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The average person is awake for about 112 hours a week.



The average church-going person spends two of those hours at church. Ninety-eight percent of our waking hours are spent in the activities of everyday life: drinking coffee, driving in the car, working and volunteering, cooking and eating with family and walking the dog. If we only look for God at church, we will be lonely for God 98% of our waking hours. On the other hand, if we learn how to pay attention to God's abundant presence that is everywhere in every moment, we will experience the sacredness of everyday life.

Come learn and hear about
finding God in your everyday life

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PASTOR DAN POFFENBERGER



Brothers and Sisters,

I have been doing some musing about gratitude, generosity and stewardship lately – it is the season when many of us at Trinity think about our own personal financial support of our mission, including your lead pastor and his wife. Our household has grown tremendously in seeing our giving as a matter of spiritual growth, while realizing that we still aspire to grow both in our capacity to give and our willingness to do so with joy. Here are some thoughts I want to share with you:

An average American household budget looks like this:

36%	Housing
17%	Transportation
13%	Food
9%	Insurance and Pension
5%	Out of pocket health care
5%	Entertainment
4%	Clothing
4%	Alcohol, Tobacco, Caffeine
4%	Consumer Debt
2%	Education
2%	Charitable contributions
2%	Miscellaneous

If you look at this through the eyes of Jesus, what do you see?

Americans give to human need at the same rate as they spend on things that don't even count (miscellaneous).

Love your neighbor as yourself?

According to this measure, we love ourselves to the tune of 98% of our income – our neighbor? About 2%. Makes me uncomfortable.

Where are you?

What does your household budget look like? How do you begin to move the money you give to support God's work in this world up on your priority list?

My guess is that you will do it the way I have – you make a choice. Once you make a choice, you change your habits. I know that if you start making some small changes, you will see your capacity for giving grow quickly.

Aspire for much.

I am able to say that in our household, our charitable giving is #3 as a percentage of our household budget, second only to our expense for housing and the funding of our sons' college education (which, when it is over, our capacity grows).

What this means for you and me is joy and freedom. Joy for participating in the work God is doing in this world and freedom from the anxiety, guilt and self-centeredness that happens when accumulation of money is front and center in our minds.

It is a move away from a consumer mentality to a gratitude mentality. Away from "what can I get" to "what can I give."

It is time to change, to grow, to experience the transformation of living better in synergy with God's presence in the world.

My challenge to this congregation – to you – is simple. Grow your capacity to give by leading a life of intentional, disciplined stewardship of your resources. Make a decision today to give at least 5% of your income away in support of organizations you believe are doing God's work in the world. If you are already there, grow

another 1% a year until your capacity to give is the largest priority in your household budget.

A note about Trinity.

More than 1000 families consider Trinity their church home, and more than half do not contribute even \$100 per year.

Of the 460 families that do contribute, the average pledge per year is \$2800.

If all of our 1000 families gave an additional 1% of their income in support of our common mission, we would see an almost \$1 million increase in our capacity to do mission here at home and abroad.

It is time for all of us who consider Trinity our church home and center for mission to contribute generously to support our mission. We have a great foundation, now it is time to broaden and deepen our impact for the mission of Jesus in the world.

My hope is that you step into a new reality about your capacity to give, and you join Jesus in using all of you – your mind, your time, your creativity, and your money to serve and love God and your neighbor.

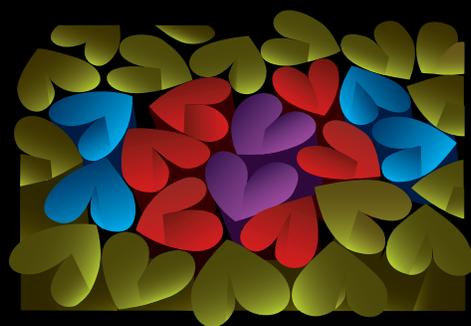
If you want to respond to this, do so today, and drop me an email at dpoffenberger@trinitylc.org – I want to celebrate the good news!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Poffenberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

A large white envelope should arrive in your mailbox in late October 2010. Its content will be engaging and inspiring! It will include your pledge card. This year, Trinity's coaches and leaders will lead their teams in discussions about giving and pledging. The talk will not be about dollar amounts, but about gratitude and generosity, community and compassion, obstacles and opportunities, commitment and challenge. Let your heart speak boldly about the church that you love!

GENEROUS
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for TRINITY



*But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech,
in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us
—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.
—2 Corinthians 8:7*

You Get to Give!

You have to spend and indisputably you also have to save, but you get to give. Just as you set aside money for savings and for all the expenses in your life, a giving plan shows how much money you plan to give, and where, when, and how you will give it.

1. Determine how much money you are going to give.

Look at your essential and non-essential expenditures. Differentiate between your needs and your wants. Think about the needs of others. Think about how much is enough. Determine a percentage of income or a set amount to give annually. Plan to grow in your giving.

