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# trinity TODAY

Because God first loved us, we live as Jesus in the world.

## farewell

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## welcome

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## all saints' day

Sunday, Nov. 6

Please join us at worship to honor and celebrate Trinity's saints—both those whom we have welcomed into the Body of Christ through baptism, and those to whom we've said farewell as they've entered into life eternal. Names will be read at both worship services.

"Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection." – Luke 20:36



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

## What if we just as boldly practiced Love Speech!

# Going public!

Friends in Christ,

This article will start with some hard things but move us into hope!

Last week a member shared that she was approached by a Stillwater citizen who was appalled that Trinity is building affordable housing on our property (we are not) and said “We don’t want that riff-raff here.” The other woman went on to list the racial and ethnic groups that, in her mind, are not welcome or wanted in Stillwater. It was a tough experience for our sister in Christ and she was brave and respectful in the face of hard, hateful language.

What became clear as we reflected together on that conversation is that it matters that we take our faith public and live our Gospel witness out loud. A lot of voices are clamoring for airtime and some of them are hurtful, even hateful. And what is more, they are not quiet, shy, or polite about it.

For example, a protester on our corner recently gave me a dressing down about the sinfulness of female clergy, in front of my middle child.

We got an email from a neighbor in response to the Why Treaties Matter Exhibit and our series with Vance Blackfox, saying unrepeatable things about Indigenous people and other groups in our community.

Everyone was within their rights to say what they said, until it became hate speech.

**What if we just as boldly practiced Love Speech!** Remembering that the Apostle Paul teaches that love is an action, rather than just a sentiment, we might ask: what does love speech look like?

In the body of Christ, love speech looks like listening for understanding and removing ourselves from a situation when we can no longer be respectful or effective. It looks like asking people what they are concerned about, what they fear most.

It looks like yard signs, postcards, get out the vote activities, and voting for candidates that affirm our shared values, like hospitality, abundance, inclusivity and justice.

It looks like volunteering—as so many of you do!—in the community, showing up for all kids, and promoting policies and projects that uphold our neighbor and make our community the kind of place where all are welcome. (Please see the article on the next page about the exciting new emergency housing project through Washington County!)

Most of us—not all—come from reticent Northern European stock and are hesitant to speak up. But while our silence might feel polite, it also means other voices hold the floor, pepper social media, and dominate the air waves. The world needs the witness of Jesus-ians to know their belovedness and inherent worth in the eyes of God. The world needs Love Speech to remind us that we are one on this earth and that we need each other to create communities where all lives can thrive.

And, as one colleague said, aren’t we, after all, God’s riff-raff? Sinner and saint. Holy and beloved, warts and all! And all are truly welcome here! Say it loud and say it with love!

Blessings and peace,

*Pastor Chris*

### **Woodworkers/Helpers Needed!**

Please consider assisting our 4th and 5th graders in some special wood-working projects. See page 10 for more information.

# Emergency Housing: Love of Neighbor in Bricks and Mortar!

Some of you are already aware that Washington County has approved \$8 million to build or purchase a space for emergency housing in the county. The county has located a site in the city of Stillwater that they want to purchase and repurpose for this inspiring work. Right now, Washington County is already housing about 20 individuals or pairs (singles, couples, parent/adult child) in two hotels, one in Stillwater and one in Woodbury.

Further budget allocations provide the means to contract with Stepping Stones Emergency Housing to operate the housing. Supportive services will be located within the building, allowing the residents to move toward more permanent housing solutions. This work is already being done, but it's expensive to pay market rates for hotel rooms. Building emergency housing would offer the same supports more efficiently and economically to the neighbors that already live in Washington County.

That's an important detail. The people who would be housed in this new facility are already our neighbors. Many of them have jobs in the community, like checking us out at the grocery store.

While many struggle with disabling conditions, they are better able to achieve sustainable health and permanency with stable housing.

Sadly, there are rumors that the folks currently housed at the local hotel are

causing trouble, when in fact, they are not. They are vulnerable, often victimized by others staying at the hotel. Like we all do, they deserve safe housing.

**Every body is safer, when every body is housed.**

We are partnering with our local congregations in support of this project. So, over the next months we will update you about opportunities to support this holy, sacred work. (Yes, it's county work, but it is love of neighbor in bricks and mortar!)

What can you do?

Pray for this project, the leaders, decision makers, and the human beings at the center.

Get educated. There are info sheets on the Welcome Counter outside the church office. Ask John Hodler, Jeff Anderson, Roger Funk, Pastor Peter, or Pastor Chris your questions. We would all love to chat with you.

Contact your council person, offering your support for the project with your voice, prayers and enthusiasm.

This is the kind of community we want to live in. The kind that doesn't export it's vulnerable—rather embraces, cares for, and supports them. Offering each neighbor the dignity and safety they deserve.

**Every body is safer, when every body is housed.**

Please contemplate the information below and may you find it helpful in your caring conversations.

