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# *trinity* **TODAY**

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



PHOTO: Tiny Home Blessing,  
see pages 3 and 6 for more.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”  
– Matthew 6:19



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Our comprehensive campaign is  
underway, please see page 5.



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

# It's awkward to come back, isn't it?!

We have all been in that position: we have stayed away from church, a book group, a fitness class, or coffee gathering for so long that it feels awkward to come back. We dread facing all the "Where have you been?," "Thought you forgot about us!," etc.

A simple "Well, hello there, stranger." or "Long time, no see!" sounds like someone shouting an accusation across the room while a spotlight descends on YOU!

Yep. It does feel that way. No one can talk you out of that feeling. And perhaps, if you are among those who are hesitant to come back, you can hear another truth. You are missed. (You are. It's true.) And you are wanted.

Truth is, sometimes we go away for a while. We fall out of the habit. We need a break. We were hurt or put off by something and need to step away.

There really is no "not awkward" way through that first gauntlet back. For the simple reason that people miss you and are happy to see you! And they will express that happiness gracefully and gracelessly! Be assured that no one thinks less of you or mutters over your absence behind your back. (At least not in front of Pastor Peter or me!)

It is true, someone might say: "Are you new?" They themselves might be new or might simply have never met you. We can offer each other a lot of grace. We are a big church and it's impossible to know everyone. So, when we see a new face, maybe we can gently ask: "Have we met yet?" And we can receive the inquiry gently. We are all trying to make a human connection!

Over the last few months, I have met several of you back in the building for the first time in years. **THAT IS THE BEST NEWS!** We want you back! Not your money. Not your muscles. **YOU.** Our brother, sister, sibling in Christ.

And if you are thinking about coming back, it means you need us, too. We need each other. So, let's wade through the awkward, and bear up under the uncomfortable, well-meaning stuff. You are important. And you can step back in. Awkwardness and all. Because we are the body of Christ and belong to each other.

You matter. There is room for you here. Please come home.

*Pastor Chris*

## It's so nice to see you!

### **Myths & Facts about Emergency Housing provided by Washington County**

**Myth:** People who are homeless are violent, dangerous, and/or criminals.

**Fact:** **A person who is homeless is less likely to perpetrate a violent crime than a housed person, and is in fact more likely to be the victim of a violent crime, especially if they are a homeless woman, senior or child** (Washington State Department of Commerce, 2016). The alternative is the indignity of people living in cars or on the streets, which none of us want.

**Myth:** Homeless people have done something to deserve it.

**Fact:** **Experiencing homelessness or housing instability is not a character defect.** It is often incurred because of the sudden loss of income, loss of a partner/roommate, health emergency, disability or a circumstance beyond one's control.



PASTOR OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION  
**THE REV. PETER WESTON MILLER**



# Tiny Homes Teach Huge Lessons

On a brisk January evening overlooking Bennet Lake in Roseville, a few of Trinity's Housing Strategy and Advocacy Team and pastors helped bless a new neighborhood of tiny (lake) homes with a growing following of Settled community partners. Trinity helped build one of the dwellings and everyone was alight with smiles and the soft glow of defiant candles. And some tears of joy.

It had been a long time in the making and lots of tireless work to see this new development find these fruitful footings, including building a beautiful Community Room inside Prince of Peace to support these new neighbors, where we shared refreshments and gratitude for God's presence in this place.

When we toured the home that Trinity helped build, where a young family of three is living, the daughter had made a series of small gratitude keepsakes to share with the supportive community. Little cards with hearts and flowers and some greenery and the word "Home." It was a huge gift of thanks for this cozy beloved home.

This is such great ministry, Trinity, and a movement with so many lessons wrapped up in tiny blessings. Tiny homes offer a different way to practice neighborliness that is community-led, community-built, and community-funded. They challenge old models of stacked housing developments and invite creativity in church buildings. It may not solve all the housing issues that people have, but it's starting small with a solid foundation and gaining faithful momentum across the county.

It can take time to see these kind of ministry seeds grow, especially when we seek to engage in big challenges locally. But this kind of small but mighty generosity continues to inspire.