2. Select the recipients of your giving.

Typically there are three categories – the church, charitable

organizations, and causes that are not tax-deductible such as your child's soccer team, a political campaign or a special gift for someone in need. Think about how your gifts can be the most impactful to others and the most meaningful to you.

3. Determine how and when you will give.

One time gifts can be spread throughout the year. Automated giving is a tool that helps keep weekly or monthly giving on track.

4. Create a file for your giving records and receipts.

Review regularly, monitor and adjust. Savor the gift of giving. Be thankful that you get to give.

From the Gratitude Team, with gratitude to God for you!

*Laurel Anderson,
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Ann Wolff*

GROUP & TEAM MINISTRIES



Time to be thankful

Tue., Nov. 16; 10 a.m.

Garden Room

November historically is a time to give thanks. This AWE event will focus on the power of words and identifying those in our lives for which we are thankful.

Colleen Baldrice, author of *Tree Spirited Woman*, a three-time national award winner, will share stories, her book, and encourage participants to recognize and reach out to those who have shared some pivotal moments in their lives.

Come and enjoy the camaraderie with others.

Swedish Institute Christmas Tour

Tue., Dec. 14; noon depart Trinity by carpool; Cost: \$12

Registration deadline: Dec. 7

Join us for a guided tour of the Swedish Institute, including dessert. The 70+ rooms of this beautiful mansion will be decorated in different Scandinavian Christmas themes. We expect to return to Trinity by 4 p.m. Contact Shirley White at 351-0980 with questions.

Scrapbook for the Soul

Second Friday of each month

Have an unfinished scrapbook, need fresh new ideas or want to start scrapbooking? Please join us as we share a devotion and fellowship while working on our albums. Contact Christine Lande at 430-2689 with your questions or meeting dates, times and locations.



God Loving Outdoor Women

GLOW 2011 Events

We are making exciting plans for 2011!

- January Moonlight Ski, Wild River State Park
- February North Shore Ski trip, Lutsen
- June Water Sport Weekend, Jolivette Cabin
- August Wild River Canoe Adventure, St. Croix River
- September Fall Hiking trip, Superior Hiking Trail

Watch upcoming Trinity publications for more detailed information. Contact Kat Carlsen at kathy@primestaff.com with questions.

Working Moms

Every other Saturday, 10-11:15 a.m.

Fresh Fields, Stillwater

Laughter, friendship and support for working women with young children.

Elaine Knodt, elaine.knodt@target.com

Siri Erickson, serickson@trinitylc.org

Trinity Veterans' Team & Hilltopper Special Event

Thu., Oct. 21; 12 noon – Garden Room;

Suggested donation \$3 for meal

Not many people could find anything positive about getting their legs blown off and losing two close friends in a battlefield explosion, but Staff Sergeant John Kriesel says it changed his life for the better. Kriesel says, "It took losing my legs and two close friends to make me realize just what is important in life. Trinity member Jim Kosmo helped Kriesel write, *Still Standing, The Story of SSG John Kriesel*, a book that chronicles John's military life, 35 surgeries, lengthy rehabilitation and the motivational lessons he learned. The Trinity Veterans' Team has invited Jim Kosmo and Staff Sergeant John Kriesel to speak at Hilltoppers. Lunch will be served. Please contact Diane Rollie at 439-7400 or drollie@trinitylc.org with questions.

RETIRED MEN



Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Tue., Oct. 19, 8:30-a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The Retired Men of Trinity will be participating for a day on a current Habitat for Humanity housing project. This is a great chance to provide hands-on work for an important housing initiative. If you like to work with your hands, learn some new skills or generally enjoy working with others on building projects, this is for you. Further details regarding this project will be available in early October. Contact Vic Thalacker at 439-9782 or vpthalacker@yahoo.com with questions.

Mapping an Emergency Response: The United States National Grid & So Much More!

Tue., Nov. 9; 9 a.m. – Garden Room

With an emphasis on a unique way to describe location known as the United States National Grid, this lecture will review the diverse and significant ways advances in geospatial technologies are being used to assist Minnesota's emergency services sector. From "smart" paper maps to Global Positioning Systems (GPS), attendees will learn about process and products that are changing emergency preparedness and response, and helping shape the national discussion about the exploding field of geospatial technology. Event speaker, Steve D. Swazee, Sr., is a retired Navy Captain and Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office and a 747-400 pilot with Delta Airlines. Contact Lowell Saterbak at 436-6252 with questions.

What Happens When God Speaks and No One Listens?

Sat., Oct. 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20
9-10:30 a.m. – Living Room

Come join this engaging study of major league minor prophets Amos, Joel, Hosea, and Micah.

