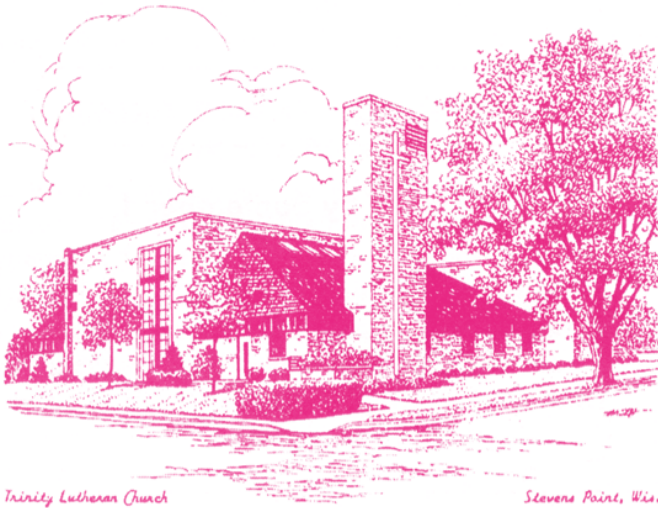


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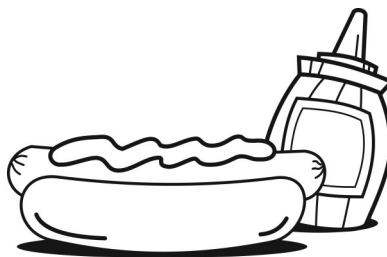
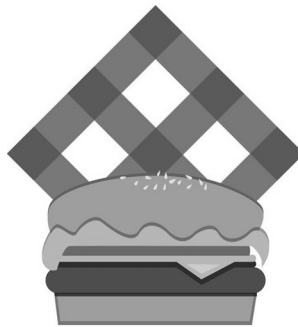
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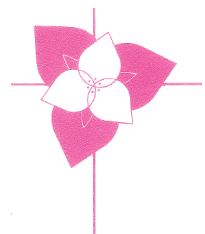
Trinity's "Drive-In"
Open for Business!
Sunday, June 3rd
10:30 am –2:30 pm

"Trinity's Drive-In" fundraiser returns on Sunday, June 3rd from 10:30 am—2:30 pm. Stick around after worship that day or stop on back to enjoy great hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, "Cap'n Joe's" chili dogs, ice cream floats, sundaes and more. All proceeds benefit our group's participation in the upcoming 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Mark your calendars. . .We really hope you can make it out!!



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JUNE 2018

Dear Trinity Friends,

This has been a long season of transition for the congregation. There was an interim pastor once Pastor Steve retired. Then, when I came 16 months ago, we began to experience more staff change. In the church office, Lori moved along for another job, Su retired. We hired Tammy and Doris to replace them; they are serving extremely well. Our Learning Center had to find a replacement for Jean who resigned in January. We hired Amy who is now doing a great job. And, we have gone through an evaluation process for worship and music that has brought us to our current staffing: Katie as Principal Organist, Barb as Organist Emerita, Heidi as Director for Worship and the Arts, and Matt Buchman from the University music department as director of the Sr. Choir and the Band.

I want to thank all the people involved in these transitions. There were numerous search committees, countless hours of looking at resumes, and many interviews. The Personnel Committee put together all of the job offers, wrote letters of employment, and looked into insurance and other matters. And, there was a team that volunteered to do an evaluation of our worship and music program, along with many people who offered their input through surveys and other means. Thanks to you all.

Now that our time of staff transition seems to be complete, I look forward to working out the best ways to function as a team. This always takes time, and there are small glitches that occur along the way. Please feel free to let me know if we are missing anything or if there are ideas about how we can best work together. Thanks to those who have already let me know of a few things that have gotten lost along the way.

Most of the developments in music and worship will occur in the fall once our regular music season begins. But, for now, please watch for how the screen is being used in a more artful and productive way. That is because one of Heidi's many gifts is to think creatively about how to use our state of the art screen in the most engaging ways. Please let Heidi know if you have suggestions or you like what you are seeing. And, please let me know if you have any suggestions for how we can all serve Trinity as we learn to work together in the months to come.

