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CHANGE IS COMING!

Remember to save your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for Rally Day, September 9, when we introduce our new "Noisy/Crinkly" offering. Look for our kids to come around on the second Sunday of every month, shaking cans and gathering smiles.

The proceeds from our Noisy/Crinkly offering will be used to support Lutheran ministries in South Sudan (saving the lives of pregnant women and infants) and Puerto Rico (hurricane relief). In a twist on our "First Fruits" initiatives, 10% of everything gathered will come back to Trinity to support the general fund.



But if you want it a little quieter, you are welcome to throw in paper money. Because nothing quiets illness and devastation like dollar bills. Thank you!

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND WORKBAGS

Bring your school backpacks and your workbags along with you to worship on Sunday, September 16 as we ask God to watch over the coming year of learning, working, playing, and resting. As part of the blessing we will give out special key-tags for your backpack or workbag.



MEATBALL DINNER?

"Life is like a bowl of spaghetti. Every once in a while, you get a meatball." ~ Sharon Creech

But not this year. This year, we're getting a new boiler system (including air conditioning) instead. The process of installing the boiler system will disrupt our use of the Fellowship Hall during September and October. This means that our annual WELCA Meatball Dinner (September 19) is cancelled **for this year only**.

Unfortunately, many groups that benefit from funds raised by the dinner will be impacted. WELCA supports Good Earth Village

camperships, the Houston County Food Shelf, Sunrise Recovery Home, our Good Samaritan benevolence fund, and Love Day supplies, among many other projects. If you would like to contribute directly to any of these projects, please see Pastor Elizabeth or Lorilyn Dehning.

Rest assured, the meatballs, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, rømmegrøt, and lefse will return again next year.

Dear friends in Christ.

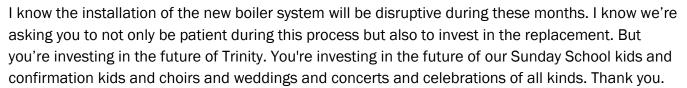
Fall is definitely my favorite season. I love the crisp, cool air and the leaves changing colors. I love a glass of fresh, tart apple cider. And I love post-season baseball, even when my Twins aren't in it. I love Fall even though I am affected by allergies. And I love it even though my least-favorite season, winter, follows. Sometimes it follows too quickly. Have any of us forgotten the Halloween snowstorm of '91?

But Fall in the church is especially wonderful. Sunday school begins on Rally Sunday, September 9, and we're also introducing our Noisy/Crinkly offering on that day. I hope you've been saving your change! The praise band will be back, as well as the choir and the handbell choir. I can't wait to hear those new bells! Confirmation orientation is Wednesday, September 12, and classes begin

Wednesday, September 26. I'm so excited that we're studying Luther's Small Catechism this year, too.

In October we'll be blessed with a visit from the bishop – in his last year of office – on Sunday, October 7, and our tenth graders will be confirmed on Sunday, October 28. Then, that afternoon, Trinity will host "Reformation 501: A celebration of Luther's catechism in word, song and dance" from 3-5 p.m. We'll sing hymns about the catechism set to polka tunes (complete with accordion and our brass), see short skits about Martin and Katie Luther, and celebrate in food fellowship with other churches from the Root River conference.

Looking even further forward to November, our new boiler system will be keeping us toasty warm no matter how early winter comes. And at the end of the month, we'll give thanks at a Thursday Thanksgiving service. We have a lot to be thankful for.



I'm so grateful to be here. I'm so thankful for all of you.

God bless you, ~ Pastor Elizabeth



PRACTICE DISCIPLESHIP

A few years ago the ELCA launched a project called Practice Discipleship. It featured ways to help people get involved in faith practices: prayer, study, service, and so on. PRACTICE is necessary for improvement.

Imagine (or remember) going to a piano lesson when you haven't practiced. Imagine the team who hasn't practiced

facing an opponent on the field or the court. We invest hours in practicing: golf, piano, making pie crust, and hundreds of other skills and hobbies. We don't get to be disciples in one hour a week. We have to practice. To be a better disciple, practice more. It's that simple!