*Pastor Peter*

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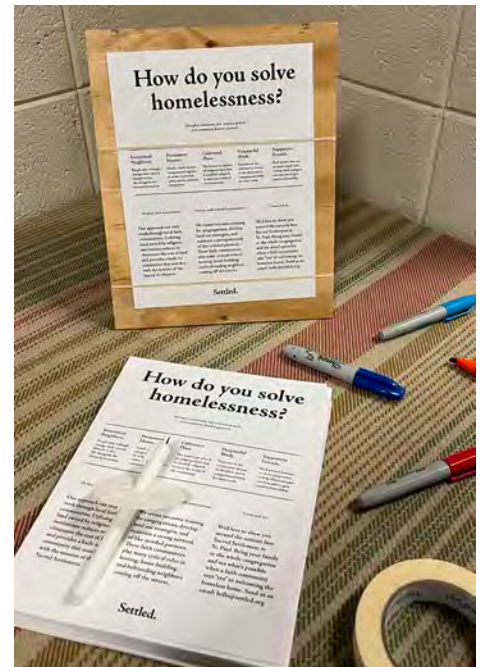
**Tiny Home Blessing  
For Settled Prince of Peace –  
Roseville Jan. 15, 2023**

**God of homecoming and  
new Beloved community, we  
thank you for your light and  
we ask you to bless these  
homes and all who dwell  
in them.**

**Thank you for all that has  
gone into these spaces—not  
simply the raw materials  
but, designing, building,  
advocating, furnishing,  
financing, and praying that  
they become beacons of  
hope and settled life.**

**May this truly be a Sacred  
Settlement of abundance  
and your provision. May it  
signal to this neighborhood  
and the whole Twin Cities  
metro the power of fresh  
possibilities. Guard these  
homes with your Holy Spirit  
and may it be a shelter of  
your care.**

**In your name we pray, Amen.**



## GIFTS MANAGEMENT

### Trinity Financial Update

#### December Year-to-Date - Fiscal Year 2023

	This Year	Last Year	'23 Budget	% of Budget
Contribution Income	398,878	411,112	1,361,300	29%
Other Income	147,701	147,490	406,800	36%
Total Income	<u>\$ 546,579</u>	<u>\$ 558,602</u>	<u>\$ 1,768,100</u>	
less: Expenses	605,676	613,172	1,767,570	34%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (59,098)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (54,570)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 530</u></u>	

#### Long-Term Debt Summary:

Long-Term Debt - Beginning of Fiscal Yr.	3,136,046	3,252,465
Increase (Decrease)	(39,714)	(38,350)
Long-Term Debt - End of December	<u><u>\$ 3,096,332</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,214,115</u></u>
Line of Credit Balance - December 31	\$ 90,000	\$ 75,000

### Thrivent Members— Did You Know?

#### Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2023, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars. Help support Trinity Lutheran Church. Choice dollars are designated equally between Outreach Missions and Building. Go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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### Financial Notes December 2022

Contribution Income for the fiscal year through December YTD is \$12K behind last fiscal year. Contribution Income for the month of December was \$185K, \$17K higher than December 2022. Total Income YTD is \$8K less than this time last year. As discussed, we continue to see the timing and form of receipt of Contribution gifts fluctuating greatly v. past years, making it difficult to project expected fiscal year results. A number of our members who pledge did not complete their pledge for CY 2022, representing a contribution income shortfall of over \$75K. Economic and stock market worries could very well be affecting this result. Program Registrations, Fees & Payments and Building Rental Income are up a combined \$14K YTD vs. last year, as we continue to experience increased levels of activity in our building and programming this year. Overall, YTD Operating Expenses are \$34K higher than YTD December 2022. Personnel Expense, \$18K higher, and Operations, \$19K higher, (TrinityFEST/ Social Justice/History Books/Insurance) account for much of that increase. YTD our Contribution Income continues to lag behind last year and budget. Thus, we are carrying a balance in our Line of Credit of \$90K, compared to a balance of \$75K last year at this time.

Trinity's new Giving & Registration Kiosk is now up and running in the Commons! Early returns indicate that people are pleased with the addition. Construction of Trinity's dedicated mobile app is underway and will be available soon, to assist us in taking advantage of current technology for giving and registration as well.