## Key messages:

- All people in Washington County want a safe and dignified place to live.
- The pandemic exposed the need for emergency housing in Washington County. The county has the capacity and the existing framework in place to respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- Washington County kept people safe during the pandemic with emergency housing in hotels. It was a wise use of public resources. The county can build on the success of the hotel program by creating space for short-term emergency housing.
- Washington County's emergency housing will create a safe, dignified, supportive place for people who live here to navigate homelessness and move toward the stability of home.
- No one can prosper without a home base. Supportive emergency housing gives people the chance to go to work, keep their health and stay in relationship with family and loved ones.

**Myth:** Providing emergency housing to homeless people will attract more homeless persons from other counties.

**Fact:** Washington County "exports" more homeless persons to other communities. In 2019-2020, an average of 58 Washington County residents utilized shelters in Ramsey, Anoka, and Dakota counties. We currently have 20 spaces in hotel shelter, and we have been at capacity the whole time. This allows very limited capacity to serve persons from other counties.

– Washington County | Community Services | Homeless Resources and Housing Information



## Budget Forum & Potential Capital Campaign

Sunday, Nov. 13

10 a.m. | Living Room

If you have an interest in, or questions about Trinity's budget or the potential Capital Campaign, this forum is for you! We will review the 2023 proposed budget that will be presented for approval at the annual meeting. We will also talk about the feasibility for a capital campaign to be voted on at the annual meeting. The 2022 Annual Report will be available to download prior to the budget forum.

## Annual Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 20

Noon | Garden Room

Lunch will be served

Please join us for the annual meeting of our congregation. The annual meeting is held in November as our fiscal year end is Aug. 31. You have an important role to play in both the ministry and management at Trinity. Lunch will be available. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.



## September 2022

Financially, preliminary results for September 2022 are displayed below. Contribution Income is off vs. last year. Income from Fees & Payments increased as compared to September of 2021, a reflection of increased participation post-pandemic. The 2023 budget is to be approved at the annual meeting, the proposed budget will be reviewed at the budget forum.

Below is a comparative summary this year vs. last, so far:

### Trinity Financial Update

September Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2023

	This Year	Last Year	'23 Budget
Contribution Income	59,981	71,722	-
Other Income	33,068	24,250	-
Total Income	<u>\$ 93,049</u>	<u>\$ 95,972</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
less: Expenses	145,562	129,533	-
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ (52,513)</u>	<u>\$ (33,562)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

#### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,136,046	3,252,465
Increase (Decrease)	(8,688)	(8,348)
Long-Term Debt - End of September	<u>\$ 3,127,358</u>	<u>\$ 3,244,117</u>
Line of Credit Balance - September	\$ 123,000	\$ -

## Comprehensive Campaign

*New and Renewing – the Next 150 Years*

Over the summer we conducted a feasibility study for a comprehensive campaign for Trinity to address three areas: mission, capital improvements, and debt reduction. With your input and the guidance of our consultant, Steve Olson of Olson Advancement, the council voted to move ahead with a vote for this campaign at the annual meeting on Nov. 20. Our constitution requires a congregational vote (with a two-thirds majority in favor) to proceed with a capital campaign.

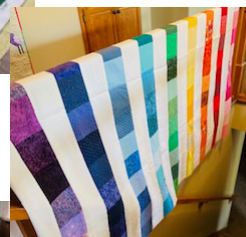
We have already begun creating a leadership team to shepherd this process should it pass: Chris and Marilyn Johnson, Mike Karlsrud, and Deb and Matt Simcik have already agreed to serve on the campaign cabinet.

The full case statement is available on our web site at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/council/annual-meeting/>. Please seek out the pastors or church council with your questions. And plan to attend the information session on Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. which will be in conjunction with the annual budget forum. We look forward to your questions and input!

## Quilt Raffle

### Outreach Missions Fundraiser!

The Outreach Missions Team will hold a Quilt Raffle Fundraiser from Nov. 6 through Nov. 20. Please look for the three beautiful quilts made by Trinity's Quilting Ministry team on display at Trinity! And watch for ticket raffle sales between services on Sundays in November. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20. The winners will be drawn at our Annual Meeting on Nov. 20 (you do not need to be to be present to win, but we sure encourage it!). All funds raised will go to the general fund of the Outreach Missions Team.





# Practicing Unity is Stewardship

By Noah Schumacher, Stewardship Chair

Greetings! As some of you may know, Oct. 19 was Unity Day at our schools. Unity Day is a day set aside to show how people coming together for kindness, acceptance and inclusion can put an end to bullying. If you would have walked the halls of our schools on this day, you would have seen pops of orange symbolizing a safe place for all students to learn, grow and be accepted. This is always a great event that proves how people coming together can make a difference.