Blessings,
Pastor Clay



Our Missionary is Coming!

Mark your calendars. On Sunday, July 1st, Trinity will meet our missionary from South Africa, Pastor Philip Knutson, at its 9 am service. After hearing him preach, we'll gather in the narthex to learn about his work as the ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative for Southern Africa. And, yes, we'll supply coffee and treats to facilitate listening and lots of questions.




Although Pastor Knutson was born in South Africa to missionary parents, he has longstanding ties to the Midwest. He received his B.A. from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and his Masters of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Still another Masters was earned at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Back in South Africa, he obtained a Doctorate in Theology-Missiology (1998) from the University of the Western Cape.

Before becoming a Global Mission Regional Representative, Knutson served 17 years as a pastor with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA). During those years he and his wife Lou actively participated in the struggle against apartheid.

This year Trinity has a special interest in South Africa as three representatives, Pastor Clay, Bill Taugner, and David Blado, prepare to visit our companion parish, St. Katharina's, in Rustenburg, a major city 86 miles northwest of Johannesburg. (It was in a suburb of Rustenburg in 1975 that the 580,000 member ELCSA was founded from older churches.)

Let's give Pastor Knutson a warm Trinity welcome!
~David Blado, GLO Committee



SUNDAYS:
May 27 through
September 2
9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary
Child care provided

MONDAYS:
June 11 though August 27
6:30 p.m.
Chapel
Child care provided

Summer Monday Night Services

Our Monday night services will begin on Monday, June 11. Pastor Clay will be taking a week of continuing education the first week of June. Starting on June 11, our services will be held in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. This intimate service is a good one to invite friends to.

Companion Relationships East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ELCA) Companions with Western Diocese Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa (ELCSA)

One of the first actions taken when the ELCA was formed in 1987 was to establish a Companion Synod relationships program. This action marked a major transition in our relations with international church bodies. The “missionary era” had left us with vestiges of superiority and our having more important resources. Companion Synod relationships seek to instill in us that we are God’s people walking together in God’s mission.

Every synod has one or more formal Companion synod relations with an international Lutheran church body. In the early 1990s our synod was matched with the Western Diocese ELCSA. In the 2010’s synods began connecting with each other and in some cases visiting them.

Trinity has not participated in this mission in the past. This year, Pastor Clay was invited to participate and visit our Companion church St. Katarina in Rustenburg South Africa. David Blado and I will accompany Pastor Clay. Our hope is to nurture and strengthen one another for life and mission within the body of Christ. Companions participate in one another’s life and ministry through the exchange of visitors. We will be living with members of St Katarina’s congregation with the hope of learning more about their ministry and life styles. We won’t be going there to show them how to, but to learn about them and gain insight about the differences and also the sameness of our Christian and Lutheran religion. We will be able to worship with the St Katarina congregation on 2 Sundays.

Trinity will be part of a much larger event. There will be 12 other churches from our synod and a total of 46 individuals. The other churches will be going to 12 different churches all in South Africa. The group will depart Wisconsin on July 4th and fly to Johannesburg. From there we will travel to our various companion congregations. We will return on July 20th.

Please let us know if you have questions about this mission. We think it is a good way for Trinity to expand our global outreach. It may come to be that some members of St. Katarina will someday be able to visit us here in Wisconsin. Wouldn’t that be exciting?

Bill Taugner



Creative Expressions of Faith Books in the Church Library

To be human is to create. Christian faith has inspired musicians and artists for centuries.

Adult books on art:

Journey into Christian Art, by Helen De Borchgrave (246 Bor). Explores paintings, mosaics, and stone work used by Christian artists to portray their spirituality.

The Face of Christ, by Denis Thomas (246 Tho). A beautifully illustrated book showing the many portrayals of Christ in art.

Music and hymns:

Then Sings My Soul; 150 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories, by Robert Morgan (264 Mor).

My Favorite Hymns and the Stories Behind Them, by Norman Vincent Peale (264.2 Pea).

The Mozart Effect: tapping the power of music to heal the body, strengthen the mind, and unlock the creative spirit, by Don Campbell (615.8 Cam).