Led by Rev. Steve Hokonson,
stephen.hokonson@cbbhudson.org

Monday evening Bible study

Mondays thru Dec. 13

7-8:30 p.m. – Living Room

Led by Diane Sawers, 430-3423.

Bible Study with Pastor Kris

Wednesdays thru Dec. 15

9:30-10:30 a.m. – Garden Room

Exploring the life and teachings of Jesus with others can be fun, engaging and life-giving. Together we will explore the biblical stories of how Jesus called, loved, and taught ordinary people, transforming them into extraordinary disciples. As we delve into Jesus' interaction with his disciples, we will also look at the disciples' response to Jesus.

Sometimes the disciples were slow to catch on to who Jesus was and what he was about and at other times there was no stopping them. Led by Pastor Kris Linner, klinner@trinitylc.org

Hope and Healing in Grief

Sun., Nov. 7; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Living Room

Grief is a long and difficult road and it can be especially difficult during the holidays. If you are wondering how you can get through the holidays while grieving, come to learn about normal grief and get some helpful tips on coping. Contact

Pastor Kris Linner at 439-7400, ext. 107 or klinner@trinitylc.org

Tuesday morning women's Bible study

Tuesdays, Oct. 19, 26;

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14

8:30-10:30 a.m. – Living Room

We are studying Kathleen Urtel Johnson's Bible study *Whole Bible, Whole Life*. We start our study with prayer requests, and pray for all at the end of our time together. We read all of the study and Bible readings in class, so we have no homework, and anyone is invited to come as they are able.

Led by Lynn Schurrer, 430-1632
Lschurrer@aol.com

Men's early morning study

Wednesdays (about every other week)

6:30-8 a.m. – Office Conf. Room

Join other men for thoughtful conversations about the life of Martin Luther. Contact Mike Johnson for meeting dates and study materials via email at mikej@campwapo.org.

Jump, Jive & Wail

Sat., Oct. 16, 8 p.m.

The St. Croix Jazz Orchestra is an 18-piece jazz big band made up of professional musicians who live or work in the St. Croix Valley area. The Valley Chamber Chorale is a unique artistic organization dedicated to providing classical, contemporary, jazz and vocal performances of the highest caliber. Tickets at the door or online at: www.artreachstcroix.org

Misbehavin'

Sat., Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

An Evening of Jazz and Classics
Paul Mabon, Sr. - Vocals

Benny Weinbeck & his Jazz Group

James V. Blaha - Classical Piano

Tickets available at River Market Community Coop, Valley Bookseller, or 430-0993 or at the door.

St. Croix Concert Series

Fri., Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.

The Romantic Piano with Piers Lane from London, England
For tickets call 430-3528 or online at www.stcroixconcertseries.org

Calling all story writers!

The Worship Team invites you to submit a Christmas story for children. The winning entry will be used as a part of our children's worship service (1:30 p.m.) on Christmas Eve. The story will either be read or told freely by our guest storyteller during worship. In addition, children will be given a full-color printed edition of the story as they leave worship. All stories will be available on the Trinity website.

Contest Specifics:

- A story appropriate for children ages 4-10.
- No more than 2000 words – or a spoken length of 7-8 minutes
 - Sacred, spiritual in nature – whimsical in character
 - A work that will compliment the biblical Christmas story
 - If possible, taking place in the St. Croix Valley
- Deadline for submissions: Nov. 15, 2010
- Submit online to Carol Carver at ccarver@trinitylc.org
- Questions: Contact Carol Carver at ext. 118 or ccarver@trinitylc.org or Phil Kadidlo at ext. 143 or pkadidlo@trinitylc.org
- By submitting work, author gives Trinity Lutheran Church use of the work, but not copyright.



We hope we have peaked your curiosity and inspired your creative juices and look forward to reading many wonderful entries.

Living Your Strengths

Tue., Oct. 19, 6-9 p.m. – Living Room

*Note: You must take the Clifton StrengthsFinder prior to attending this session.



Cost: \$25 Includes the book, *Living Your Strengths* and the Clifton StrengthsFinder™ (Cost: \$5 if you already have your book and have completed the survey)

Based on the work of the Gallup organization and over two million interviews, *Living Your Strengths* is a process that helps you identify, affirm and serve from your strengths. It includes the Clifton StrengthsFinder™ assessment and Trinity's own workshop designed to bring us together to explore our strengths and learn about the incredible power of our community when we serve God from our strengths. Led by Walt Ogburn and Amy Karlstad



Career & Life Planning: Finding Your Way to Make a Difference

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Email to schedule an individual coaching session

Cost: Free-will contribution to On Purpose Ministries

Phase 1: Explore your strengths, values, passions and practical needs.

Phase 2: Generate and research career and life options to match your unique design.

Phase 3: Evaluate, decide and act on your career and life plan, including job search.