There are many similarities between this day at school and our Trinity faith community. Although we do not all wear orange on the same day (even though that may be awesome), we continually promote the fact that everyone is welcome and we are better together. We educate ourselves on becoming more effective advocates for all people. We believe everyone is created in the image of God and therefore have valuable stories and infinite worth. We live each day as if it were unity day.

If you were lucky enough to hear our latest temple talks (check them out online) or have already flipped through the pages of this year's stewardship brochure (packets are currently being distributed) you would have come away inspired by our members' stories of kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Within these stories our members provided lists of what it means for them to give, reasons why they choose to call Trinity their home, and how they see their giving turn to action. The personal stories shared were great examples of how we at Trinity come together to make a difference.

Trinity is also filled with opportunities that unite us. Recently, our congregation experienced learning alongside Vance Blackfox (Cherokee) and the Why Treaties Matter exhibit. We learned how to be an ally and advocate for all who have been mistreated. We grew our hearts and brains in understanding how we repair our wrongdoings. We learned to listen, connect, and understand. Our members also continue to connect (or



reconnect after recent years). Events like worshipping together in person, fellowship after church, sharing a meal at dinner church, and singing along with Clark and company to the Wallin' Jennys (loved it) have helped to re-establish our togetherness.

Practicing unity is Stewardship. Educating yourself is Stewardship. Connecting with each other is Stewardship. During this annual giving campaign, prayerfully consider how you want to steward your time, talents, and treasures. Together we can make a difference. In unity.

"As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another." – 1 Peter 4:10



## Co-Create with God

PLEASE DON'T STOP READING!

Many of you will say, "this retreat is not for me because I am not creative." When, in fact, as the living body of Christ in the word, we (this includes you!) were fashioned by God to be God's co-creative agents: creators of love, hope, joy, solace, beauty, possibility, and even art! This retreat will explore how we engage in this holy work as a community and as individuals. Come and explore with us biblically, prayerfully, and practically how you were made!

**Fall Half-Day Retreat**  
**Saturday, Nov. 12**  
**9 am to 1 pm**  
**Memorial Lutheran Church**  
**in Afton**  
**Cost: \$25**

Come for time away to be refreshed, spiritually uplifted, make new friends and strengthen connections with those you already know! Cost includes hearty mid-morning snacks and materials.

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera or sign up at: <https://trinitystillwatermn.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/3d73b727-9610-4215-8ca6-4e5473418e44>

There will be a full weekend retreat Feb. 3-5, 2023 with the same curriculum.

Read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/special-event/>

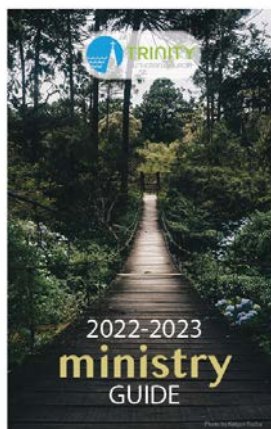
Questions? Contact Zanny Johnson at [zjohnson@trinitylc.org](mailto:zjohnson@trinitylc.org).





PLEASE NOTE: We will not be able to have the **Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner** this year due to a smaller number of volunteers. Further, rising food costs would make it more difficult to raise funds for Outreach Missions. We are imagining new ways to bring people around the table and into community volunteering together.

Did you get your copy of the **Ministry Guide**? Our Ministry Guide is an effort to summarize the tremendous number of opportunities to serve, learn and grow together as the Body of Christ at Trinity. Please use the guide to look for a path to connecting with God and each other. Pick up a copy at Trinity or download at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/>



The Light in Me sees and honors the Light in each of You

**YogaDevotion Chair/Flow Combo Class**  
**Thursdays 9–10 am | In-person and on Zoom**  
**Nov. 17 – Jan. 12 | \$72 for 8 classes**

No class on Nov. 24/Thanksgiving Day. Come and experience God's presence through the practice of yoga. Meeting in-person in the Narthex and online through Zoom—choose the option that works for you. Led by a trained yoga instructor, YogaDevotion is a practice of breath, prayer, and movement designed to encourage healthy living and a peaceful presence. For women and men of all skill levels and abilities. Beginners welcome, no experience needed!

Register and pay online at <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/care/yoga/>  
 Questions? Contact Sue Peterson at [toddinsue2@aol.com](mailto:toddinsue2@aol.com).

**men's bible study**

**Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.**

**Boutwells Landing**

Pastor Steve Hokonson is leading a Men's Bible study. The Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Skyview Conference Room located on the second floor of the Boutwells' main building located in Oak Park Heights. Invite your friends and neighbors, as participants are from Trinity and other area churches. Questions? Please contact John Hodler at [johnhodler@gmail.com](mailto:johnhodler@gmail.com).

**SOLO**  
**55** **PLUS**  
**Singles Group for Ages 55 & Up**

Solo 55 Plus is a faith-based fellowship group for those single and over 55.

Frequent activities are planned and announced in a weekly newsletter. To receive the newsletter, become a member, or seek information, please send email to: [SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com](mailto:SOLO55PLUS@gmail.com).