Intermediate books with arts stories:

Dia’s Story Cloth, by Dia Cha (Int Cha). A folk art story cloth stitched by hand tells the story of the Hmong who fled their native Laos and emigrated to the United States.

Masterpiece, by Elise Broach (Int Bro). Marvin the beetle and James, an 11 year old boy, get caught up in an art heist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Stolen Golden Violin, by Elizabeth Felt (Int Felt). Teenage violinists take on a mystery of a stolen valuable violin at the American Suzuki Institute at UWSP.

Primary books with a light look at art:

I Am an Artist, by Pat Collins (Pri Col). “I look at a bird until I feel feathery too.” An artist describes creating art from the world’s natural beauty.

Ozzie and the Art Contest, by Dana Sullivan (Pri Sul). Ozzie loves drawing and works hard on his entry for the art contest. He discovers to his horror that the subject was to be a boat and not the goat he drew.

The Day the Crayons Quit, by Drew Daywalt (Pri Day). When Duncan opens his box of crayons, they are missing. The crayons have quit. The black crayon is tired of outlining. The blue wants a break from bodies of water. Orange and yellow are arguing over the color of the sun.

Creative Reading, Cathy Palmimi for the Library Committee



We are called to pray, but for what purpose? Can we persuade God with prayer? Do we actually encounter God in prayer? Is the practice of prayer intended for the sake of the one praying or for the One to whom we pray? Joy Circle invites

you to join us for a three session study on the second Monday at noon in the church library on the following dates: June 11, July 9, and August 13. The study is published in the Gather magazine. If you need a copy of the study, please contact Su Melby at sumelby@charter.net.

WELCA Tomorrow River Conference Spring Event

On Saturday, April 7, sixteen women from Trinity gathered with 76 women from the WELCA Tomorrow River Conference for the 2018 SPRING EVENT. This year's event was hosted by our neighbor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Plover. The theme was "Sisters Helping Others: Hunger and Poverty." The Bible verse was Matthew 25:35 – "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in".

The excellent informative program included a panel on hunger and poverty featuring Representative Katrina Shankland, 71st District Assembly Representative. Rep. Shankland champions expanding opportunities for working families and is a strong advocate for clean government, investing in our public schools, technical colleges and universities, protecting our shared natural resources and growing family-supporting jobs.

Also included on the panel were

- ◆ Jan Freis who, among other things, is a volunteer at the Interfaith Food Pantry
- ◆ Jill Hicks who is Program Administrator of UW-Extension's FoodWise program in Portage and Wood Counties. This program engages communities to tackle hunger issues and ensure healthy food access for all.
- ◆ Rachel Sheets is a school social worker with the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools who works closely with students and families to address barriers to education including poverty, homelessness and mental health. She has been an integral part of the Family Backpack Program. Rachel is passionate about advocating for marginalized populations and calling the Church to acts of justice and mercy.

Some Portage County Data Highlights -

- 1 in 9 Wisconsin Household face food hunger/insecurity.
- 8,510 people or 12.1% are considered food insecure in Portage County. 32% of the 12.1% are above the income limits to receive monthly FoodShare benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- From 2015 to 2016, there was a 4% increase in individuals served by food assistance in Portage County.
- 29-3% of Portage County residents reported in the targeted

2017 LIFE in Portage County Community Survey that there was a time in the last 12 months that their family/household did not have enough food.

- In 2016, four elementary schools in Portage County had over 50% enrollment in the free/reduced lunch (income qualifying program).
- In 2016, Giving Gardens, Plant a row, and Glean Central Wisconsin Donated 21,811 pounds of produce to food pantries, meal sites, and shelters in Portage County.
- Starting in 2011, FoodShare dollars could be used at the Farmers Market, In 2011, there were 98 transactions (\$1,113), and in 2016 there were 274 transactions (\$5,681).

This wonderful gathering ended with a delicious luncheon. We're looking forward to next year's Spring Event which will be hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Iola.



~Jane Goudreau

Highlights of April 23, 2018 Council Meeting

Dave Acaley and Nikki Edmundson were appointed as council liaisons from the Trinity Learning Center and Preschool.



