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Office hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wed: Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Sundays at Trinity

9:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School,
Babel in Belfry

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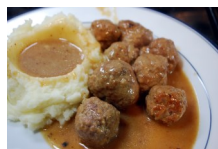
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SYTTENDE MAI MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, May 20 serving carry-outs only from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Meals are \$10 and include hand-rolled meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, rømmegrøt, lefse, roll, and brownie.

Yum! Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer, along with their parents and a few other gracious helpers, will be preparing and serving the meal. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the youth attending the Gathering.



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE The Scholarship Endowment Committee marvels at the tremendous generosity that brought this fund into existence and has continued to fuel its growth over the last several decades.

We are glad to have helped many students from Trinity throughout the years, thanks to the generosity of congregational members and other donors. The Trinity Scholarship Endowment scholarship application deadline for post-secondary students is fast approaching. Trinity members may apply for up to four years of scholarship funding. The completed application must be submitted to the church office **no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 31**. No late submissions will be accepted.

Applications are available at the church office. They can be also be downloaded from the website, www.trinitysg.org. To find the application, click on “Endowments” from the toolbar at the top of the home page, click “Scholarship Endowment” from the drop-down box, click on “Download Scholarship Application” on the upper right-hand side of the page and the scholarship application will open.



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 27** we will honor our graduating seniors with a special blessing during worship followed by a special

Fellowship Time. Please hold these seniors in your prayers as they complete their high school career and begin a new chapter in their lives. Lauryn Bohr, Claire Bratland, Zachary Folstad, Kaitlyn Gross, Nicole Hagen, Lance Hegge, Austin Heim, Vendela Parker, Adin Solum, and Makena Speltz.

Dear Heavenly Father, We ask for your almighty hand to be upon these graduating high school seniors. Bless their lives with goodness and love. Help them to stay true to their dreams, to use their gifts wisely, and to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love.



COMMUNITY BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Wednesday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. here at Trinity. This service is for all graduating seniors, families, and friends. Area pastors will be participating in the service. Join us for this meaningful service for our local graduates.

Dear friends in Christ,

I am currently looking out my office window, listening to the carillon play "Lead on, O King Eternal" (one of my favorite hymns!), and enjoying, finally, the lovely spring weather. Greta, my Miniature Schnauzer, and I are settling in to the parsonage very well. She and I both love the big windows, and she really loves the big yard with lots of birds and squirrels to watch.

You will see us walking most mornings and some evenings as well, as that activity combines two of my favorites: walking and spoiling my dog. If you were to glance in my office window, you'd also discover that reading is another favorite pastime. I also love to travel, and I've been all over the country and to many parts of the world. New Mexico and Ireland are two of my favorite destinations.

For me, coming to Trinity in Spring Grove is almost like coming home. My parents grew up in the Waukon area, and my dad's first pastoral call was Burr Oak and Hesper (he also served Mabel, Cresco, Postville, and Waterloo Ridge). I started school at North Winneshiek and also attended Luther College. You've also probably discovered that many of my family members live in the area (and some are Trinity members!).

I believe God has been calling me to Trinity in Spring Grove for a long time. I have long known this town to be special, with a main street and school system and civic engagement that are second to none. I'm learning every day how special this fellowship of believers is as well. You have welcomed me with food and flowers and a helping hand during move-in and more kind words than I can enumerate. Thank you so much.

I am very excited to lead you and walk beside you as together we are God's church in this place, I hope for many years to come.

God's blessings to you all.

~ *Pastor Elizabeth*

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Sunday, May 13 — Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday School children sing at Worship, 9:15 a.m.

Last day of Sunday School

Sunday, May 20 — Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner

11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Carry-outs only, \$10

Sunday, May 27 — Senior Recognition Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 30 — Community Baccalaureate Service, 7:30 p.m.

— VBS and Day Camp Registrations due — bring a friend!

June 10– 15 — Confirmation Camp for 7th grade youth at Good Earth Village

Sunday, June 17 — Happy Father's Day!

June 18–21 — VBS and Day Camp at Trinity

June 24–July 2 — ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX



BONFIRES ARE BACK! Youth entering grades 7-9 this fall are invited to Bonfires at Bekah's **beginning Wednesday, June 6 at 8:30 p.m.** We will have bonfires every Wednesday night through the summer at Bekah's NEW house (231 1st Avenue SW). Come for the s'mores, stay for the fun fellowship with friends! Bring your friends — you don't have to be a Trinity member to attend.