## You are invited to lead or host a 2022 Advent PAUSE gathering!

Advent PAUSE trainings will be offered:

**IN PERSON** on Nov. 28 at 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** via Zoom on Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm

If you are interested in leading or hosting an Advent PAUSE gathering, or would like more information regarding being a leader or hostess, please contact Karen Gieseke at 651-492-6610 or [kgieseke@live.com](mailto:kgieseke@live.com) by Nov. 15.

The special season of Advent is drawing near! Centered in love, invitation, and welcoming, this season creates a unique opportunity to gather, pause, and prepare ourselves to experience God's unconditional love through the gifts of stories and gathering. As we gather with new and old acquaintances and friends, neighbors, colleagues, and family, we open our hearts and homes to journey together during this special season.

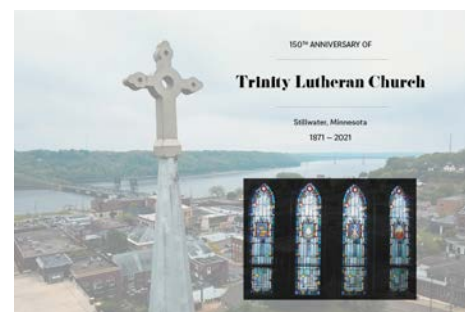
This year Advent PAUSE (Peace And Understanding a Season to Embrace) gatherings will be offered both in person and online via Zoom, based on your schedule and preference. We are happy to help leaders and hostesses with the planning and implementation for either!

Leaders and hostesses are at the heart of the Advent PAUSE gatherings. The tasks of these roles are centered in hospitality and story sharing.

**Advent PAUSE gatherings will occur around the week of Dec. 4-10.**

Assistance and support with the online Zoom portion of the Advent PAUSE gatherings is available. For more information or questions, contact Karen Gieseke at 651-492-6610 or [kgieseke@live.com](mailto:kgieseke@live.com).

Updates and signups will be posted on our web site at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/advent-pause/>



### Need a gift idea for your history buff?

A limited number of our keepsake hardcover history books titled "150th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minnesota, 1871-2021," written by dedicated Trinity members, are available for purchase for \$36 each. (A free PDF download is also available.)

Order your copy or download from our web site at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/history/>





## Worship Texts

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

Nov. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 6:20-31 or Luke 20:27-38**

Nov. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 21:5-19**

Nov. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 23:33-43**

Nov. 27 \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 24:36-44**



**Volunteers needed** at all Sunday services. Fun, easy service activity for individuals and families. Radical Hospitality is a core value at Trinity, please sign up to greet, usher or be part of the coffee crew. Read more and sign up at: <https://trinitylc.org/worship-music/hospitality/volunteer/>



NOTE: Daylight Saving ends Sunday, Nov. 6. Remember to set your clocks back one hour as needed.



SAVE THE DATE!

## A Christmas Celebration Concert

**Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 pm**  
**Worship Center at Trinity**

### Featuring:

- Trinity Choir, Clark Weyrauch, director
- Trinity Children's Choir, Sonia Esch, director
- Guest Soloist Anna Mandina, soprano
- St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra, Kris Tjornehoj, director

There will be a free-will offering to support music at Trinity.



### God is calling us back to the table. Wednesday Evenings at Trinity

4:30-5:15 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (K-5th grade) – Heritage Chapel

5-5:45 p.m. Open Gym

5:45 p.m. Eat Together – Garden Room

6-6:30 p.m. Dinner Church: Worship & Meal – Garden Room

6:30-7:45 p.m. Break into Small Groups:

- FAFA (Fourth And Fifth grade Affinity)
- Confirmation for grades 6-8
- Big Kid Confirmation
- Supervised play in the Gym for younger children

Read more: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/family/dinner-church/>

# Worship

**8:45 a.m. Worship** In person at Trinity, livestream and online

**11 a.m. Worship** In person at Trinity, livestream and online

**10 a.m. Learning Hour** Family & Children Faith Formation | Sunday Forum

## Coming up in November

### Sunday, Nov. 6

All Saints' Sunday (names will be read at both worship services)

**8:45 a.m.** Trinity Choir with Violin and Cello

**11 a.m.** Trinity Worship Band

### Sunday, Nov. 13

Stewardship Sunday

**8:45 a.m.** Trinity Choir

**11 a.m.** Trinity Worship Band

### Sunday, Nov. 20

**8:45 a.m.** Sine Nomine Singers

**11 a.m.** Trinity Worship Band

### Sunday, Nov. 27

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

From Generation to Generation...

*There's room for every story*

Matthew 1:1-17

**8:45 a.m.** Trinity Choir with Oboe

**11 a.m.** Trinity Worship Band



As you make your way, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved.

From generation to generation, God has been by our side.

From generation to generation, we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon." May it be so. Amen.