The proposal from the Worship and Music Staff Search Committee was outlined. Motion to accept carried unanimously.

Trinity Website: will be updating photos and information on new staff and combining various calendars into **one** Google calendar. It was determined that the web page should be kept as simple and user friendly as possible.

Endowment Request/Youth and Family: motion carried to request an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to provide financial assistance to those with multiple family members attending this summer's national youth gathering in Houston TX.

Karen Ilten
Church Council Secretary

Safety For All

Trinity is a busy place with church activities, the Trinity Learning Center & Preschool and some community groups. It is great that our facility is regularly used. This also means as stated in part of the Trinity Learning Center & Preschool's mission statement, "we need to help each child feel secure while they are away from home." Along with the children, also the TLC&P staff, church staff and members. Some of the ways we provide a safe environment for everyone are:

I. Security

- A. The following is Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Learning Center & Preschool's Policy:
 1. During business hours, all members/visitors of Trinity Lutheran Church entering the Trinity Learning Center & Preschool areas (1st floor north hallway and the lower level) will be asked to sign in/out on a log and wear a badge. Sign In/Out logs and badges will be located outside of the church office on the table by the window and in the Learning Center office.
 2. The door between the Narthex and Learning Center will be locked during the business hours of the Learning Center with the exception of church functions; examples Wednesday evening activities and funerals. Visitors needing access to the Learning Center area can knock or ask the church office to intercom the center's director and the door will be opened.
 3. A lock has been added to the recyclable area/kitchen door to provide limited access to the lower level via the southeast stairwell.
 4. Door chimes are installed on the Altar Guild door and the second story northwest stairwell door to monitor entry into the Learning Center area.
 5. A door chime has been installed on the south main entrance to monitor entry into the church area.
 6. The Learning Center has a tempered glass full size door installed at the inside entrance of the center with an electronic door lock activated using a finger print access code.
- B. Along with these security enhancements are the basement bathrooms and Women's 1st floor bathroom. During the Learning Center hours of operation, 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., these bathrooms are used only by Learning Center children and staff. This is in compliance with 251.06 (1b) Licensing Rules For Group Child Care Centers DCF 251. Therefore, during Learning Center hours of operation Trinity members can use the church office bathroom, and the Library/Chapel bathroom. They also can use the Gender Neutral bathroom found between the Narthex and Learning Center, but will need to come through Fellowship Hall or knock to gain to access. Exceptions to gaining access to the bathrooms between the Narthex and Learning Center are; Wednesday evening, the door is unlocked at 5:00 p.m.. and for funerals the door is unlocked.
- C. If the Stevens Point School District or the Stevens Point Police Department notifies the Learning Center of a lock-down all Learning Center and church doors will be locked until notified to unlock them.

There are 2 different types of lock-downs:

1. Soft Lock-down: The only people that would be allowed in the Learning Center are the staff, parents and authorized pick-up people. For those that come to Trinity they will need to call the church staff to be let in.
2. Hard Lock-down: No one will be let in the Learning Center or Trinity. These actions are for the safety of the Learning Center children, staff and Trinity staff and members.

II. Narthex

The area in the northwest corner of the Narthex is used by those Learning Center children under 2 1/2 years old in the event of inclement weather. That would be winter days when it is under 20 degrees, and Spring/Summer days when it is raining, a thunder storm or above 90 degrees. The objective is to provide stimulating developmentally appropriate learning activities through play; developing and increasing social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and self-help skills and encouraging self confidence, independence, creativity and a positive self-concept. In making this provision we are supporting licensing rules and maintaining the Learning Center's 5 Star rating.

III. Fenced Outdoor Play Area

- A. This area will be closed Monday 6:30 a.m. through Friday ,6:30 p.m..
- B. Friday at 6:30 p.m. it will be opened until Monday 6:30 a.m..
- C. This area will also be opened at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday when there is a potluck or for the Soup Suppers.
- D. Some of the other friendly reminders for this area are:
 1. Any church related youth activity in the fenced area shall have adult supervision
 2. All use not associated with the Learning Center or church shall be at the sole risk of the user(s)
 3. The rubber chips should remain under the playground equipment
 4. Use the playground equipment respectfully. Have fun and be safe in the fenced outdoor play area.

