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Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sundays at Trinity

9:15 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Fellowship *Suspended*
8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
via At Home packets

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DOING OUR BEST FOR THE LEAST OF THESE:

Worship through March 15

*“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’
“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’”* Matthew 25:44-45 (NIV)

The Trinity COVID-19 Response Team* met on Tuesday, February 2, via Zoom and agreed that it is best that worship and most other Trinity activities remain virtual through the second Sunday in March. This shows our love to God, our families, and our community.

Here’s how we’re staying connected during this time:

- Call **498-HOPE** for announcements and daily devotions from Pr. Elizabeth and Pr. Lane.
- Attend **worship on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. on KVIK 104.7 FM and Facebook Live.**
- Come for **Drive-Through Communion** on Sunday, February 7 and 21 following worship, around 10 a.m.
- Bekah has prepared **At Home Sunday School materials** for families for February. **3:16s youth group** and **Middle School Game Night** are virtual during this time.
- The Wednesday Release Time program is suspended for the time being.
- We will continue to host small family funerals in the sanctuary, with no visitation or fellowship. It is very important that COVID guidelines regarding masks and distancing be maintained at funerals.
- The AA group will continue to meet on Tuesdays and Saturdays to accommodate this crucial ministry during this time.
- The Cub Scouts will meet Tuesday afternoons when it’s too cold to meet outdoors.

Heading into Lent....

- Attend our **Ash Wednesday Virtual Service** on Wednesday, February 17: Drive-Through Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 6 p.m. and worship on Facebook Live at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday Lenten services** featuring Holden Evening Prayer will be at 7p.m. on Facebook Live on February 24, and March 3 and 10.
- Facebook **“Live at 5”** returns for Lent!

The Response Team will meet again in early March to evaluate current conditions in the surrounding community. Check 498-HOPE and the trinitysg.org website for updates.

Thank you for your continued prayers for all those affected by COVID and for your ongoing support of Trinity’s ministries.

***Response Team:** Congregation President Saundy Solum, Pr. Elizabeth Hermeier, Pr. Lane Zaffke, CYF Director Bekah Leafblad, Marlene Deschler, Jean Ellingson, Mary Zaffke, Rick Sundet, and Rachel Udstuen.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:11-13

Beloved family of God,

It has seemed like a lifetime since we were able to worship together, sing together, gather for fellowship, and celebrate fully the festivals and seasons of the church and members lost to death. And we are, indeed, approaching a year since we sang to one-another at the close of worship on March 15, 2020.

The prophet Jeremiah wrote the above words to the Israelites during their 70-years-long exile away from the Promised Land. Conquered by the Babylonians more than 2500 years ago, the Israelites were torn from their homes, driven to a foreign land, enslaved, and not able to worship in their temple. For God’s chosen people, it really was a lifetime.

But God’s promises are always sure. God always promises “hope and a future.” That is no less true for us today than it was for the Israelites all those years ago. And we are no less God’s chosen people than the ancient Israelites.

I wonder, sometimes, about the stories they told one-another after the exile had ended and they could return home. I can imagine the questions children and grandchildren might have asked: “What did you do during the exile, grandma?” “How did you worship?” “How did you take care of one-another?”

One thing I’m certain of, they didn’t have Zoom or Facebook or a radio!

When this pandemic is over – and it will be! Vaccinations have begun! – how will we answer those same questions? I hope we will be able to answer with conviction: We did everything we could to ensure that no one got sick and no one died. We did our best to stay connected in worship and fellowship. We had faith in God’s promise for us.

Believe the promise.

Pastor Elizabeth



1 Samuel 3:1 *“Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.”*

Even the Bible records how God is sometimes silent. This passage happens after a long silence. What has happened to God’s Chosen people? Have they grown complacent? Do they take their belief that God chose them for granted? Have they turned their backs on God? The answer seems to be yes in this case. As the passage continues, Samuel eventually answers God.

Samuel is a boy ministering to Eli, a priest. Samuel’s mother, Hannah, had been barren but miraculously bore him in her old age (this happens a few times in the Old Testament). He is chosen by God as a prophet for the purpose of bringing the people of Israel back to faith and righteousness.

Frederick Buechner writes about the angel Gabriel anxiously waiting as Mary decides whether she will submit to God’s will and birth the Christ Child. In writing it, Buechner speculates that the Angel had asked many other young women the same question only to be turned down. Now that is something to mull over. Has God tried talking to us? And what did we answer, if we did at all.



Pastor Lane

THE 2020 TRINITY ANNUAL MEETING ON ZOOM WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to the 72 voting members who logged on or called in to the 2020 Trinity Annual Meeting on Zoom last Sunday, January 31, at 11 a.m. Eligible voting members of the congregation number just under 500, so a quorum of 50 (10%) was surpassed for the meeting to be called to order.