Adapted from liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](https://sanctifiedart.org)



# welcome NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, Oct. 16 we welcomed the following new members into our faith community. Please give them a warm welcome!



**Jim and Susan Bance**  
Both from New Richmond, WI and family oriented



**Bridgette Bernier, Andrew Knoflicek and Elliott**  
Outdoorsy • New to Stillwater • Croixwood



**Sylvia and Gary Cross**  
Met in Stillwater, OK in college • Retiring in Stillwater, MN



**Kristin and Jesse Overton, Jesse, Henry and Mattis**  
Recently moved to Woodbury (still unpacking)  
Excited to be part of the Trinity congregation



**Christine Thompson**  
Retired • Reader • Volunteer • Adventurous • Social • Researcher



**Holly, Sean and Lewis Wilmes**  
Adventurers • Loving and caring





## The Holy Family Is Here

Now Casting!

### Children's Christmas Program: The Holy Family Is Here Sunday, Dec. 18 at both worship services

Rehearsals Sundays from 12:30-1:30 pm, Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11

All children ages 4 through Grade 5 are invited to participate in this year's Children's Christmas Program, The Holy Family Is Here, during both the 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, Dec. 18! Rehearsals will take place in the Worship Center from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and 11. There are no auditions nor cost to participate, except for the gift of your time to help this production come together.

**Plot Summary:** The Holly family is new to church and have just been asked to play the Holy Family for the church's Christmas Program. The Holly family discusses the ask at the family dinner table and decides to say yes. The final scene is the rehearsal of the Christmas Program, where the nativity tableau comes together and the cast remembers the gift of love that came down at Christmas for us, Jesus our Emmanuel.

There are several speaking and non-speaking roles to be filled. To help gauge interest and ability, please register your child(ren) by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera or at <https://trinitystillwatermn.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/be57d710-ab69-4ddf-90d4-4abea3424c45>. Based on the group we have, Sarah Olson will configure the script accordingly and notify children of the role they've been assigned to play prior to Nov. 27.



# FAFA

(Fourth And Fifth Affinity) Group

## for 4th & 5th Graders

Wednesdays  
6:30-7:45 pm  
at Trinity

**FAFA Fall/Winter Session  
Woodworking Group  
Wednesdays, Nov. 9, 16,  
30, Dec. 7 and 14  
\$15**

Fourth and Fifth Affinity (FAFA) groups combine a spark of learning something new with fellowship and connection. Groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Trinity. (Come at 5:45 p.m. for Dinner Church—see page 8.) Every five weeks of the program year, a new menu of options is available for youth to choose from. Please register by Friday, Nov. 4 to allow FAFA group leaders time to plan for supplies.

#### **Fall/Winter Session:**

**Woodworking.** Measure twice, cut once! Meet with a group of experienced woodworkers from the congregation to learn how to make a Leopold Bench as a service project for Trinity, a bird feeder to gift to a loved one, and special keepsakes for yourself. A fee of \$15 helps cover the cost of supplies.

To register scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit: <https://trinitystillwatermn.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/1b3fdce3-794f-4b64-b0c1-771f2715871b>



#### **Woodworkers/Helpers Needed!**

The FAFA Woodworking leaders are also looking for extra adults to assist youth with projects for this session. No woodworking experience needed! Please contact Sarah Olson at [solson@trinitylc.org](mailto:solson@trinitylc.org) if you are willing and able.

# Living Faith in the Modern World

Sunday Forum | Sundays at 10 a.m. | Garden Room

*A place for all adults and teens to wonder, learn, share and grow in faith*

## Nov. 6 – **Sabbatical Reflections**

Pastor Chris will share her experiences and reflections from her travels in Iona during her sabbatical.

## Nov. 13 – **From Fragility to Bold Faith**

Please join us for From Fragility to Bold Faith: Lutheran Reflections on Race, the Church, and American Society. Guest speaker, Dr. Anthony Bateza from St. Olaf, will discuss what Luther and other Lutheran leaders have said about our civic responsibility as Christians, what that means to us today, and more! Anthony Bateza is an Associate Professor of Religion; Department Chair of Race, Ethnic, Gender and Sexuality Studies; Director of Race and Ethnic Studies. He is a specialist in Martin Luther, moral theology and Christian ethics. Luther's political theology is his primary area of research, focusing on the reformer's understanding of human agency and his relationship with the virtue tradition and Augustinian thought. He is also personally and professionally invested in questions of race, identity, and social justice. He has written on Black liberation theology and connections between Lutheran teaching and confronting racism in the United States.



## Nov. 20 – **Welcoming Advent**

Please join us for a welcoming Advent event From Generation to Generation: God Dwells With Us. What does it mean to have God dwell with us? Is this individual or community? How do we experience, express and share this in-dwelling with others? This intergenerational forum is for people of all ages and stages as we prepare for the season of Advent with devotion, using art to express faith together, and fellowship. Bring your friends and family for this fun event! (This session meets in the Gym.)