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### Saturday Imagination Gathering for All Ages

Saturday, Feb. 11 | 9:30-11:30 am | Garden Room

### Imagination Sunday Worship (one service only)

Sunday, Feb. 19 | 10 am | Worship Center

### Comprehensive Campaign Docent Tour (see page 11 for details)

Sunday, Feb. 19 | 11 am | Gather in the Garden Room

# Our comprehensive campaign is underway!

#### Join us to imagine what God can do through us!

**Saturday, Feb. 11 | 9:30-11:30 am | Garden Room**

Join us for a Saturday Imagination Gathering for All Ages with Donuts & Coffee! Bring the kids. We love their ideas. Activities and supervised play in the Gym.

Trinity's comprehensive campaign is designed with three key goals, aligned with our shared values:

- Mortgage Debt Reduction (70% of funds)
- Deferred Maintenance of Assets (20% of funds)
- Financial Accompaniment (10% of funds) – gifts to mission-focused programs

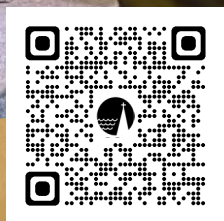
Read more: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/comprehensive-campaign/>

Questions? [info@trinitylc.org](mailto:info@trinitylc.org) | 651-439-7400

**NOTE! One-service only at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19!**

For **Imagination Sunday**, we'll gather as one body of Christ at **10 a.m. in the Worship Center**. Pick up your packet for the comprehensive campaign. And because the drive in is 50 years old this year, we're having **Drive-in(door) Style Worship** in our Worship Center to celebrate. Fun and casual, music from the Trinity Choir, Worship Band and brass—and the famous drive-in scones!

# imagine what God can do through us



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





*tiny home*

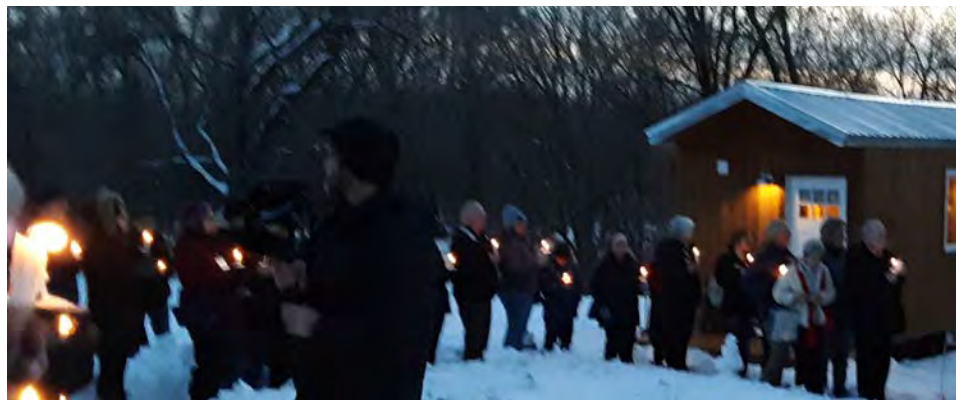


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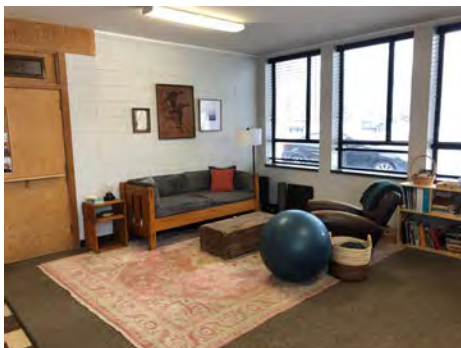
Please enjoy the photos on this page and the next that were taken Sunday, Jan. 15 during the tiny home blessing at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Roseville.

James and Mischa, along with their daughter Avia and dog Bella, will occupy the tiny home funded and built by Trinity volunteers. It is one of the first two homes ready to go. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts of time and money to make this possible.

Families living in the tiny homes also share a living space called the Common Room indoors at Prince of Peace.







## We are happy to deliver your food donations to Valley Outreach!

A reminder that many individuals and families struggle to put food on the table everyday. There is a bin at the top of the 4th Street stairs where you can drop off donations of non-perishable food at Trinity. Donations will be delivered to Valley Outreach by Outreach Missions Team members.

If you choose to bring your donations directly to Valley Outreach you may drop them off Mondays from 9:30–11:30 a.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30–6:30 p.m. New or gently used clothing for the StyleXchange can also be dropped off during those same hours.