By all of us knowing about the safety efforts that are in place, we can be part of Trinity's mission which says, "Bring God's love to the world in witness" by working together to promote safety for all at Trinity.

Confirmation News

7 Trinity youth will be attending Confirmation Camp at Imago Dei Village, Sunday, June 10—Friday, June 15. Todd Lewis and Pastor Clay will be joining in on their experiences throughout the week. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as the ministry of



Crossways Camps and their staff as they head into another exciting summer. Confirmation campers and families will meet up in the Trinity parking lot on Sunday, June 10 at 2:00 pm for the drive over to camp. Plans are to be back at Trinity on Friday, June 15 between 2:30 and 3:00 pm.



Our youth and adults headed for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas will depart via motor coach from Trinity's parking lot on Monday, June 25th at 7AM.

Please join us that morning if you are able to for a Trinity send-off (arrive 15 minutes early if possible). The group will be traveling to "The Lone Star State" arriving on Wednesday, June 27th. They will join with 30,000 others there through Sunday, July 1st in 5 incredible days of worship, community and service, returning to Trinity early on the evening of Tuesday, July 3rd. Please keep them in your prayers throughout this mountaintop experience!



Summer is nearly here. That means it is time to think about Vacation Bible School. This year's program is titled **Maker Fun Factory – Created by God Built for a Purpose**. Curious kids become hands-on inventors who will discover they were lovingly crafted by God through interactive decoration and experiences. Trinity will be partnering with Beloved Community (Redeemer) again. VBS will take place July 30 through August 2 from 9 am to noon at Beloved Community. Child care services will be available prior to 9 am for students attending VBS (pre-registration required). Please complete the enclosed VBS registration form and return to the church office. Volunteers are also needed—music, story time, crafts, games, and snacks. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pam Houtman at (715) 342-4491. See you at VBS!

~The Christian Education Committee



June Acolyte Schedule

- June 3 Ethan Thomas and Matt Davis
- June 10 Jack Kienbaum and Alyssa Olson
- June 17 Allie Bena and Adam Rust
- June 24 Henry Kerske and Ashton Smola

9:00 a.m.

Amazon Smile

Introducing another way to support Trinity's ongoing Youth and Family programs. Are you an Amazon.com shopper? When placing an order visit www.smile.amazon.com instead and select Trinity Lutheran as the charity you support. It's quick and easy and 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items will be donated back to our ministry. AmazonSmile features the same selection of products, low prices and convenience as the regular site with the added benefit of supporting community organizations. Happy shopping!



SERVE



Spare a Dime for June—our Missionary's Choice.

When we learned Pastor Philip Knutson was visiting us on Sunday, July 1st, we asked him what he would like our June coins to support. Not surprisingly—he serves as ELCA Global Mission Representative for Southern Africa—he chose Global Ministries for that region. Here's how it works: companion church bodies in Southern Africa request financial support to expand their ministries. The ELCA responds with joint evangelism projects, such as starting new congregations, extending youth outreach in urban areas, or training pastors and evangelists. These joint projects are Global Ministries. With our donations in June we strengthen the Lutheran church in Southern Africa.

On their website, the ELCA is showcasing several Global Ministries in Southern Africa as part of "The Campaign for the ELCA." In Zambia the project entails "Constructing New Churches." While the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia is enjoying vibrant growth, most of its 40 worshipping communities meet in thatched pole-and-mud structures at the mercy of excessive rain and windstorms. With an additional 15 brick-and-mortar church buildings, they can hold workshops and seminars and operate a leadership training center for pastors and evangelists who serve the church.

Growth in nearby Zimbabwe by the local Evangelical Lutheran Church (now with almost 300,000 members) has prompted a "Building Up the Church" campaign. The ELCA will accompany the ELCZ as it constructs a new space for worship and social services in Bulawayo, a major city, and extends rural outreach to a new mission area urgently needing health services, new water sources and youth training in health and technology.

Walking together with the Lutheran churches of Southern Africa, working with them through Global Ministries and other ways, the ELCA is engaged in the major challenges of the region: peace and reconciliation, health and hospital services, development and sustainable livelihood, malaria prevention and control, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, and evangelism and leadership development.