No Sunday Forum on Sunday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving weekend.



## November Monthly Family Faith Event: Welcoming Advent

**Sunday, Nov. 20 | 10 am | Gym**

Families of all ages and stages are invited to the Gym on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. to help welcome in the Advent season with devotion, making art together, and fellowship.

## BIG KID CONFIRMATION

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (whenever Confirmation for Grades 6/7/8 meets)**

Most confirmation small group leaders say it was the best thing they did for their own faith formation. Each Wednesday evening that confirmation is in session we are having a concurrent Big Kids Confirmation, studying the same things but from an adult perspective. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org](mailto:cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org).

LIFELONG FAITH  
FORMATION

## Sunday Forum Sparks Important Discussion of Current Issues

*By Jon Fogelberg, Sunday Forum Participant*

The first amendment to our U.S. Constitution prevents the government from making laws that regulate an establishment of religion, or that prohibit the free exercise of religion, or abridge the freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, the freedom of assembly, or the right to petition the government for redress of grievances.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, Dr. Bob Boyd led a Sunday Forum which explored how and why the religious beliefs and practices of America's earliest colonists, early American leaders (Washington, Adams, Madison, Franklin and Hamilton), the Great Awakening (1730s and 1740s), The Enlightenment (1680-1790), and even the French Indian War (1754-1763) shaped the religion and politics that led to this important amendment.

The Forum under the leadership of Pastor Peter and Penny Catlin seeks to educate us regarding the foundations of our beliefs, faith, and Lutheran background.







OUTREACH  
MISSIONS



ANGEL TREE

*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

## Angel Tree

**Dec. 4 – grab a tag | Dec. 11 – gift due**

Trinity has participated in Angel Tree for more than 20 years. Angel Tree is a program where gifts are bought for children of incarcerated people. The tree will ONLY be up on Sunday, Dec. 4. Take a tag, buy the gift, and return wrapped on or before Sunday, Dec. 11. Questions can be directed to Wendy Worner at [wworner@earthlink.net](mailto:wworner@earthlink.net) or Sandy Wendt at [sjwendt46@gmail.com](mailto:sjwendt46@gmail.com).



## Valley Outreach volunteers

Each month members of Trinity meet on a Monday to sort clothes to be given to those in need at Valley Outreach. You are welcome to join us! Ask any member of the Outreach Missions team for more details.

## “Here’s the Scoop” at Cimarron Kidspace Library!

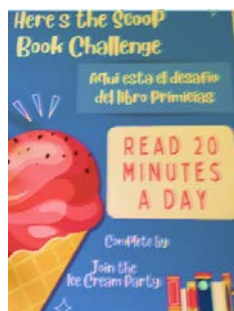
*By Norma Wilson, Kidspace Team*

The Cimarron Kidspace Library formally opened as part of the Cimarron Youth Center’s summer celebration. Families were welcomed to explore the library and check out books. This library was subsidized by Trinity’s Outreach Missions Team, Trinity Tuesday Morning Book Club, Thrivent, Elks Lodge, and individual donations.

“Here’s the Scoop” is the next celebration for school-aged children in the after school care program at Cimarron. Site Coordinator Andy Calixto extended time at the center for children who joined the new Kidspace book club. English/Spanish parental permission forms were provided and children color an ice cream cone each day they read for 20 minutes. Andy states they “use the library once a day;” “it is spectacular in my eyes” to have kids lengthen their stay to read. Volunteers provide ice cream and the activity for the event.

Andy partners with Teen Site Coordinator Ahn Doan who has middle schoolers who both read to and listen to children read. Together they are planning a November Fall Festival Family potluck. Library volunteers will participate as well. A retired Lake Elmo teacher volunteers two hours a week with the children. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, a background check is necessary. Family Means covers the cost of this and Margaret Irwin ([mirwin@familymeans.org](mailto:mirwin@familymeans.org)) would be happy to assist you. Spanish speakers are especially needed!

Andy believes “We’ve been able to do a lot for the kids with this library and we have more ideas coming.” We are grateful to God for the caring leadership Andy and Ahn provide through Family Means, our Trinity faith community for financial support, those who donated books, Anna Circle, and volunteers who actively participated to develop the Kidspace Library. With Gratitude to God for all of you!



## Accompaniment at Work

*By Sandy Wendt and Sandy Weber*

Working alongside local people to build homes is the mission of the Fuller Center for Housing—a non-profit organization located in Americus, Georgia, which builds homes in the United States and around the world. Trinity members Sandy Wendt and Mark, Sandy and Craig Weber traveled to Portugal this fall to help build a home. The pictures below show them working in Braga, Portugal on a factory that is being reconfigured to ultimately house six families.