Valley Outreach is always in need of volunteers, too. To learn more check out their website at: <https://valleyoutreachmn.org/>



## Thank you!

Thank you to all who sponsored a family, contributed gift cards, gifts, or money to the Holiday Hope Program at Community Thread. Thanks to you, 806 households, 3,188 individuals, 1,793 children, and 588 families had a Merry Christmas. Over the last five years of Holiday Hope, there has been a 181 percent increase in the number of people served. Your gifts demonstrated love and gave struggling families living in Washington County hope and assurance that someone cared about them and their family. Thank you for helping spread God's love in our community!



PLEASE NOTE: One service only at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, see page 5 for details.

## 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.

Feb. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 5:13-20**

Feb. 12 \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 5:21-37**

Feb. 19 \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 17:1-9**

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22

\_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

Feb. 26 \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 4:1-11**



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



**God is calling us back to the table.**

**Wednesday Evenings at Trinity**

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



Introducing Our Theme for Lent & Easter

# seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

— by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman,  
designer of the theme logo and branding

## about the theme

The lectionary for Year A offers us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows.

And so, we've crafted a Lenten series founded on questions. Many of our weekly questions feel restorative ("Can these bones live?"). Some feel like a charge or challenge ("Who will you listen to?"). Some questions are hopeful and curious ("How do we begin again?"). Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a wider grace.

Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. If you are returning to church, you are probably returning with more questions and a critical lens. We hope this series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking?

This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to

explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.

## about the logo

An eye feels like a recognizable and even predictable image for the general theme of Seeking, however, there is nothing all that simple or straightforward about this Lenten theme. As I studied the texts, I found there was repetition in visual imagery that held the texts together. As I sketched, the logo became layered with imagery that formed more shapes and meaning, sometimes obscuring and revealing more as I went. It was a balance of maintaining the legibility and clarity that is necessary in a logo, while connecting to a theme that is about being unable to find understanding or even tangibility. I wanted the logo at first glance to be somewhat obvious, but at closer inspection, I wanted it to expand, confuse, and surprise. The viewing of the logo itself is a process of seeking meaning. (See the description of each element on the next page.)

## ash wednesday

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**

**Noon Drive-thru Ashes** in the small parking lot at Trinity

**Noon Worship** in the Narthex

**6 p.m. Dinner** in the Garden Room | \$5 suggested donation | featuring BBQ brisket sandwiches, mac & cheese, cole slaw

**7 p.m. Worship** in the Worship Center

## lent

**Wednesdays during Lent**

**5:45 p.m. Dinner Church** (meal and worship) with a Lenten theme | Stay tuned for more details!



# logo imagery key *what do you see?*



**eye-** The eye holds all of the logo's imagery and summarizes the theme of seeking, while referencing various narratives from the scriptural texts: Adam & Eve's eyes are opened, Jesus rubs mud on the blind man's eyes, Jesus asks Mary, "Who are you looking for?" The circles that create the pupil and iris can also represent: an aerial view of the well, the water basin at the footwashing, or the stone and tombs of Lazarus and Jesus.



**veil-** This curved line and the shape it creates repeats throughout the *Seeking* branding. The veil references the confusion and revelations that occur in a journey of seeking.



**mud / garden soil-** The drop of mud represents the dirt and garden imagery that is found throughout the scriptural texts: the Garden of Eden, the mud that is rubbed in the blind man's eyes, the garden of Gethsemane. It also references when Jesus is mistaken as a gardener at the empty tomb.



**water-** The drop of water references the many times water is mentioned in the texts. Jesus tells Nicodemus he must be born of water and spirit. Moses strikes a rock to find water. At the well, Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink and offers her living water. Jesus meets the blind man at the pool of Siloam. Jesus washes the disciples' feet. The water drop can also reference a tear; Jesus weeps at the mouth of his friend Lazarus' tomb, and Mary weeps at the mouth of Jesus' tomb.



**vessel-** The shape of the vessel can be seen as a cup or a jar poured out. The vessel represents: the jar the woman leaves behind at the well after meeting Jesus, the jar of sour wine offered to Jesus while on the cross, and the communion cup present at our remembrance of Christ's sacrifice.



**star / night-** The star references a couple of the narratives that take place under the veil of night. Nicodemus finds and questions Jesus at night, and Mary comes to the tomb while it is still dark. In reference to the logo's overall eye composition, the star represents the glistening of recognition in one's eye.