▲ Early Preschool students

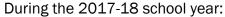
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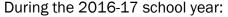
BEARY PATCH PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!

Beary Patch Preschool was formed thirty years ago because there was a need for preschool programing in our community. Thirty years later, there are other preschool options in Spring Grove, but there is still a strong need for the services that Beary Patch offers.

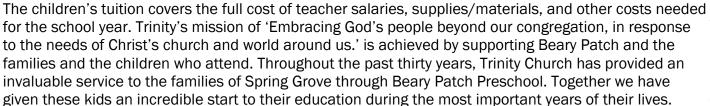
Beary Patch Preschool is the only non-profit preschool program in Spring Grove. Students pay a monthly tuition, but no child is ever turned away because of an inability to pay. Beary Patch currently has a 4-star (highest level possible) Parent Aware rating from the state of Minnesota. Because of this rating, our students are eligible to receive Early Learning Scholarships that cover the full cost of tuition. Other preschools/daycares accept childcare assistance for children of low-income families, but not all low-income families qualify for these benefits. Some children in Spring Grove would never attend preschool without Beary Patch.



- 6 out of 20 students received Early Learning Scholarships.
- 3 students received free lunch through the school year.



- 7 out of 22 students received Early Learning Scholarships.
- 3 students received free lunch during the school year.



Thank you, thank you, thank you for your continued support of Beary Patch Preschool!



SERVANT SUNDAYS

The idea of Servant Sunday is something Pastor Elizabeth came across at

a neighborhood church in Minneapolis. Basically, in any month of the year in which there is a fifth Sunday, we dedicate that day to an alternative worship service that focuses on stewardship and outreach in our neighborhood. The day concludes with fellowship and some sort of servant project or fundraiser.

Our first Servant Sunday was in July with our Loaves & Fishes Feast with worship outdoors in Viking Memorial Park. September also has a fifth Sunday. This month we will be looking for ways to "pay it forward" in big or small ways. For example, maybe you might pay for coffee for the person in back of you in line. Or donate something to Goodwill. Maybe drop-off some

TO PAY IT FORWARD

- 1/ Put a coin in a meter that's about to expire.
- 2/ Donate books you no longer need to a charity shop.
- 3/ Offer to pick up groceries for elderly or disabled neighbours.

EVERY DAY

- 4/ Donate your old clothes to charity.
- 5/ Share your umbrella with a stranger on a wet rainy day.
- 6/ Drop off unused food to a homeless shelter.
- 7/ Offer your services for free.
- 8/ Tell someone you love that you love them.
- 9/ Adopt a pet that needs rescuing.
- 10/ Greet people with a smile
- 11/ Volunteer at a food bank.
- 12/ Invite someone new to your home for dinner.
- 13/ Donate 5% of your income to a charity.
- 14/ Write a positive review online about a local business.
- 15/ Say 'yes' when someone asks for help.

canned goods at the Food Shelf. There are many ways, big or small, to pay it forward!





HANDBELL CHOIRS BEGINNING (Yes, now we have 2 choirs!)



The **Adult Handbell Choir** will rehearse for the first time this fall on Wed., September 19 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

The newly formed **Youth** (7th-12th grades) **Handbell Choir** welcomes new members to a meeting and play-along (just for fun!) on Sun., September 16 at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary! Come check out our new handbells and learn about being a part of the Youth Handbell Choir!

AL-ANON MEETS AT TRINITY CENTER

Al-Anon members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem. There is no magic formula that enables you/people to help someone stop—or cut back—on his or her drinking. Alcoholism is a complex problem, with many related issues. But Al-Anon can help you/people learn how to cope with the challenges of someone else's drinking. Al-Anon meetings offer the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others who have faced similar problems. Al-Anon members come to understand problem drinking as a family illness that affects everyone in the family. By listening to Al-Anon members speak at meetings, people can hear how they came to understand their own role in this family illness. This insight put them in a better position to play a positive role in the family's future.