The recipients of a Fuller home participate in the building as well as pay for it. They met the father of three who works on the project and is from Syria. They also met a single mom of four who left Cameroon, making her way through Algeria, Italy and ultimately ended up in Portugal.

To participate in this program only takes a desire to give back. No special skills are needed, although your gifts will be utilized wherever you would choose to go. As Sandy reports, “It’s heartwarming and satisfying to know that someone’s life will be changed—including your own.”



# Praise God for those who led before us, inviting us to “Come and See”

## In Memory of Don Amus Fultz

By Michele Hermansen, Outreach Missions Team

The Rev. Don Fultz, age 84, passed away on Oct. 2, 2022.

Many in the Trinity community think of Don in partnership with Eunice, his wife of 59 years. Or perhaps your connection may be as the father to Todd Fultz or Tami Salo, or the loyal grandparent to five grandchildren. Maybe you met him as the pastor and grieving parent of son Tim who passed away, and then wrote a book and helped others to find their way through grief and loss. Perhaps you know him as your visitation pastor, a role he fulfilled well in the past few years for Trinity during his retirement.

Some of us were blessed to meet Don (and Eunice) as the first volunteer coordinators of Bega Kwa Bega (BKB)—the relationship between the Saint Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. The day after “retiring” from full-time parish ministry in Forest Lake in 2000, Don and Eunice began their 13-year ministry in a new role as volunteer coordinators of BKB, often spending half the year in the U.S. and half in Tanzania. Don was known for welcoming people to “Come and See” what is happening here in Tanzania; “Come and See” what God can do when we all walk Bega Kwa Bega (shoulder to shoulder).

During the Celebration of Life for Don at Trinity, Pastor Nixon Mwitula of the Iringa Diocese brought greetings from Bishop Blastone Gavile and the Diocese. He enumerated some important contributions to the Iringa Diocese that would always be remembered of Don Fultz’ mission and pastoral work:

1. Don was among the founders of BKB and more than 66 congregations now benefit from this relationship;

2. Don’s ability to secure scholarships for orphans and needy Christian and Muslim students from Secondary to University level;
3. Connecting other institutions to support good earth care, through the safe water project and including microfinance to alleviate poverty;
4. He learned both Swahili and HeHe to build relationships;
5. Personally supporting vulnerable students at Huruma Center [orphanage].

Pastor Mwitula closed his remarks by saying, “He lived the Gospel.”

Pastor Phil Peterson who served with Rev. Fultz in several capacities over the years gave several examples that building relationships was what was important to Don. He told about meeting Don in 1977 as part of the interview process for a job that Don had orchestrated. It was 11 years before the formation of the ELCA, when there were two different Lutheran denominations. The pastoral job would be shared between the two churches. “Don had demonstrated the possibility of uniting in mission two congregations from two Lutheran denominations. The relationships were more important to Don than the differences between those two Lutheran bodies.”

Thank you, God, for helping this relationship expert, these relationship partners, to say “Yes!” to your call to pioneer the relationship ministry between the Saint Paul Area Synod congregations and the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania! We have been richly graced with the fruits of their labor.



In gratitude for Don Fultz’ contributions to establishing Bega Kwa Bega, our Tanzanian partner relationships, and our understanding of Accompaniment Mission, the Outreach Missions Team has contributed \$1,000 on behalf of Trinity for the support of Bega Kwa Bega—Saint Paul Area Synod in memory of Rev. Fultz.

Read the obituary at: <https://www.bradshawfuneral.com/obituary/Don-Fultz>

Also, in this short video from the Saint Paul Area Synod, Don described how he came to serve in Tanzania and the insights travelers from our synod experienced when they visited: <https://vimeo.com/759586838>

### Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival

The 2022 Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival will be held Saturday, November 19, at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury and also livestreamed on Facebook at @BegaKwaBega. Join past travelers, mission supporters and anyone interested in learning more about our global companionship with the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. Special guests include the Rev. Askali Mgeyekwa and the Rev. Jiskaka Lwila. The festival includes affiliate presentations, a keynote, breakout sessions and closing worship. Learn more and register at [www.spas-elca.org/2022-bkb-fall-festival](http://www.spas-elca.org/2022-bkb-fall-festival).



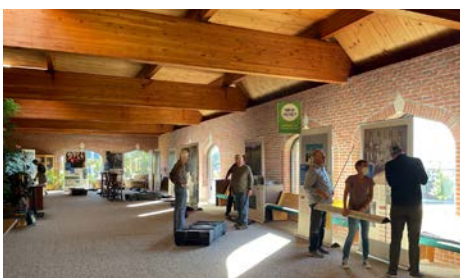
## Why Treaties Matter

We were so honored to be the host site of the traveling exhibit *Why Treaties Matter: Self Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations* in September and October. This interactive exhibit emphasized American Indian sovereignty as an ongoing continental reality. Through a series of display banners and interactive videos, we learned from Dakota and Ojibwe Nations' new and innovative ways to create community, build sustainable systems, and relate to one another.