**leaf-** The leaf represents the foliage present throughout the texts, and further supports the repetition of garden imagery. Adam & Eve create fig leaf coverings in the shadow of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and upon Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the crowds wave palm branches.



# 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.

## MARK *your calendar*

New Member Sunday will be March 12. We will welcome new members into our faith community at both worship services. If you have an interest in joining Trinity, please read more at: <https://trinitylc.org/welcome/join-trinity/>

# GLOW awe

god loving  
outdoor  
women

awesome women's events

You're invited to upcoming GLOW/AWE events!

## Game Night

**Thursday, Feb. 2 | 5:30-7:30 pm | Garden Room**

Beat the winter blahs with some friendly competition and fun! Bring a friend, a dish to share and enjoy an evening of conversation, games, and pickle ball in the gym.

## The Root Beer Lady at The History Theatre

**Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 pm**

**Please RSVP by Jan. 26 | \$30/ticket**

Join us for The Root Beer Lady, written and performed by Kim Schultz and directed by Addie Gorlin-Han. Set in 1986, it tells the story of the indomitable Dorothy Molter, the last legal non-indigenous resident of the Boundary Waters. The story reflects the beauty and hardships of Molter's solitary yet satisfying life beginning in 1934. The play, funny and passionate, explores her independence, fortitude, and love of nature. and pushes back against the premise that her time in the North Woods made her the "Loneliest Woman in America," as the Saturday Evening Post claimed in 1952. Dorothy Molter's story will delight all, young and old.

We have 20 tickets set aside for us, so please RSVP and pay with a check made out to Trinity Lutheran Church (write GLOW/AWE PLAY in the memo line) by Jan. 26 to secure a seat. Contact Mary Soderholm at [mes1135@live.com](mailto:mes1135@live.com) or 612-475-5575 to reserve your spot or get answers to any questions. Friends and spouses welcome!

Read more about GLOW/AWE at: <https://trinitylc.org/congregational-life/connections/glow-awe/>



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**  
**March 16 - May 4 | \$72 for 8 classes**

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 [todd@sue2@aol.com](mailto:todd@sue2@aol.com).





## ABIDE READERS

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### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Last Mondays of the month  
6:30-8 pm on Zoom**

UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSION:

**Feb. 27 – *The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous-Settler Relations* by Shirley N. Hager**

What began thirty years ago as a retreat among Native and non-Native people, with panel discussions and break-out sessions on the topic of shared history and current community issues, evolved into eleven long weekends together over the next six years. “In spite of the challenges, we learned that the gifts we exchange when we come together in friendship are profound and varied—intellectual, emotional, and spiritual.” Now, thirty years since the Gatherings ended, their alliances and friendships are strong and they have much to teach us. Visit <https://www.thegatheringsbook.com> for videos and reflections and/or join us via Zoom on Monday, Feb. 27, 6:30-8 p.m. as we discuss *The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous-Settler Relations* by Shirley N. Hager and Mawopiyane.

All are welcome! You can find this book and others in the Trinity Library’s ABIDE Collection, located in the Narthex, or at Valley Bookseller with our book club discount. For the Zoom link or for more information contact Ann Wolff at [wolff701@msn.com](mailto:wolff701@msn.com) or 651-260-3855.

### **BIG KID CONFIRMATION Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Living Room**

Most confirmation small group leaders say it was the best thing they did for their own faith formation. Each Wednesday evening whenever Confirmation for Grades 6/7/8 is in session we are studying the same things but from an adult perspective. Join us! Bring friends! Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org](mailto:cbellefeuille@trinitylc.org).



Living Faith in the Modern World: a place for all adults and teens to wonder, learn, share and grow in faith

## **Sunday Forum | 10 a.m. | Garden Room**

At Trinity we believe faith formation is a lifelong endeavor. Sunday Forum provides a wide variety of small group learning. Stay tuned to the bulletin and Friday email newsletter (sign up at: <https://trinitylc.org/e-news/email-subscriptions/>) for more information!

### **Feb. 5 – Ask Your Pastors**

Join Pastors Chris and Peter about current events at Trinity and beyond. Bring your questions!