After attendance was taken – a slightly lengthier process to ensure accuracy on Zoom – Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer and litany. The previous annual meeting minutes were then approved, followed by acceptance of the financial reports and the pastor’s remarks.

All three agenda items – the 2021 budget, changes to the Constitution, and the 2021 ballot – were voted on and approved. Procedures were in place to ensure all those wishing to vote anonymously could do so. The budget and ballot required a simple majority vote, while the changes to the Constitution required a two-thirds majority.

Pr. Elizabeth closed with a prayer and benediction and the meeting was adjourned, after which new and returning team members were installed and blessed with a prayer.

Special thanks to Bookkeeper Lorilyn Dehning, Treasurer Barb Arnold, and the Finance Team for putting the budget together, and to Constitution Committee members Saundy Solum, Jacque Wennes, Lee Hoekstra, and Mary Deters. Special thanks also to the Nominating Committee: Outgoing Care Team Lead and Council Vice President Milly Halverson, Jessi Strinmoen, Willy Leafblad, Jacque Wennes, and Lori Wilhelmson.

Special thanks and credit for a successful meeting go to Congregation President Saundy Solum, who led the meeting, and CYF Director Bekah Leafblad and Outreach Team Lead Lara Wold-Mendez who managed technical, attendance and voting procedures. Additional great thanks go to Marlene Deschler for preparing the Annual Report, setting up the secure web page, and preparing the meeting mailing.

If you would like paper copies of the Annual Report and Constitution, please call the church office.



▲ To see everyone at the Annual Meeting, one had to scroll through three screens. This is just one screen of attendees.

◀ Attendees voted with a green “yes” or a red “no.” Here the vote was for the Team Ballot. Attendees that were on the phone verbally gave their vote, and those that wanted to vote anonymously were able to call or text Lara and give her their vote.

STOCK SALES

Make sure to answer your phones on the afternoons (3:00-5:00 p.m.) of February 14, 21, 28. Why, you ask? Our youth will be calling and asking if you would like to buy "shares of stock" in Trinity's youth program. These are not real shares of stock, rather a way to support the youth at Trinity in their future youth trips. Each share of stock is \$15 and stockholders can purchase as many shares as they would like. The youth who travel on the upcoming trips will share their experiences with stockholders and other church members during worship after the trip. Future youth trips: a houseboat trip in July 2021 and the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis the summer of 2022. Questions? Contact Bekah Leafblad at cyf.trinitysg@gmail.com or call the church office, 498-5291. Thank you!

**TRINITY WELCOMES ALL AS MEMBERS**

The Outreach Team is working on gathering names of persons who might be interested in joining our family at Trinity. If you or someone you know are thinking about membership or if you have questions about it, please call the church office and let us know. We would love to talk to you about the joys of being a member at Trinity Lutheran and are excited to welcome you as a brother or sister in Christ.

AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will not meet in person this month. Bekah has sent out packets to Trinity families so that everyone can continue Sunday School at home and tailor it to their own schedules! Packets include activities, coloring sheets, stories, puzzles and more! Remember "Bible Stories with Bekah" on our YouTube channel along with craft tutorials.

SOCK DRIVE

The Outreach Team's Sock Drive continues through February 28. Socks have been identified as a significant need within our region. Socks are frequently the most requested, but least donated, items at homeless shelters. Locally socks will be available at Trinity's Little Free Pantry, and area schools. They will also be distributed to regional homeless shelters in La Crosse, Winona, Rochester, and the Twin Cities.

What's needed: all types (crew, no-show, wool, athletic, etc.) and all sizes (men, women, children, baby).

How you can help:

- purchase socks and drop off at Trinity. There is a marked box inside our Gathering Room. (go in the door nearest the parking lot and follow the signs)
- have them shipped directly: Trinity Lutheran Church (attn: Socks), 203 E. Main St., Spring Grove, MN 55974
- donate money and the Outreach Team will shop in bulk and search out deals.
- \$100 purchases approximately 50 pairs - \$50 purchases approximately 25 pairs
- \$15 purchases a pack of socks - \$2 purchases about 1 pair of socks



Monetary donations: cash/checks can be dropped off/mailed to the office (clearly marked: Sock Drive) or via **Paypal** (to Lara Wold Mendez or Jessi Strinmoen) or **Venmo** (to Jessica.Strinmoen)

Thank you for your continuous and loving support! The Outreach Team

THANK YOU NOTES THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED....

"Thank you very much for the Christmas gift and dinner! Bringing communion to the Manor makes me feel so included to you all!"