An Al-Anon meeting is held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Center. Anyone is welcome to attend. Questions? Please call (563) 380-5454.



INFORMATION UPDATE

We are working on updating our membership information here at Trinity. We want to make sure that we have accurate mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and important dates such as baptism, confirmation, and wedding.

Watch for more information on how you can make sure your records are accurate. Thank you!

GET TO KNOW US EVENT BY THRIVENT Thrivent members are part of a regional network that gives members opportunities to put their faith into action so that they can live wise and generous lives powered by their passion. A Get to Know Us event is being hosted by Thrivent Member Network-Two Rivers Region on September 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Kahler Apache in Rochester. The evening includes a nonprofit community impact show featuring 15 local nonprofits. No products will be sold at this event. Free tickets can be reserved by calling Teresa, (507) 621-0995.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER PROGRAMS

GRIEF CIRCLE This group is for those who are grieving the death of someone they loved. It is a safe place to share your thoughts, feelings and concerns about what is happening to you. It is a place where you can talk about your loss with other people who understand, because they are also grieving. The support of others on the same journey can provide a great deal of comfort and healing. September 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00a.m.—noon. \$15 for four-week series.

DIVORCE RECOVERY This group offers support and a path for healing from divorce, separation or the end of a long-term romantic relationship. Anger, anxiety, regrets and resentments can make it difficult to deal with the challenges of rebuilding your life. In this group, we will learn practices based in self-compassion to help you heal, forgive, and form new loving relationships. September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6:30-8:00 p.m. \$20 for eight sessions and workbook.

Register for either program by calling (608) 791-5295.

THANK YOU.....

- To all the members of Trinity who participated in Trinity Prays praying for our youth and adult leaders as they traveled and attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. We were blessed with your willingness to raise your voices in prayer. We hope that this experience was a blessing for you.

 ~ The Outreach Team
- To Roger Tollefsrud for his gift of a new blacktopped road in the West Trinity Cemetery. This was a much needed and appreciated upgrade.
- To all who help out reading the 498-AMEN devotion on the phone. I begin each and every morning listening and appreciate the voices of "home" and my Spring Grove and Trinity connection.

 ~ Gary Glasrud
- To Lee Hoekstra and children for the donation of a new sound mixer in memory of Ruth Hoekstra. This equipment has more capabilities than the previous one. Thank you so much!
- To Jacque and Greg Wennes for the donation of the new Tieline Bridge-It unit that now gives us the capability of broadcasting our services via internet connection as opposed to the previous phone line connection. This will greatly improve the clarity of the radio broadcast. Thank you very much!
- To all the people who donated items, provided help setting up, delivered items, and prayed for the County Wide Back to School Event held at the Methodist Church in Caledonia in August. One hundred sixty-five backpacks were given to the children and more were brought in by families and filled with school supplies. Many families were also able to find some great back-to-school clothing items. God's work, our hands. Thank you! ~The Outreach Team

Senior Girl Scouts and Trinity members — Amelia Solum, Addison Deschler, and Katie Lamm — helped at the Back to School Event by packing backpacks with specific school supplies for children at Houston County schools. ▶







BAPTISMAL CHESTS Greg Wennes has been busy making baptismal chests. He is using the pattern that was designed by the late Junior Wirth.

"I'm honored to get to build some chests for our little ones," commented Greg. The ones that he has built are cedar and pine. The next set of chests that he will build will be oak, walnut, cedar, and cherry.