### **Feb. 12 & 26 – The War in Ukraine... One Year Later with Chris Gehrz**

As we approach the first anniversary of Russia’s February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, historian Chris Gehrz will help us think through a war that continues with no end in sight. In this two-part class, we’ll look at the recent — and distant — history between Russia and Ukraine, the religious dimensions of the conflict, and what it means for peace and justice around the world. Chris Gehrz (PhD, Yale) has taught history at Bethel University for twenty years, offering courses in modern European, military/diplomatic, religious, and sports history. He is the author or editor of several books, including a spiritual biography of Charles A. Lindbergh (Eerdmans, 2021), and regularly writes a Substack newsletter, *The Pietist Schoolman*. Chris attends Roseville Lutheran Church with his wife and children, where he is currently learning a lot about faith, early adolescence, and the limits of his own patience and creativity as a 7th grade confirmation leader.



PLEASE NOTE: Only one worship service on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. (please see page 5 for details). Join us after worship for the Comprehensive Campaign Docent Tour. Gather in the Garden Room after worship.

### **Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. – Comprehensive Campaign Docent Tour**

A significant goal of our comprehensive campaign (see page 5) is to raise funds for Deferred Maintenance of Assets—namely our church and drive-in property. We’ll take you on a tour of some of the areas in our building that need some attention. Exclusive access to parts of Trinity you may have never seen before!

# PARENTING

## Workshop

**Healthy Screen Relationships**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 8**  
**6:30 pm | Garden Room**

### SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, February 8, 2023  
6:30pm-7:45pm

### Healthy Screen Relationships

Is technology use adding to or taking away from your family life? Do you crave deeper connections with your children that are free from device interruptions? Reports of current technology use show increases in the stress and anxiety of kids. Learn the process of making a family media plan that can bring balance, peace, and connection to everyone in your household.

**PRESENTER: MERRI GUGGISBERG**  
@MKGParentCoach

This is the curriculum for our Confirmation students and their caregivers on this evening, and is open to anyone with an interest in this topic. Join us!







## Faith Milestones

### PLEASE NOTE:

The First Communion milestone class is offered Wednesday, April 5 and celebrated at Maundy Thursday worship. Register at <https://trinitylc.org/learning/children/communion/>

For your child's baptism milestone during worship, contact Jeannie Wendorf in the church office to schedule at [jwendorf@trinitylc.org](mailto:jwendorf@trinitylc.org) or 651-323-1302.

Registration closes on Feb. 8

## STONE RETREAT

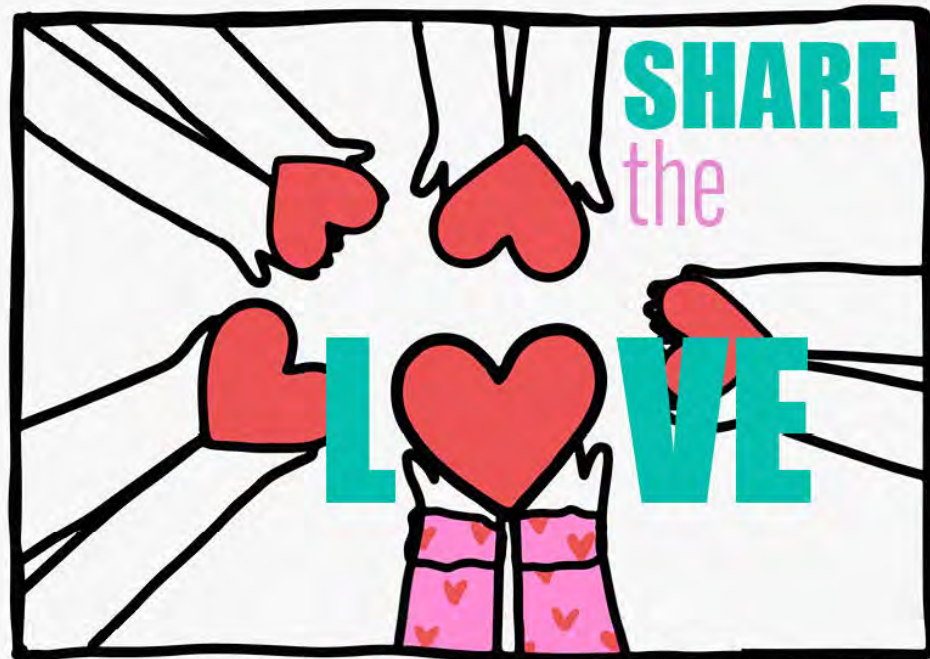
For Families with Children in Grades 1-5  
Feb. 19-20 at Camp Wapo

Milestones are significant moments that help us practice and affirm faith throughout the entire scope of life. These moments are marked with caring conversation, Scripture, devotion, ritual, blessing, and public celebration at worship with a blessing and certificate.