"Thank you for remembering me with the gift bag full of clothes, food, and a gift card. The sweatpants and socks are very warm and cozy. Thanks again for the kindness you have shown."

"Thank you for the gifts for the residents. Made their Christmas a little brighter."

"Appreciate the gifts very much."

"Thank you so much for your help with the Christmas Meals delivery. I so appreciate your flexibility and attention to all of the details!"

JANUARY 13, 2021 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Outreach Team helped Meals on Wheels deliver meals for Christmas Eve and Day. 56 people received meal packages. There were \$1,200 in donations. A hot, ready-to-eat meal from Ivy Grove was delivered on Christmas Eve along with a cold meal from Red's to heat for Christmas Day. Care packages and cards were put together by members of community and were delivered along with the meals.
- Currently, there are four 9th and 10th grade youth signed up for the houseboat trip this summer, The Education Team decided to open up the trip to 8th graders to hopefully fill the remaining 6 spots (10 total).
- Facility Plan Team has not met. Plan to meet next week on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 5:30 pm via Zoom and socially distanced at church. A donor has generously given \$500,000 to the building fund. A finance/fundraising team should be assigned for this project, including a person from the Finance Team.
- The Scholarship Endowment received a generous gift of \$100,000.
- Trinity Center update — a camera door lock/doorbell system was installed. Trinity Center is locked 24/7. Press doorbell and Bethany (Beary Patch teacher) can unlock from the inside. Key cards have been distributed to those that need to regularly enter the building. A picture is also taken of those at door. All at a cost of \$1,100.
- Pr. Elizabeth discussed security discussions at Trinity. The Council discussed locking/not locking the church for safety. Chief Foltz suggested that we lock the church. Barbara Arnold moved that the church be locked, Willy Leafblad seconded it. There was more discussion. The motion was tabled.
- Facebook Live for funerals — Do we want to charge for usage of FB live at funerals? Council agreed to charge a \$10 fee. Willy will discuss with Worship Team for funeral policy modifications.

Motions passed:

- Banking authority — correct people need to be on the bank's list. Finance Team lead, Judy Tollefsrud, needs to be added.
- Event fundraising form — to add a note for special circumstances to the form to be approved by pastor and council president and team lead, if needed, prior to next council meeting or 2 months' timeframe.

Next Meeting: February 10 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Complete minutes are on Trinity's website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TRINITY AND ITS MINISTRIES

Thank you so much for your continued support of Trinity and our ministries during this time when we can't be together.

We have options to receive your offering during this time when we will not be gathering at the Trinity building:

- ▶ **ELECTRONICALLY:** via our website, www.trinitysg.org. Click on the "Contribute" link on the right-side of the page.
- ▶ **BY MAIL:** Trinity Lutheran Church, 203 E. Main St., Spring Grove, MN 55974.

Remember — **sponsorships for the radio broadcast** (\$100) or **Missionary for a Day candle** (\$40) can also still be done. Do you have a certain date in mind?

Give us a call, 498-5291, and leave a message or send us an email, trinity@springgrove.coop.

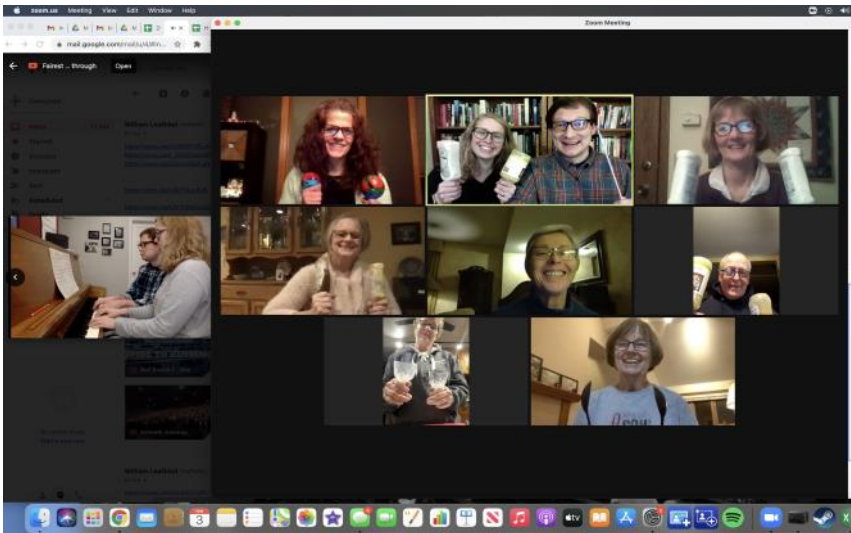
Thank You
FOR
GIVING
...
GENEROUSLY

FRIDAY EMAILS

On Fridays we send an email with news about the weekend and upcoming week. We are sending these via MailChimp. Please check your spam/junk/promotions folders to see if the email is "stuck" there. Scroll to the bottom of the email and click on the link "Add us to your address book." so that the weekly email goes directly to your inbox.