NEW TIME FOR 3:16s YOUTH GROUP! Starting **June 3**, 3:16s will meet **SUNDAYS at 8:30 p.m.** at Bekah's house (231 1st Avenue SW). 3:16s is Trinity's new high school youth group for youth completing grades 9-12 this spring. We will have a bonfire going outside and we will also spend time having faith-based discussion and playing games (like ping pong and air hockey and more!) Bring a friend (Trinity member or not)— all are invited! See you there!

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL — MAY 13. Our Sunday School children will sing at worship and then we will have games out on the lawn after worship! Join us to celebrate this wonderful year of Sunday School.



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 6! Our trip is coming up fast! Participants come from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Parents please join us at 12:30 p.m. to talk more logistics. We need everyone there as we go over more details of this exciting trip. See you all there!



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND DAY CAMP! Day Camp and VBS will be June 18-21. Registration forms have been mailed out; did you receive yours? Need another form? Need a form for a friend? We have them! Forms are available in the church office or online through our website, trinitysg.org. Click on the "Get Involved" link from the top toolbar, from the drop-down menu choose, "Children's Ministries." Click on the appropriate form to open and print. Please have forms in to the church office by Wednesday, May 30.



QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING YOUTH RELATED?

Bekah would be happy to answer your questions!
She can be reached in the office, 498-5291 or
via email: bekah@trinitysg.org

YOUTH NEWS

Joyful youth
carrying palms
on Palm Sunday .



Crosswalk on Good
Friday.



Happy Easter!



PHOTOS



WE ARE LOOKING FOR USHERS FOR THE SUMMER Would your family be interested in greeting people as they come to worship? It's an easy job and a fun way to see our Trinity family! Four people are needed each week. Gather your family members or friends (or both!) and find a week that works for you. We appreciate your willingness to help!

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin boards across from the elevator doors by the sanctuary entrance. No worries on what to do, you'll be given a check-list to follow along. Thank you! Any questions, contact Mark Udstuen, 498-5536.



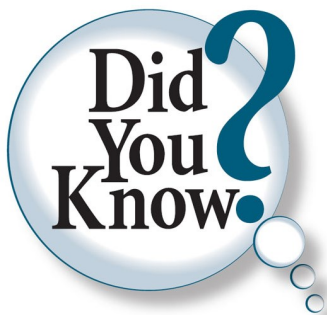
Thank you for your support to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. In 2017, Trinity gave \$26,761 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



THE 2018 SEMN SYNOD ASSEMBLY is May 4-5 in Mankato.

The theme is "Celebrating Our Global Congregation." Even if you are not attending the Assembly, you can join the fun on Facebook (facebook.com/semnsynod) and Instagram (Instagram.com/semnsynod). They'll be using the hashtag #mnglobal2018!

Trinity has four attendees — Pastor Elizabeth, Steve Nelson, Mark Schroeder, and Jacque Wennes. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they attend this assembly with the many other members from the 173 churches that comprise the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.



Did you know that music is as good for kids' minds as it is for their souls? Music lessons improve academic skills, physical skills, and social skills. They also teach discipline and patience, boost self-esteem, and introduce kids to other times and places.

Many kids get their first desires to become musicians in church. Trinity welcomes young musician's offerings with enthusiasm! Help your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, step forward and offer their skills at church and connect with other musicians there. In the future, this may become their key to entering a new church!

Want to share your music at church? Contact our Worship Team leader, Willy Leafblad, willy.leafblad@springgrove.k12.mn.us, or the church office, 498-5291, trinity@springgrove.coop.

Thanks for sharing your gifts with us!



THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PURCHASED "STOCK" IN OUR YOUTH

and have helped them raise money for their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering this June! Pledged stock can be dropped off at the church office or mailed. Please indicate that it is for stock sales and which youth sold it to you so that we may track it correctly. Thank you for your support of our youth!

CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY MEETING The Houston County Sheriff's Office along with the Houston County Emergency Management and the Caledonia, Houston, Ia Crescent, Spring Grove, and Hokah Police Departments are hosting an Active Shooter Training Seminar for the faith community on Wednesday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. This training is free and will last approximately two hours. Interested in attending with Pastor Elizabeth? Please call the office as soon as possible, 498-5291.

DO YOU LIKE TO DECORATE PLANTERS? The Worship Team is looking for someone interested in keeping the planters at Trinity's entrances beautiful throughout the year. Interested? Contact the church office, 498-5291, trinity@springgrove.coop.



ANYONE CAN SPONSOR THE LIGHTING OF THE MISSIONARY FOR A DAY CANDLE!

It can be in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of, a loved one or a special event. A sponsorship is \$40 per Sunday. The funds collected support Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson who serve the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania. Contact the church office to reserve a date.

LUTHER COLLEGE IS HOSTING A LECTURE BY TED KOPPEL on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center for Faith and Life. It is free and open to the public. Koppel as a longtime anchor of ABC News' Nightline. His lecture is, "Science and Policy: Communication in the Twenty-First-Century World of Fake News."

join our team

THE EDUCATION TEAM IS SEEKING MEMBERS We know there are many of you interested in Christian education for our congregation. The Education Team meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Middle Room at church. Interested in joining our awesome team? Please call Jacque Wennes, 563-380-5454, or email jacquewen@aol.com. Or Bekah, 498-5291, or bekah@trinitysg.org.



THANK YOU! Trinity's Care Team thanks you for the donations of food and money during Minnesota Food Share month in March. Donations of food and money are welcome at any time and will benefit our local food shelf. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering, please designate Food Shelf on memo line. Food donations may be left in tubs by entrances to the church.



HAVE YOU SHOPPED AT THE TRINITY BOUTIQUE? There are many handmade, one-of-a-kind items that would make great gifts! The Boutique is located in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and see the many things that our talented members have created!

TIDBITS



Thank you, Pastor Jim, for all that you did during your time at Trinity! ◀

Pastor Jim's parting words of wisdom during the Children's Time at worship. ▶



Welcome
Pastor Elizabeth! ▲



Pastor Peter Reuss and
Pastor Elizabeth during and after her
Installation Service. ▲



PHOTOS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 4:00pm Staffing, GR 5:45pm Worship, MR 6:00pm Confirmation and supper 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir 8:00pm 3:16s	3 5:30pm Education, MR 7:00pm Finance, MR	4 --- Synod Assembly	5 5:00pm Worship/ Communion (Pr. Lane), baptism of Hank Sherburne
6 9:15am Worship/Communion 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School Babel in Belfry Property, pastor's office	7	8 6:00pm Stewardship, MR 7:00pm Support, GR	9 6:00pm Confirmation/ Fellowship & Service Night (no meal) 7:00pm Handbells 7:45pm Council 8:00pm Choir 8:00pm 3:16s	10	11	12
13 Happy Mother's Day! 9:15am Worship/Praise Band 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School Outreach, pastor's office 11:30am Tweeten Care Ctr. Service	14	15	16 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir 8:00pm 3:16s	17 9:30am Communion/ Manor	18	19 HAPPY SYTTENDE MAI!
20 9:15am Worship/Communion 11a-2p Meatball Dinner	21	22	23 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir 8:00pm 3:16s	24 9:30am Communion/ Tweeten Apts. 10:30am Communion/ Assisted Living	25 9:00am Love Day	26
27 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School Babel in Belfry	28 Office Closed — Happy Memorial Day!	29 4:00pm Newsletter deadline	30 7:30pm Community Baccalaureate service	31 2:00pm Newsletter mailed		