Join us for a 24-hour Milestone Retreat over President's Day Weekend—Sunday to Monday, Feb. 19-20 at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI. Children in Grades 1-5, along with their families, attend the Milestone Retreat together, led by Trinity staff and volunteers. Come discover, play and grow! Please register by Wednesday, Feb. 8. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit: <https://trinitystillwatermn.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/5474cac3-0ff8-4e1a-add1-a88e26f88b75>

Can't attend? If your child would like to complete a milestone this year, but you cannot attend the retreat, you may still register for a Milestone Kit to pick up from Trinity and complete at home together at your pace.

For a full description of milestones offered at the retreat visit: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/children/> or direct link at: <https://trinitylc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/50/2022/08/milestone-ministry-2022-2023.pdf>



### FEBRUARY FAMILY FAITH EVENT: Share the Love!

**Sunday, Feb. 5 | 10 am | Gym**

All ages and stages are invited to the Gym on Sunday, Feb. 5 between services to make cards of care for elderly and home-bound members of our community. Cards will be distributed before Valentine's Day. No registration required, all materials provided. Come as you are!

### EPIC Lock-In Event for Middle Schoolers is Back!

**Feb. 24-25 at Trinity | \$50**

The St. Croix Valley Area EPIC Lock-In event is coming up Feb. 24-25, hosted by Trinity and other area churches and located at Trinity. This is an overnight with activities for 6-8 graders. The cost is \$50 and includes pick-up breakfast, transportation, snacks, and few hours of unlimited rides at Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America.

Due to COVID-19, we have not held this event in three years, so it will be fun to gather back together! Details and registration at: <https://trinitystillwatermn.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/a98f2fa5-4c0a-4bdd-8bb7-fb891a3139c0>

# SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP!



Faith is formed at bible camp! Trinity partners with Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI.

## **WAPO ONE DAY CAMP (COMPLETED GRADES K-2)**

**CHOOSE FROM JUNE 28,  
JULY 26 OR AUG. 15, 2023**

**\$45**

Not quite ready for an overnight camp experience? Children who have completed grades K-2 are invited to try the Wapo One Day Camp! The One-Day program is a day long experience where campers get a taste of camp before enjoying an overnight program. One-Day campers play in the lake (weather permitting), eat a meal at camp, and enjoy games, Bible study, crafts, and so much more. A typical One-Day starts with check-in at 9 a.m. and ends with pick up at 3 p.m.

## **SEEDS SUMMER CAMP (COMPLETED GRADES 1-3)**

**JULY 14-16, 2023**

**\$260**

This action packed session for our youngest campers is the perfect introduction to camp. Knowing that this may be some kid's first camp experience or even their first time away from home, our counselors will spend every moment with these campers. They will provide a safe and caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and tons of games.

## **WAPO YOUTH CAMP (COMPLETED GRADES 4-8)**

**AUG. 13-18, 2023**

**\$610**

Campers at Camp Wapo will experience a place of grace to meet new friends, experience new activities, and make memories that will last a lifetime. The week is packed with a variety of activities

that are meant to impact kids in a meaningful way, taking them higher, wider, longer and deeper into the love of God and community with each other. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games and campfire. Summer youth camp at Camp Wapo is a week youth will never forget!

## **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!**

Bible camp participation and faith formation are proven to go hand-in-hand. Many Trinity people support this value through their financial gifts to our scholarship fund. We want every child to experience Bible Camp and we encourage you to access scholarship assistance if that will help make it happen for your child. Download the scholarship request form at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/summer/camps/>

**REGISTER AT: [HTTP://LWLBCI.COM/TRINITY-STILLWATER](http://LWLBCI.COM/TRINITY-STILLWATER)**



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/>



The NAMI Washington County Affiliate meets on Zoom on the fourth Monday of each month from 6-7 p.m. Please join us and see how we support, educate and advocate for community members who live with a mental illness as well as their friends and family members. We are an organization run by volunteers and led by community input.

