the phrase.

Chapter 15. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION

- *C15.01. Persistent and public denial of the Christian faith, willful or criminal conduct grossly unbecoming a member of the Church of Christ, continual and intentional interference with the ministry of this congregation, or willful and repeated harassment or defamation of member(s) of this congregation is sufficient cause for discipline of a member. Prior to disciplinary action, reconciliation and repentance will be attempted following Matthew 18:15–17, proceeding through these successive steps, as necessary:
a. ~~private counsel and admonition by the pastor,~~
b. ~~censure and admonition by the pastor in the presence of two or three witnesses,~~
c. ~~written referral of the matter by the Congregation Council to the vice president of the synod, who will refer it to a consultation panel drawn from the Consultation Committee of the synod, and~~
d. ~~written referral of the matter by the consultation panel to the Committee on Discipline of the synod.~~
If, for any reason, the pastor is unable to administer the admonitions required by ~~paragraphs~~ a. and b. hereof, those steps may be performed by another pastor chosen by the Executive Committee of the Congregation Council.

Rationale: Formatting correction and consistency of constitutional language.

- *C15.11. When there is disagreement between or among factions within this congregation on a substantive issue which cannot be resolved by the parties, members of this congregation may petition the synod bishop for consultation after informing the president [vice president] of this congregation of their intent to do so. The synod bishop shall seek a timely resolution of the dispute. If the issue relates directly to the pastor, the bishop may begin the process in ~~§S14.18~~ ***C9.05**.d. In all other matters, if the bishop’s consultation fails to resolve the issue, the bishop shall refer the matter to the Consultation Committee of the synod, which shall undertake efforts to find an appropriate solution. If the Consultation Committee’s efforts fail to resolve the dispute, the entire matter shall be referred to the Synod Council for adjudication by whatever process the Council deems necessary. The Synod Council’s decision shall be final.

Baptisms

- **Brooks David Holland**, child of Gavin & Emma Holland

Christian Sympathy

- Sympathy to the family & friends of **Kay Sanders**
- Sympathy to the family & friends of **Marion V. Pederson**

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.

Office Hours

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

Monday–Thursday
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 3

In-person 8:30 am70
Online views/week 8:30 am385
In-Person Drive In 10 am158
Cars at the Drive-In 10 am97

Sunday, August 10

In-person 8:30 am86
Online views/week 8:30 am352
In-Person Drive In 10 am166
Cars at the Drive-In 10 am86

Sunday, August 17

In-person 8:30 am103
Online views/week 8:30 am312
In-Person Drive In 10 am160
Cars at the Drive-In 10 am85

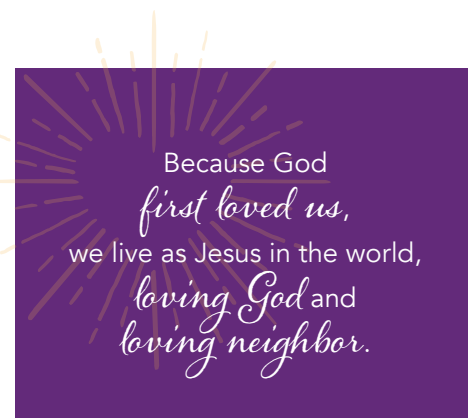
Sunday, August 24

In-person 8:30 am83
Online views/week 8:30 am464
In-Person Drive In 10 am164
Cars at the Drive-In 10 am91

Sunday, August 31

In-person 8:30 am61
Online views/week 8:30 am497
In-Person Drive In 10 am199
Cars at the Drive-In 10 am106

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



Core Values

Engaging Worship
Radical Hospitality
Authentic Community
Lifelong Faith Formation
Compassionate Action

Welcome Statement

Read our welcome statement at:
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MENTAL HEALTH CONVERSATION GROUP OPPORTUNITY

This group will meet either virtually or in person four times this fall.

After independently listening to a podcast focusing on mental health and addictions you may attend a group discussion.

"Our Stigma" is a podcast created by Pastor Seth Perry, at Elim Lutheran Church in Scandia, MN.

Pastor Seth is dedicated to breaking the silence around mental health and addictions within faith communities, living well with a diagnosis of BiPolar I disorder and thriving in long-term addiction recovery, Seth seeks to foster understanding, compassion, and lasting support both within spiritual spaces and beyond.

The conversations will be on Thursday mornings or afternoons on October 23, 30 and November 6, 13.

Participation at all conversations is encouraged but not necessary. Zoom or video available.

If you are interested in joining the discussion please contact Jeneal Olsen momjmo@comcast.net



Thank You for a Beautiful Exhibit Opening

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the grand opening of "The River Connects Us" exhibit! We were so grateful to share an evening of art and connection with you.

A special thank you to our featured artists: photographer Peter Muschler and poet Tom Gillaspy, who created a beautiful "Ekphrasis" journey for us. The captivating exhibit, which blended photography and poetry to depict the environment and culture along the Mississippi River, was a testament to their talent.

We were thrilled to see 92 people in the sanctuary for the special program, which included a unique performance by Aaron David Miller and Dr. Laura Edman.