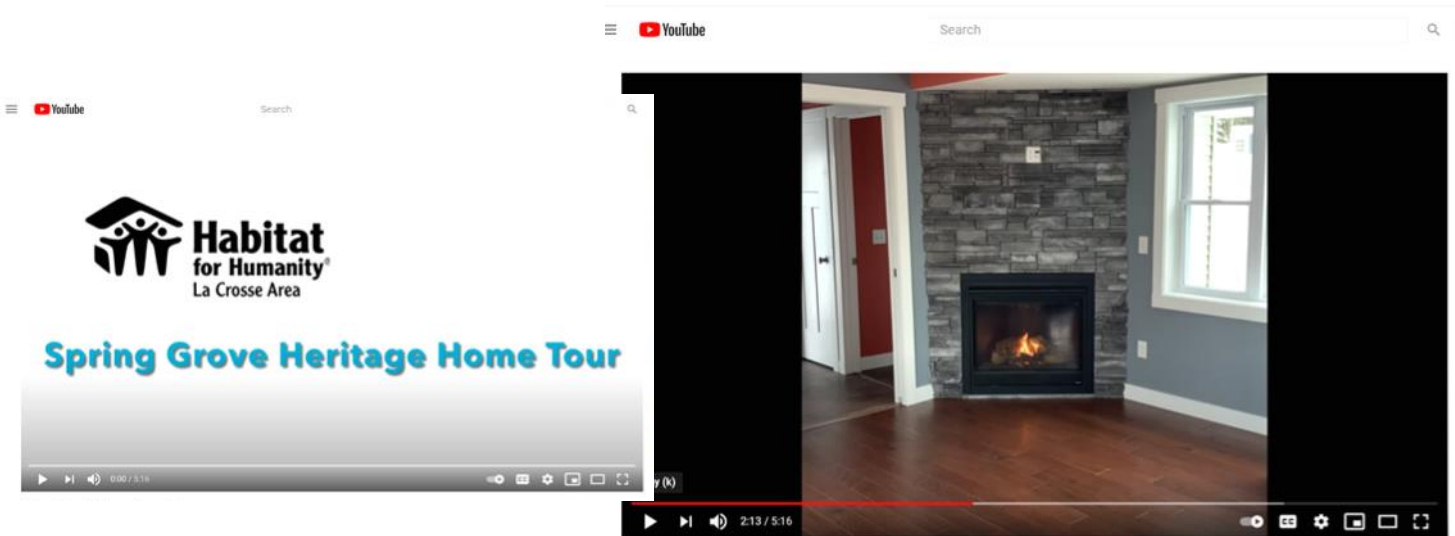
Not signed up for the weekly email? Let us know in the office and we'll get you on the list.





◀ The Handbell Choir ensemble has met via Zoom when they weren't able to meet in person. They went over techniques and listened and "played" along with the music creatively using salad dressing, wine glasses, and maracas as bells!

▼ The Habitat for Humanity Spring Grove house is complete and the family has moved in! Trinity was one of the sponsors of the home. A tour of the home prior to the family moving in, can be seen on YouTube, https://youtu.be/jQjTs_vSkh0.



▼ The sanctuary was lined with nearly 300 luminaries on Epiphany Sunday! Donations for luminaries were given to the Houston County Food Shelf and Trinity's General Fund in memory of/ in honor of/ in appreciation of many people. The full list can be found on our website.



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This is the final issue of *Interchange* due to a reduction in budget. The winter issue of *Intercambio* will not be published. For monthly Women of the ELCA news, sign up for Bold Connections on our publications page: welca.org/publications.

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With giving down, organization forced into staffing changes

WITH GIVING TO THE ORGANIZATION DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY, Women of the ELCA's executive board adopted a 2021 budget that will change the staff configuration. The new staffing model was announced December 16. Eight of 10 on staff will move to part-time positions Feb. 1, and two will remain full time.

Executive Director Linda Post Bushkofsky and *Gather* Editor Elizabeth Hunter will keep their full-time jobs. The remaining eight positions will go part time, with seven of those positions guaranteed through the end of August 2021. See those positions here: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/about/staff>.

The board, in a special meeting Dec. 5, approved a 2021 budget of \$1,636,250 or \$729,750 (31 percent) less than the 2020 budget of \$2,366,000.

"We are recommending a budget best suited for our finances given the pandemic and the reduction in income we've been receiving year after year," said Sara Larson, chairman of the churchwide budget and finance committee.