VOLUNTEERS

	MAY 6	MAY 13	MAY 20	MAY 27
LECTOR	Greg Wennes	Bonnie Solberg	Karen Bingham	Ruth Johnsrud
ACOLYTE(S)	Tysen Grinde, Julia Halverson	Hunter Holland	Paige Jahnke, Rachel Krenzke	Nick Lawson
COMMUNION SERVERS	Sue and Jeff Engen, Jessica Sherburne	n/a	Kathy and Bruce Anderson, Ruth Johnsrud	n/a
ALTAR GUILD	Cindy Thorson (chair), Sue Engen, Jan Lochner, Jan Kraabel, Marilyn Hillman, Bev Nelson			
USHERS	Curt Roverud (lead), Stewart Storlie, Tom Ellingson, Alfred Wendel, Les Storlie, Blaine Liudahl			
COFFEE HOSTS	Vivian Mathsen, Mary Zaffke, Karen and Bill Fried	Last Day of Sunday School	Meatball Dinner!	Senior Recognition Sunday
MEALS ON WHEELS	May 14 –15: Jan Kraabel, May 16-17: Glenn Kinneberg, May 18: Laurie Moen			
498-AMEN	April 29-May 12: Lara Mendez	May 13-26: Barb Gulbranson		May 27-June 9: Nolie Kapplinger

HAVE YOU....moved? ...changed phone numbers? ...changed email addresses? Let the office know! Thanks!

LET US KNOW.....If you have a loved one ill or hospitalized, have a new baby, would like a pastoral visit, or if any pastoral need arises.

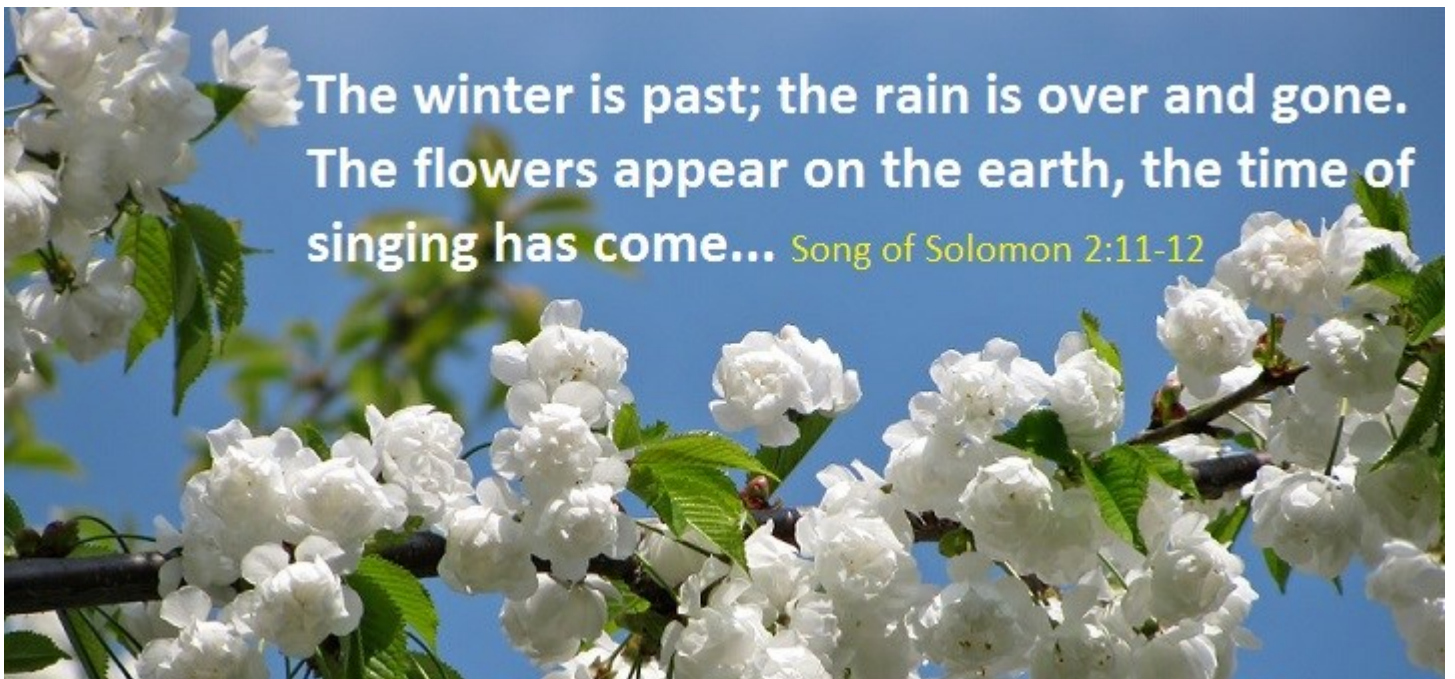
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The winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of
singing has come... Song of Solomon 2:11-12