The exhibit is a collaboration of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, the Minnesota Humanities Center, and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. Brought to you by the Racial Justice Ministry Team, Trinity was the first church to host the exhibit and it will next be at the Minnesota History Center.

The exhibit included 20 public viewing hours and we had more than 330 guests engage with the material. Special thanks to the Tuesday Guys for their careful attention in setting up and taking down the exhibit, and to Sara Wagner and Sheila-Marie Untiedt for being docents for our faith community.

Read more about the racial justice team at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/racial-justice/>



## Listen • Understand • Connect

By Ann Wolff, Racial Justice Ministry Team

What a powerful week for Trinity and for our community! The Racial Justice Ministry Team invited Vance Blackfox, Indigenous theologian and citizen of the Cherokee Nation, to teach us. We wanted to listen, to understand, to connect. But we had it wrong. Vance said he came to heal us. I tear up just writing those words, and they are tears of healing.

It's going to be a long journey, a life-long journey, a life-changing journey. And most importantly, it's a journey we're on together, as one. It's a spiritual journey and a life-giving experience.

Seeds have been planted in our hearts and in our minds and no one knows how to nourish seeds like our Indigenous brothers and sisters! We have so much to learn from them, including how to live in relationship with all beings of Creation and how to live in a spirit of Thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving suggestions:** In celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day, I bought a book for my 3 year-old granddaughter. I'm going to buy another to read to my teenage grandkids and to all who will be around the table this Thanksgiving. It is *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story*. It's amazing and beautiful. Maybe we'll read it every year. Maybe next year our family will learn from Indigenous Peoples and choose a day that honors our ancestors (perhaps a birthday or marriage) and enjoy a turkey dinner and football games. Maybe next year, on the third Thursday in November, we'll honor Indigenous People and their Day of

Mourning by having everyone prepare a recipe from *The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen* cookbook, by Sean Sherman.

**Christmas suggestions:** We collected an offering at each Listen, Connect, Understand event, as Lutherans do, and the entire collection of \$900 was given to Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, a non-profit social and mental health services organization committed to traditional ways of being and support of Native women and their families (<https://www.miwrc.org>). Building on *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story*, which will certainly open hearts and minds, there are many creative ways to open hands at Christmas by "returning the gift" (an Indigenous practice) in ways that build up our Indigenous family.

**Racial Justice Ministry Team invitation:** Watch for more opportunities to listen, understand, connect and contact Rachel Schmeltzer at [rachel.schmeltzer@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.schmeltzer@gmail.com) if you'd like to join our team. All are welcome.





## BAPTISMS

- **Elliott Andrew Knofliceck**, son of Andrew Knofliceck & Bridgette Bernier
- **Dorothy Joanne Kruse & Linden Miles Kruse**, children of Justin & Ashley Kruse
- **Finnley Budd Sanocki**, son of Carter & Callie Sanocki
- **George Peter Harris**, son of Cole & Lauren Harris

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

## CORE VALUES

Engaging Worship  
Radical Hospitality  
Authentic Community  
Lifelong Faith Formation  
Compassionate Action



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

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of **Don Fultz**
- To the family and friends of **Evie Linner**

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**Call or text 988**



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## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### Sunday, Sept. 25

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 133  
Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 59  
Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 104  
In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 104  
Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 10  
Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 51

### Sunday, Oct. 2

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 152  
Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 59  
Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 129  
In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 93  
Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 14  
Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 51

### Sunday, Oct. 9

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 170  
Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 92  
Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 139  
In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 99  
Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 13  
Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 35

### Sunday, Oct. 16

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 150  
Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 91  
Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 115  
In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 83  
Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 59  
Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 119

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

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## SACRED SITES TOUR with the Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation

**Sacred Sites Tour**  
**Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Meet at Trinity at 9:15 a.m. to carpool  
\$40 | Tour is limited to 50 participants

In our efforts to create understanding, learning and dialogue between Native and non-Native peoples, we gather to immerse ourselves in Minnesota history from a Native perspective. The tour explores Indigenous history, culture and sacred sites through storytelling and by being present to one another through silence/meditation/reflection and sharing.



Tours are appropriate for adults and older youth. There is no charge for youth (ages 13-18) or for anyone who identifies as Native/Indigenous. With the exception of service dogs, it is not appropriate to bring your pet on the tour.

**Facilitator: The Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs**

A member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation of central Wisconsin, Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs is a cultural facilitator who works to raise the public's awareness of American Indian causes and injustices, founder of Healing Minnesota Stories and Co-Director of Racial Justice for Minnesota Council of Churches.

**More Details:** Dress for an extended walk on uneven terrain. People who may have difficulty standing for storytelling may want to bring lawn chairs. While there is no time set aside for lunch during the tour, participants are welcome to bring snacks as needed. Please bring your own water.

Registration required, scan the QR code at left with your camera smartphone or sign up at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/who-we-are/racial-justice/>