"For many years, we have been trying to get by and making ways for there not to be staff cuts," she added. "However, we cannot continue to operate in this manner. We have to come up with a new plan."

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— Sara Larson, chair of the churchwide budget and finance committee

In announcing the new staffing model, Bushkofsky said, "I see the time between January and August as allowing focused strategic thinking about how the organization will meet its mission in the future and what staffing arrangement will best serve the organization into that future. That strategic thinking will build upon the strategic planning work already accomplished by the churchwide executive board during the 2017–2020 triennium."

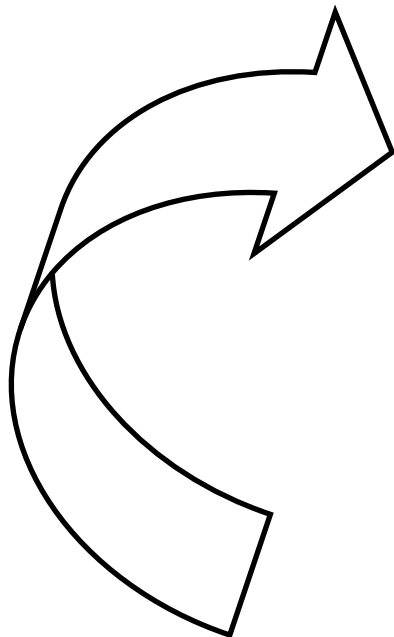
"What staffing will look like come September 1, 2021, is unknown, beyond the work of the executive director, editor of *Gather* and managing editor of *Gather*," Bushkofsky said.

Staffing decisions will be informed by the strategic thinking of board and staff, she said. Over the next several months, additional information will also become available to assist in making those staffing decisions, such as 1) actual revenue received in FY2020, 2) the pandemic trajectory and 3) revenue received in quarters one and two of FY2021.

In other actions, the board

- Amended an investment policy adopted at its regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 24, 2020, that will allow the entire executive board to decide where gifts over \$25,000 are distributed.

- Approved a recently received bequest of \$152,000 to be distributed "where needed most."
- Authorized the executive director and board treasurer to open a bank account at BMOHarris for general operating purposes and an account at Edward Jones for the recent \$152,00 bequest.
- Heard an informational update on the status of the triennial convention and gathering, currently postponed until August 2021 as in-person events in Phoenix, Arizona. (See page 8 for an updated decision about dates for the convention and gathering.)



The letter writing project continues!

Did you think you had missed out on connecting with someone in another part of the country? There is still time! Check out the info in this article and start corresponding with a new friend!

Our letter-exchange project is so popular, we've extended it

"DEAR FRIEND IN CHRIST, our letter-exchange project, has proven so popular that it's been extended to March 5, 2021," said Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director. "Women throughout the ELCA have written letters, sharing their faith, offering advice on coping through the pandemic, even exchanging poems and recipes.



"The project's success coupled with the most challenging days ahead in the coronavirus pandemic suggested we should extend Dear Friend in Christ into the new year," she explained. "Maintaining community through Thanksgiving, Christmas and into the New Year, all at a time of physical distancing, is critically important."

Women who have already exchanged letters in the project are encouraged to exchange cards and continue writing into 2021, sustaining community, and lifting spirits. Those who are new to the project are invited to do the same.

It's easy to participate in the Dear Friend in Christ project. You simply write a letter, complete the release form, and mail it to the address provided on the form. Soon thereafter, you will receive a letter and the author of that letter will receive your letter. Visit welca.org/dearfriend to learn how to send and receive a letter.

Don't forget the release form

"We have encountered a dilemma with some letters," Bushkofsky said. "Some women have not included a release form, and some have not included any information about themselves, no name, not even a return mailing address. If we at least had their mailing address, we could write to them, provide a release form, and ask them to complete the form."

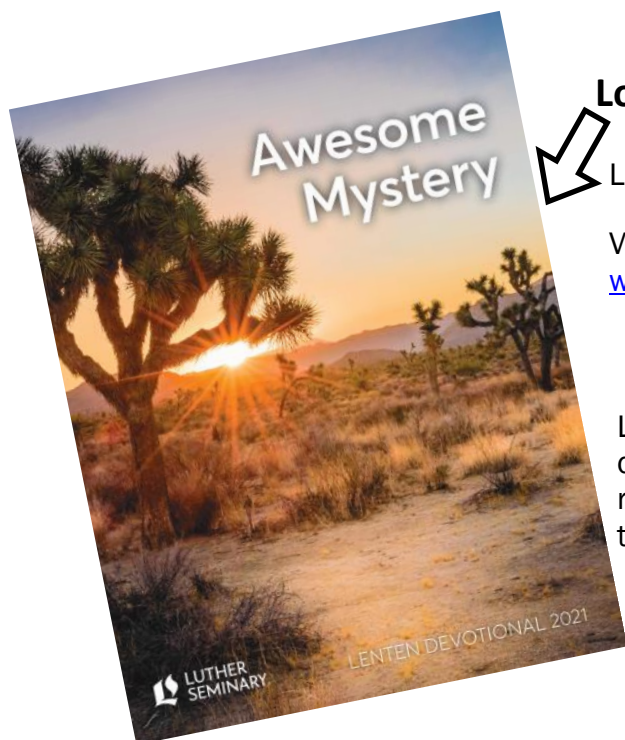
That explains why some women have sent in letters but not received any in return.