RALLY SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 9

Join us on Rally Sunday, September 9 to celebrate all of our wonderful education programs at Trinity. During the worship service, we will pray for all of those involved in our programs, celebrate 30 years of teaching at Beary Patch Preschool, give Bibles to 3-year-olds, 3rd graders, and 7th graders, and sing with Praise Band and the kids of our congregation. After worship, **RALLY SUNDAY** we will continue with our first day of Sunday School outdoors! Hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12

Our confirmation classes for grades 7-9 begin on September 12 with an orientation in the sanctuary at 6:00. At this orientation meeting, you will learn about our schedule for the year and our curriculum on Luther's Small Catechism. A big thank you to all of our mentors who faithfully lead our confirmation students: Karen Gray, Patrick Lile, Shari Wennes, Janna Myrah, Scott Bingham, Karen Sanness, and Milly Halverson.

TENTH GRADERS, ARE YOU READY FOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY?

10th graders and their families! Are you ready for your Affirmation of Baptism service on October 28? Here are some things you can do to prepare for this wonderful step in your faith journey: attend our informational meeting on September 12 at 7:00 in the sanctuary, plan and work on your Confirmation project, prepare to present your idea for your Confirmation Project on September 12, and invite your family to worship and celebrate with us on October 28.

STAKEHOLDER'S CELEBRATION

THANK YOU to all of those who financially supported the youth of Trinity who traveled to Houston, TX for the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer!!

We would like to thank all of you who supported us by inviting you to the Stakeholder's Celebration on September 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at Trinity. At this celebration, we will serve cookies, coffee, and lemonade and tell you all about our trip to Houston this past June. Thank you for aiding us in getting to Houston! It was the experience of a lifetime. We hope to see you at the Stakeholder's Celebration!



WHERE IS SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS FALL?

Things are a little topsy-turvy at church right now with the heating/cooling system project. Due to all that needs to be done with this, some of our space will be off-limits during September and October. Therefore, Sunday School will meet at the Trinity Center for the months of September and October. Watch for details on any changes to the schedule. Thanks for your understanding!



3:16S BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

3:16s is a group for 9th—12th grade youth that meets every week on Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at Bekah's house. We discuss questions the youth have about their faith, the church, God, world events, and everything else!

After discussion, we have a time of fellowship — playing games (ping pong, air hockey, board games), doing homework, practicing yoga, and of course....having FUN! If you have any questions about 3:16s, please contact Bekah, at the church office 498-5291 or bekah@trinitysg.org.

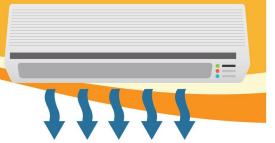


QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING YOUTH RELATED?

Bekah would be happy to answer your questions! She can be reached at 498-5291 or bekah@trinitysg.org



HEAT & GCOU-IN-THE LIGHT OF THE LORD



The congregation has approved spending up to \$250,000 to replace our current steam-heating system (that is no longer viable) with a brand new hot-water heat system **that includes air conditioning**. This figure also includes asbestos abatement and flooring/painting touch-up. There is good news that the new system will result in cost savings in the future! The Finance Team is tasked with raising money for this project and that is where you come in! We are currently soliciting pledges and matching funds. There is an anonymous \$30,000 matching donation to start the fund-raising for the new heating-cooling system for Trinity. This matching gift is conditional on the congregation being able to raise another \$60,000 by Dec. 1.

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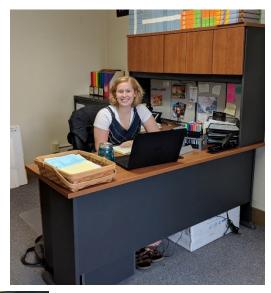
Excess funds will go towards other repair or replacement needs of the church.

Questions can be directed to any member of the Finance Team – Lorilyn Dehning (leader), Carlyn Kraabel, Alan Frydenlund, Jean Ann Tweeten or Chris Strinmoen – or Lee Hoekstra, Property Team Leader.

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▲ Trinity members helped serve a meal as part of the Hallingdal lag celebration that included a concert by the Luren Singing Society.



▲ Youth & Family Coordinator, Bekah Leafblad, has a new office space. Stop in and say hi!



■ Members of Trinity's Teams attended a retreat at Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. They talked and brainstormed about the year ahead leaving refreshed and excited about the coming year.