Please give generously as we welcome our missionary and pray for the success of God's work in Southern Africa.

Grocery Donations

Interfaith Food Pantry (IFP) in Plover is the recipient of our grocery cart donations during June. You may have donated non-perishable food items to the Boy Scouts and Postal Carriers food drives in May. IFP receives enough canned items from those drives to last six to eight months. The smaller food collection groups (like us) combine to donate enough to last the rest of the year.

So this month IFP needs items that aren't typically donated during the food drives: paper products like toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex and health items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, conditioner, and body wash. They try to give out ingredients for complete meals such as pasta, rice and spaghetti sauce and other sauces. Other foods that are in more fragile packages, such as cereal are appreciated.

If you drive by the IFP building in Plover you will notice several raised beds. These are planted with green beans, peppers, tomatoes and not as familiar veggies such as kale and Brussel sprouts. Not only do the food recipients then have access to fresh veggies but they learn about new foods and some help with the weeding and harvesting.

Thanks for your generosity. No matter what you donate, it will be appreciated!

ELCA World Hunger Life-giving goats

Xie Liang-zhong is head of the Liming village in northern Yunnan province of China. He is a member of the Lisu ethnic minority, who live in extreme poverty. To improve the lives of his people, Xie works to bring electricity and water to the villages as well as passable roads. Xie also helps his neighbors explore sustainable sources of income, including growing walnuts and raising new breeds of goats.



The walnut trees provide the villagers with new means of earning an income. And with the support of ELCA World Hunger, the Lisu are able to raise new breeds of goats that are adapted to the local environment. In a region where hunger has been a daily reality, the goats are a source of stability and livelihood for the people of Liming. "Goats are good for the area," says Chao Wan-sheng, a resident of Liming. "They provide a steady income." His family is one of 13 in that area that now have a total of 400 goats.

Xie continues to work on a three-pronged approach – walnut trees, goats and grass to feed the animals – to move other hamlets out of hunger and poverty. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States. You can support this project and others like it by making a donation in your offering envelope and indicating the amount in the "World Hunger" box.

United Way of Portage County Community-Wide Diaper Drive



The United Way of Portage County is sponsoring *No Child's Wet Behind* Diaper Drive beginning Mother's Day, May 13, through Father's Day, June 17. Your diapers or monetary donations can be delivered directly to the United Way office located at 1100

Centerpoint Dr. #302 by June 20. Check their website for further details. Uway@unitedwaypoco.org

TLC WOMEN

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS AND THANK YOU'S

Due to the unusual spring snowstorm on April 14, we had a "rummage sale first!" We weren't able to get to church on Saturday for the Bag Sale or to clean up, so it was decided to leave everything there during the week. We opened the sale again on Thursday and had the Bag Sale and cleanup on Friday, April 20.

- Many THANKS to the Day Care for their efforts to accommodate this.
- THANK YOU to the many people who were willing to work extra times.
- THANK YOU to the very large cleanup crew who worked on Friday and made all the leftovers disappear in about an hour!
- Special THANKS to the Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study Group for their previous help with set up and now with cleanup.
- A HUGE THANK YOU to a few owners of trucks and trailers which are so necessary to transport the leftover rummage.
- THANK YOU to all of the congregation for bringing in your valuable "no longer needed belongings" to be turned into cash!

RESULTS of the Spring Sales - April - \$1,725 / May - \$1,305

These Rummage Sales have been going on for so long. It's hard to imagine the total good that has been done over the years because of them. We are in need of new people to get involved. When you see the sign-up table asking for your help, please step up and offer a few hours of your time. Many hands make light work. Come and join in the fun and fellowship!

Please mark your calendar for the fall sales which will be upon us before we know it. September 13-15 and October 4-6, 2018. Have a great summer in the meantime!



Some of the set-up crew on May 3rd.



Some of the clean-up crew on April 20.

Jane Goudreau, for TLCW Steering Committee

SAVE THE DATES

September 13-15—Rummage Sale
October 4-6—Rummage Sale

Women of the ELCA

Do Justice,
Love Mercy,
Walk Humbly with
Your God.