A signed release form is required. If a woman knows she did not include a release form, she can complete one and mail it in so that an exchange can take place.

Project ends March 5, 2021

"We selected a new end date of March 5, 2021, so women might consider a letter writing effort when they observe Bold Women's Day on February 28. By March 5 we should also be seeing some encouraging signs of spring," said Bushkofsky.

SENIOR DINING — Did you know Senior Dining offered carry-out meals? What a great opportunity for a hot meal during the week! Carry-out meals are available Monday-Friday. To reserve a meal, contact Annette Peterson at Senior Dining, 498-3385 (Mon.- Fri. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., leave a message if she doesn't answer) or via her cell phone, (507) 458-4046. Please give 24 hours notice to reserve a meal. A donation between \$3.75-\$7.00 is requested, but it is whatever you can pay. Meals can be picked up at the Spring Grove Legion People can also sign up to have meals delivered. You can also contact the Rushford SEMCAC office to sign up for meals, (507) 864-2786.



Looking for a daily devotional to use during Lent?

Luther Seminary has a free devotional they offer for all to use.

Visit the link below to download a pdf copy of the devotional:

www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional

Luther Seminary also offers a daily devotional that is emailed directly to you! It is called God Pause. Visit the following link to read the daily devotion and to sign-up to have it sent directly to you.

www.luthersem.edu/godpause/

NAVIGATING TOGETHER: A VIRTUAL GRIEF RETREAT

Sat., February 20, 9 a.m.-noon: Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one and would like to find support and paths for healing is invited to this gathering on Zoom. Follow the link below or call, (608) 791-5295.

<https://fsc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=21SDY05275>

GOLDEN YOGA (VIA ZOOM) SESSION 2: FEBRUARY 16, 23; MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23 SESSION 3: MARCH 30; APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27; MAY 4 BONUS SESSION: MAY 11, 18, 25 Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Instructor: Amber Moesch Investment: \$50 for six-week session or \$10 per class \$30 for bonus session **Registration deadline:** February 15/March 29/May 10 Golden Yoga provides a safe approach to improved strength, balance and flexibility. Each class includes a gentle flow of seated stretches, standing poses and balance exercises demonstrated through Zoom videoconferencing. Participants will need a chair to offer modifications and balance support. The last 15 minutes of each class will include stretching exercises and conversation (over Zoom) to help foster a sense of community.

VINYASA YOGA (VIA ZOOM) SESSION 2: FEBRUARY 17, 24; MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24 SESSION 3: MARCH 31; APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28; MAY 5 BONUS SESSION: MAY 12, 19, 26 Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Instructor: Bernice Olson-Pollack Investment: \$50 for six-week session or \$10 per class \$30 for bonus session **Registration deadline:** February 16/March 30/May 11 Vinyasa flow is a moving meditation that guides you toward a sense of calm and links poses together with smooth sequencing. This practice also promotes the integration of breathing mindfully with the postures to deepen the relationship with your internal Self.

Above classes offered through Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse, (608) 791-5295.

WHAT IS MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOME CARE PROGRAM? HOW COULD WE HELP YOU?

Our Medicare Certified Home Care is as it states, we are certified through Medicare. How can you qualify for our Program? The Criteria is that you are **Homebound** and need a **Skilled Service**.

• **Homebound**, means it is difficult for you to leave your home, down step, into a car, etc. Usually a person who is homebound uses a walker or a cane. You may have post-surgery restrictions or are weak from a recent hospitalization or have dementia. Being homebound has nothing to do with being able to drive and it is not a choice. A person would need to think twice about going anywhere because it is so much work. This does not mean that you can never leave your home during this period of Coverage.

What you CAN do: **Someone** can take you to doctor's appointments, **Someone** can take you to Church, and **Someone** can take you to a hair appointment or a special family event. However, if you are able to hop in the car and go to Walmart with your daughter and get groceries, you probably are not homebound and would not qualify. However, during this pandemic, people could be homebound because of Covid restriction.