PHOTOS



▲ Prepping for asbestos abatement.

Behind that mysterious curtain the abatement process has begun! ▶







FELLOWSHIP LOCATION

During our heating/cooling system project, Fellowship after worship will be right in the sanctuary! Hang out in the sanctuary and enjoy treats and beverages while chatting with friends and neighbors.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

On September 30 we will have a Congregational Forum in the sanctuary following worship during Fellowship time. The purpose of the Forum is to hear more information about the proposed changes to the Council make-up and Trinity Constitution.





MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE BOILER/AC PROJECT

The Finance Team has received an anonymous \$30,000 matching donation to start the fundraising for the new heating-cooling system at Trinity. This matching gift is conditional on the congregation being able to raise another \$60,000 by December 1, 2018. Questions can be directed to the Finance Team.

AUGUST CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Motions approved:

- To schedule a congregational forum following worship on September 30 to give Trinity members an opportunity to share their input regarding the composition of the Council.
- To approve all of the youth fundraiser for 2019. (Stockholder sales in January, Easter Brunch, Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner, possibly Lenten Suppers.)
- To buy a few hymnals for shut-ins who listen to the radio service.
- To have Bag-A-Buck fundraiser on October 21 that will benefit the Houston County Food Shelf.

The next meeting is September 12 at 7:45 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

Complete Congregation Council minutes are on Trinity's website, available at sanctuary entrances, or in the office.



Sunday, September 9: Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 9: Noisy (Crinkly) Sunday

Wednesday, September 12: Confirmation classes begin

Sunday, September 23: Youth Stakeholders Celebration

Sunday, September 30: Servant Sunday, Congregational Forum

Sunday, October 7: Bishop Steve Delzer will be our guest at Trinity!

Sunday, October 28: Confirmation and Root River Conference Reformation Service at Trinity



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Rally Sunday 9:15am Worship/Praise Band 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Rally Sunday activities, outdoors 11:30am Tweeten Care Ctr Service	10	9:00am Deborah Circle 9:30am Anna Circle 7:00pm Support, GR 7:00pm Al-Anon, TC	9:30am Adah Circle 6:00pm Confirmation Orientation (7 th -9 th gr) 7:00pm 10 th gr Confirmation Service info mtg 7:45pm Council 8:00pm Choir	13	14	15 5:00pm Worship/ Communion
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30 Servant Sunday 9:15am Worship, Blessing of Animals 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Handbells 8:00pm 3:16s						



VOLUNTEERS

	SEPTEMBER 2	SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 30
LECTOR	Carlyn Kraabel	Maggie Lile	Lara Wold Mendez	Lenny Myrah	Jess Sherburne
ACOLYTE(S)	McKenzie Fisch, Caleb Griffin	Alison Frydenlund	Tysen Grinde, Julia Halverson	Hunter Holland	Maggie Lile
COMMUNION SERVERS	Joyce & Justin Landsom, Janice Messner	n/a	Barb & Dennis Gulbranson, Jan Kraabel	n/a	n/a
ALTAR Carol Gunderson (chair), Dawn Hewitt, Carol Sherburne, Milly Ha GUILD Carolyn Olson, Carolyn Kampschroer				•	rerson,
USHERS	Al Lochner (captain), Rob Gross, Jim Wilhelmson, Mark Engebretson, Dennis Gulbranson, Bruce Anderson				
COFFEE HOSTS	Linda Pierce, Sue Schulte, Barb & Steve Morken	Carolyn Kampschroer, Lois Sand, Angie Berns	Lori Wilhelmson, helpers needed	Karen & Bill Fried, Nancy Gulbranson, Bekah & Willy Leafblad	Jean Ann & Lonny Tweeten, Kati Bergey
498-AMEN	Sept. 2-8: Greg Wennes	Sept. 9-22: Jessica Kraus		Sept. 23-Oct. 6: Susie Jahnke	

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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