Please visit the VOLUNTEER HUB at:  
<https://sites.google.com/namimn.org/nami-washington-volunteer-hub>

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### Friday, Dec. 16 - Longest Night

In-person 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 40  
 Live online views 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 12  
 Online views/week 7 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 65

### Sunday, Dec. 18 - Advent 4

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 173  
 Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 78  
 Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 156  
 In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 192  
 Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 31  
 Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 65

### Saturday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 181  
 Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 23  
 Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 40  
 In-person 2 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 175  
 Live online views 2 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 41  
 Online views/week 2 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 90  
 In-person 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 411  
 Live online views 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 87  
 Online views/week 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 213  
 In-person 9 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 203

### Sunday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

In-person 10 am \_\_\_\_\_ 80  
 Live online views 10 am \_\_\_\_\_ 41  
 Online views/week 10 am \_\_\_\_\_ 96

2023

### Sunday, Jan. 1 - online only

Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 101  
 Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 199

### Sunday, Jan. 8

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 128  
 Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 110  
 Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 173  
 In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 98  
 Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 20  
 Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 51

### Sunday, Jan. 15

In-person 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 114  
 Live online views 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 97  
 Online views/week 8:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ 192  
 In-person 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 131  
 Live online views 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 20  
 Online views/week 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 44

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

## BAPTISM

- **Lewis Stanley Wilmes**, son of Sean & Holly Wilmes
- **Ingrid Clare Illikainen**, daughter of Tyler & Stephanie Illikainen

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To family and friends of **Jim Bradshaw**
- To family and friends of **Julie Pederson**
- To family and friends of **Karen Olson**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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 Monday–Thursday | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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**Watch Sunday Worship on local  
 channel 14 through Valley Access**

Sunday at 11 a.m. (week delay)

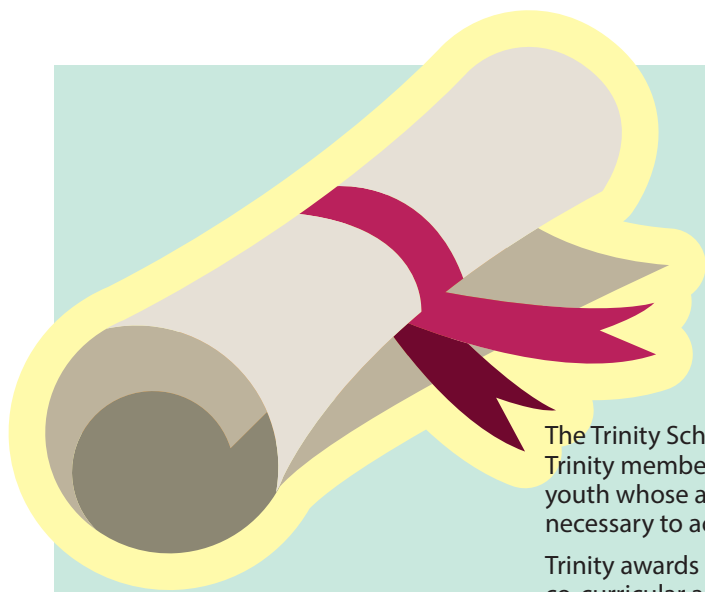
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## Trinity Scholarship Fund

The Trinity Scholarship Fund was established by the estate of Jeanette Johnson, a Trinity member who dreamed of being able to offer college tuition assistance to youth whose achievement and character indicated they possessed the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education.

Trinity awards up to four scholarships each year on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement, good citizenship and active involvement at Trinity. The trust also stipulates that scholarship recipients must be baptized at and confirmed by Trinity, and active participants in Trinity youth programs.

Once selected, scholarship winners may renew their scholarships for up to three additional years, providing they maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 or a "B-" or, in the absence of a similar grading system, remain in "fine academic standing" as indicated by official record. Scholarship recipients must reapply each year for renewal.

Scholarship applications and renewal applications are available online at: <https://trinitylc.org/learning/youth/scholarship-fund/>.

All completed original scholarship and renewal applications must be received by Saturday, April 1. Please mail to: Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Scholarship Fund, Attn Bob Eiselt, P.O. Box 339, Stillwater, MN 55082.

**Applications due  
April 1**