• **Skilled Services:** There must be a need and you would benefit from one of 3 skilled services: A Skilled Nurse, a Physical Therapist or a Speech Therapist. We need a doctor's order for the Skilled Service. It will be ordered by your primary care physician. A Registered Nurse would complete an assessment to determine if an individual would qualify, and what Skilled Services would be beneficial to the individual and Goals would be discussed.

Progress would be documented to show improvement to meet those Goals. When individual's goals are met they are discharged from the program. Because of the improvement, you are able to get back to your normal life and routine.

Good Samaritan Society Home Care will bill Medicare on your behalf and all services are usually paid 100%. We also accept Medicare HMO's (that may have deductible and copay), VA, private insurance and private pay.

With any questions, please call (507) 377-1701.

Sincerely,
Dee Lehner, LPN

Liaison, Good Samaritan Society Home Care

► Do your kids or grandkids enjoy online games? We include a link to our Children's Bulletin in our weekly email. It can be downloaded and printed so they can complete the activities. The code to play the online games is included on the front of the Children's Bulletins. Check it out!

Your children's bulletin unlocks ONLINE FUN at home.

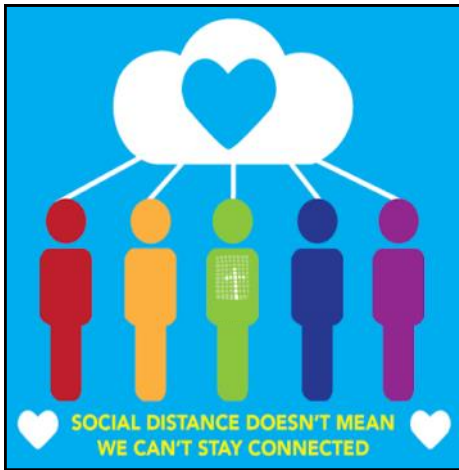
Did you know there is a secret code on each week's Children's Bulletin?

This secret code is unique to Trinity and allows safe and secure access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. Children's Worship Bulletins @ Home takes advantage of the latest web security.

No data is captured about players, and there's no need to download any game plugins to a computer that might be vulnerable to spyware. Children will never see an ad, so you can feel confident that they're having a safe playing experience.

Step 1: Go to: Games.ChildrensBulletins.com

Step 2: Enter the secret code and choose a game to play!



WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO TRINITY

- **498-HOPE (4673)**
-short daily messages and updates
- **498-AMEN (2636)**
-daily devotions
- **www.trinitysg.org**
-news, updates, info
- **Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church Spring Grove**
-updates, music, worship, info
- **YouTube:**
Trinity Lutheran: Spring Grove
-video recordings of worship, Bible Stories with Bekah
- **Instagram**
-photos, updates
- **KVIK 104.7FM**
- Sunday worship service,
- www.kvikradio.com

This is how we care for ourselves and our neighbors.

Friendly reminder on how to wear a mask.

And remember....they need washing, too! 😊



Yes!
nose, mouth, chin covered.

No...
nose not covered.

No...
nose, mouth, chin

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Do you know someone that needs a little help with food or toiletries? Please let them know that Trinity has a Little Free Pantry in the lower level – enter using the southeast door (on Main Street, closest to the parking lot), head down the stairs and the pantry is directly ahead. Please remember to use hand sanitizer prior to picking up items. A hand sanitizer dispenser is directly inside the door.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

We also have a Good Samaritan Fund. Please call the church office if you or someone you know has a need.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH

2021 TEAMS

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☐ Michelle Jahnke (21)

TREASURER

Barbara Arnold (17, 19)

CARE MINISTRY

Laurie Moen, leader (21)

Kathy Anderson (21)

Angie Berns (21)

Kris Bjerke (21)

Betty Dokken (16, 18, 20)

Karen Folstad (21)

Danielle Myhre (17, 19, 21)

Kathy Overland (19, 21)

Anne Scheetz (20)

MISSION IN THE WORLD

Dean Wiste, leader (20)

Karen Gray (19, 21)

Janna Myrah (17, 19, 21)

Naomi Pollock (20)

Jen Solberg (21)

Stewart Storlie (20)

HERITAGE ENDOWMENT

Jim Gray, chair (16, 19)

Jeff Engen (21)

Cheryl Fisch (21)

Eric Frydenlund (17, 20)

Justin Landsom (15, 19)

MISSION ENDOWMENT

Bruce Hegge, chair (18, 21)

Mark Dokken, treas (18, 21)

Howard Deters (20)

Joan Lewis (21)

Greg Wennes (18, 21)