Micah 6:8

God's Work, Our Hands: Let's Get At It!
Advocating for Justice in Today's World
Saturday, September 8, 2018
Good Shepherd Lutheran – Plover

"In whose corner is God calling you to stand?" If there is an issue that touches your heart and you would like to act for change, attend this workshop to learn about the Christian roots of advocacy from Pastor Cindy Crane of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy. Breakouts will address practical ideas on how to advocate effectively and topics such as immigration, human trafficking, gun violence, domestic violence, poverty, and hunger. The event is free and open to the public. Register via Event Brite after May 1.

Take Up Your Cross and Walk God's Justice
September 21-22, 2018 – Imago Dei Village

All women are invited to attend the annual fall retreat for a time of worship, reflection, fellowship, and fun based on Micah 6:8 and Matthew 20. Pastor Angela Khabeb of Ascension in Waukesha will be the keynote speaker Saturday morning. For more information, contact Carol Cleveland cacleveland50@gmail.com.



CONNECT

Trinity Quilt Makers

The Trinity Women who make quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief have taken advantage of Thrivent's Action Team Projects to buy quilt batting and LWR Kit items. Many people have been involved in making quilts and kits and the \$250 projects have been a big blessing.

We are MAKING A DIFFERENCE: *"As God's stewards, we have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference by serving the Lord. God has empowered us to faithfully use our gifts, passions and talents to positively impact our churches, communities and the world."*

Summer is upon us and with it comes Rummage Sales. This is what we can use: T-shirts and Sleepers, size 6-24 months. If you find these items you can leave them on the counter by the elevator. And if you find sheets in good condition we can use them too.

We have two quilting days in June. They are **Tuesday, June 12th and Thursday, June 28th from 9-3 in Fellowship Hall.** Coffee, tea and treats are served mid-morning. Come and join us; if you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt. And we welcome new helpers too.

~Lois Hagen



Plan to join us at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at PJ's - Sentry World. We hope that you will join us. Please call the church office at 715-344-2869 if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

Volunteers Needed

VBS is looking for volunteers with music, story time, crafts, games, and snacks. VBS will take place July 30 through August 2 from 9 am to noon at Beloved Community. Volunteers can work as little as 1 hour just one day or help with everything. Please consider helping and sharing God's word with our children. Contact Pam Houtman at (715) 342-4491 to volunteer.



Trinity Receives Missionary Awards

They're posted on the display board in the narthex—two thank you certificates from ELCA Global Church Sponsorship recognizing Trinity's missionary commitment.

The first conveys an emphatic "thank you" for Trinity's being a "Top 100 Supporter of ELCA Missionaries." What an achievement! It's signed by Andrew Steele, Director of ELCA Global Church Sponsorship and Charlotte Flynn, Congregational Support Manager.

The second calls attention to our "generous support in 2018 of Philip and Lou Knutson," our missionaries living in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Fortunately Pastor Knutson will visit us soon. On Sunday, July 1st, he will preach at the 9 am service and then, as ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative for Southern Africa, present highlights of God's work being done in a region covering ten countries—the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Angola and Mozambique. ~David Blado, GLO Committee

So grateful for all the wonderful cards I received from my friends at Trinity and for the visit from Pastor Clay while I was in the hospital. For the church women that provided me with the beautiful Prayer Shawl that envelops me with love. And the altar flowers delivered by Judy Lerand. Thank you and God bless you all, ~Cindy Kluck



Dear Friends of Crossways,

I would like to thank you for your gift to Crossways Camping Ministries. Your generosity is of vital importance to the future of Crossways Camping Ministries and to each youth and adult camper who visits one of our three sites. Each gift helps to ensure that our programs will continue to serve our Mission for many years to come.

Again, thank you for your generous support in our efforts to equip people of all ages with an experience that will change lives and communities. Your gift will help us ensure that every camper or guest will be able to afford a quality camping or retreat experience.

For more information about Crossways Camping Ministries, please check out our website: crosswayscamps.org

In Christ's Service,

Laurie Wilkinson
Laurie Wilkinson
Interim Executive Director

Thank you so much for your continued partnership in ministry and generosity!