COMMUNICATIONS

Jean Ellingson, leader (20-2yr)

Rachel Bjerke (20)

Tysen Grinde (youth: 21)

Mary Zaffke (19)

PROPERTY

Dan Alstad, leader (20)

Dana Kjome (17, 19, 21)

Jerald Oakes (20)

David Overland (21)

Kris Rud (18, 20)

Nate Stender (21)

Lori Wilhelmson (21)

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Bill Fried, treas. (20)

Candyce Deck (20)

Marlene Deschler (19)

Nancy Gulbranson (21)

Shari Wennes (18, 21)

EDUCATION

Bethany Moen, leader (21)

Kelsey Bratland (youth: 18, 20)

Amy Gross (19, 21)

Betty Johnson (18, 20)

Jessica Kraus (20)

Mary Newgaard (17, 19, 21)

Tammy Petersen (21)

STAFFING

Jan Kraabel, leader (20-2yr)

Jan Lochner (20)

Bev Nelson (17, 19, 21)

STEWARDSHIP

Steve Kemp, leader (20)

Judy Bratland (17, 19, 21)

Joyce Landsom (21)

Peggy Landsom (20)

Steve Nelson (20)

Connie Strinmoen (21)

**2021 SYNOD ASSEMBLY
Voting Members**

Willy Leafblad

Saundy Solum

Rachel Udstuen

FINANCE

Judy Tollefsrud, leader (20)

Kari Alstad (19, 21)

Al Frydenlund (17, 19, 21)

Carlyn Kraabel (17, 18*, 20)

Brett Scheetz (19, 21)

Jean Ann Tweeten (18, 20)

WORSHIP

Kim Kapplinger, leader (21)

Karen Bingham (21)

Jackie Parker (21)

Mark Schroeder (18, 20)

Rachel Storlie (18, 20)

Rick Sundet (20)

OUTREACH

Lara Wold Mendez, leader (19)

Karry Thorson (21)

Barb Gulbranson (19, 21)

Terry Holland (20)

Janice Messner (18, 20)

Linda Nerstad Kemp (16, 18, 20)

Jessica Strinmoen (19, 21)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Milly Halverson

Gary Wilhelmson

Mary Zaffke

TERMS:

Team Leaders = 3 years, may not succeed themselves on same team.

Team Members = 2 years, may succeed themselves two times

Endowment Committee = 3 years, can serve no more than 2 consecutive terms

Nominating Committee = composed of current year's out-going members of Council plus 3 others elected at Annual Meeting

President and Secretary = 3 years, may not succeed themselves

Treasurer = 2 years, may succeed self two times (for total of six years)

NOTE:

Team members listed with * by a year indicates that they were re-elected in that particular year to off-set the terms so that all team members' terms did not expire the same year.

February happenings at Trinity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 3:30pm Cub Scouts, FH 5:00pm AA 7:00pm Response Team, Zoom	3 8:00pm 3:16s, Zoom	4 6:00pm Education, Zoom	5	6 10:30am AA
7 9:15am Worship, Facebook Live, radio 10:00am Drive Thru Communion 10:30am Worship Team, Zoom	8	9 3:30pm Cub Scouts, FH 4:30pm Music Task Force, Zoom 5:00pm AA 7pm Finance Team, Zoom	10 7:00pm Council 7:00pm Handbell practice 8:00 pm 3:16s, Zoom	11	12 7:30pm Middle School Game Night, Zoom	13 10:30am AA
14 9:15am Worship, Facebook Live, radio 2:00pm SEMN Root River Conference Assembly, Zoom 3:00-5:00pm Stock Sales Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16 3:30pm Cub Scouts, FH 5:00pm AA	17 Ash Wednesday 6:00pm Drive-Thru Communion, Imposition of Ashes 6:15pm Handbell practice 7:00pm Worship, FB Live 8:00pm 3:16s, Zoom	18 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live 7:00pm Staffing Team, Zoom	19 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live newsletter info due	20 10:30am AA 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live
21 9:15am Worship, Facebook Live, radio 3:00-5:00pm Stock Sales 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live	22 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live	23 3:30pm Cub Scouts, FH 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live 5:00pm AA	24 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live 6:00pm Handbell practice 7:00pm Lenten Worship, FB Live 8:00pm 3:16s, Zoom	25 2:00pm newsletter prepped 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live	26 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live 7:30pm Middle School Game Night, Zoom	27 10:30am AA 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live
28 9:15am Worship, Facebook Live, radio 3:00-5:00pm Stock Sales 5:00pm Live@5, Facebook Live			FH = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) MR = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) GR = Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom) TC = Trinity Center			

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to see it.
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to be it.”

-Amanda Gorman,
“The Hill we Climb”