Thank you Judy Lerand for the delivery off May birthday flowers and greeting from friends.

~Rachel Favor

A note of thanks from Jackie Braun who was our nursery attendant for 3 years and is graduating from UWSP. . Thank you so much for welcoming me into your congregation over the last 3 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Sunday School, the nursery and worship services. Thank you for being a second family for Owen and I when we are away from home. Your kindness and generosity truly means so much to us! God bless,

~Jackie Braun

Volunteers like you are one in a million! Thank you so much for everything you do! We really appreciate it!

~The Brookdale Stevens Point Family

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

**"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." (Jeremiah 31:3 NIV)**

Thank you for your gift of \$157.69 to Lutheran Disaster Response. During this glorious Easter season, we celebrate our Lord's resurrection and all that this reality means in our lives. Thank you for sharing Christ's love and unfailing kindness through your recent gift to Lutheran Disaster Response.

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As church together, in the United States and more than 60 countries around the world, ELCA World Hunger walks alongside communities, churches and organizations to draw upon existing strengths and provide relief while working toward sustainable development. We are grateful for your partnership in this work that addresses so many aspects of life: agriculture, nutrition, water and sanitation – all of which influence health, education, income generation and savings. The combined impact is integrated, holistic and transformative.

Just as the Lord's resurrection delivers the same transformational hope to each of us and our brothers and sisters around the globe, your generous demonstration of love and kindness is universal. Thank you for walking with us.

Hallelujah!

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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TOWER DEADLINE: June 19, 2018

FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Envelope Offering (YTD)	161,984.00	150,106.49
Loose Offering	1,832.00	2,317.00
Miscellaneous	5,888.00	2,549.32
World Hunger	2,500.00	1,164.59
Seasonal Offering	4,500.00	5,565.00
Receipts (YTD)	176,704.00	161,702.40
Disbursements	209,316.00	196,155.67
Net (+/-)	-32,612.00	-34,453.27
Receipts (Month)	45,176.00	39,847.08
Disbursements	49,095.00	51,871.57
Net (+/-)	-3,919.00	-12,024.49

	2017	2018
Baptized Membership	1107	1094
Confirmed Membership	809	801
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	224	208
Average Sunday School Attendance	31	20

Funeral: Bob L. Christensen (Died 4/14/18; Funeral 4-23-18)

Baptisms: Alden Thomas Lewis, son of Tasha & Todd Lewis. Sponsors were Casey & Lukas Radke, Amery Holmes and Dalton Holmes. (4-22-18)

Baylor James Radke, son of Casey & Lukas Radke. Sponsors were Tasha & Todd Lewis. (4/22/18)

Transfer Out: Gerald Ugland to St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN. (4/9/18)

Cody Bussian, removed from membership, no transfer (4/30/18)

Calendar of Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Funeral Lunch Coordinators Jane Goudreau 341-3659 and Margaret Pitzrick 341-6019					1	2 9-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved
3 9:00 Worship Drive-in	4 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	5 10:00 Whispering Pines Service 1:00 Service Broadcast 4:00 4K Graduation 7:00 All Committee Night	6 11:00 Willow Brooke Service 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	7 6:45 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Northcrest Service 1:00 Brookdale Service	8	9
10 9:00 Worship	11 12:00 Joy Circle 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 Worship	12 9:00 Quilters 1:00 Service Broadcast	13 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	14 6:45 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Northcrest Service 10:30 Riverview Lodge Service 1:00 Brookdale Service 1:00 Wellington Service	15	16
Confirmation Camp						
17 9:00 Worship	18 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 Worship	19 Tower Deadline 9:30 Nursing Home Services 12:00 Lunch Bunch @ PJ's Sentry World 1:00 Service Broadcast 1:30 Library Committee	20 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	21 6:45 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Northcrest Service 1:00 Brookdale Service	22 Wedding Rehearsal	23 Wedding
24 9:00 Worship	25 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 Worship 7:15 Church Council	26 9:30 Nursing Home Services 1:00 Service Broadcast	27 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984	28 6:45 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 10:30 Northcrest Service 1:00 Brookdale Service	29	30
National Youth Gathering in Houston June 25-July 3						