Led by Jody Thone, jthone@trinitylc.org

Contemplative Practice Group

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. – Worship Center

This small group is open to anyone who wants to practice seeing the sacred in everyday life. We gather for lectio divina, silent meditation and other spiritual practices and support one another in delighting in the living presence of God. Led by Jody Thone, jthone@trinitylc.org

Monthly Enneagram Study Group

Second Saturday of every month

9-11 a.m. – The Daily Grind, Stillwater

On-going learning and study of the Enneagram.

- November 13 "The Instincts and Type"
- December 11 Spirituality and The Enneagram
- January 15* Going deeper into 8-9-1 Triad

*3rd Saturday because of New Years

Led by Jody Thone, jthone@trinitylc.org



Choosing Joy: The Steps on the Path of Simple Hearted Contentment With Guest Speaker, Bill Alexander

Sat., Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Margaret Rivers Room, Stillwater Library

Cost: \$15

To choose joy is to choose to live consciously in mindful harmony with all things exactly as they are. The joyful life is a simple one of love, compassion, and emotional balance. In this debut presentation, Hazelden's Bill Alexander will show us how to walk the simple path of joy where it's always been; right beneath our feet. Bill is the author of several books, including the classic, *Cool Water*, and the recent publication, *Hi, I'm Bill And I'm Old*. He is a nationally-known teacher and storyteller.



BODY SPIRIT CONNECTION

Tai Chi

Mondays; 6:30-8 p.m. – Gym

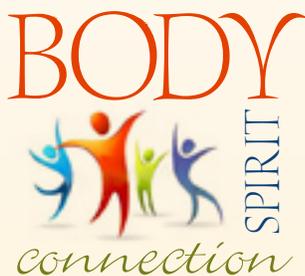
Cost: \$20/month

These sessions are for people of all Tai Chi levels and will be an exploration of body, mind and spirit connections.

Participants will improve:

- Mind/body awareness
- Energy level
- Flexibility
- Balance and coordination
- Concentration
- Lower back strength
- Reduce stress

Participants will also be more centered and self-aware. Contact David Teschler at 612-991-5117 or John Feely at 323-8714 with questions.



AA Meetings

Mondays, 7:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesdays, 7 a.m.

Thursdays, 7 a.m.

Fridays, 7 a.m.

Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Al-Anon, Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Luther Hall

All meetings are in the Living Library. These are open, non-smoking meetings and offer confidential support for people struggling with chemical addiction. If the doors on 4th St. are locked, please enter through Third St. doors. Contact David Teschler at 612-991-5117 with questions.

Women, Food and God – a book review

Geneen Roth writes this amazing book from the viewpoint of someone who knows about food issues. She is a former dieter, bulimic, anorexic, and binger who has gained and lost more than 1,000 pounds.

In *Women, Food and God*, Geneen delves into the issues behind our eating and compulsion with certain foods. “The way you eat is inseparable from your core beliefs about being alive. Your relationship with food is an exact mirror of your feelings about love, fear, anger, meaning, transformation and yes, even God.”

She teaches us to examine our “hunger” at a deeper level to gain insight into the real emotions behind eating, and to spur spiritual growth by embracing the emotions rather than running from them. “She teaches readers how to use their relationship with food to discover the fulfillment they long for.”

Roth guides our self discovery with humor, stories and personal experience. She leads us to discover the “demystification of weight loss and the luminous presence that so many of us call God.”

The methods taught in *Women, Food and God* reach far beyond food and help the reader gain insight and clarity in any area of their life that is lacking focus. Inspiring and delightful, Roth’s book is the answer that so many of us have been looking for and a great every day tool in navigating this thing called life.

Pumpkin-Potato Soup

Makes about 12 cups

A lightly-spiced, low-calorie soup. A perfect beginning to a Thanksgiving meal or fall dinner.

- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/8 tsp. ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 1 can (29 oz.) pure pumpkin (not pie mix)
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) chicken broth
- 1 large potato, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
- Plain yogurt and toasted pumpkin seeds (optional)

1. In 6-quart sauce-pot, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add onion, and cook 20 minutes or until tender and golden, stirring occasionally
2. Add garlic, cumin, coriander, and red pepper, and cook one minute while stirring.
3. Stir in pumpkin, broth, potato, sugar, salt, black pepper, and 6 cups water; heat until boiling. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until potato is fork tender.
4. Remove from heat and puree soup using either an electric hand blender in sauce pot, or pour in smaller batches to a regular blender and blend until very smooth.
5. Serve with a topping of yogurt and toasted pumpkin seeds if you like.

Each serving has about 75 calories, 2 g protein, 12 g carbohydrates, 3 g total fat 3 g fiber, 440 mg sodium





The Theology Project is an interactive and participatory process that engages the whole congregation in the work of building our congregational theology. The project has also expanded to include a new series of classes in which people are building their personal theologies in conversation with one another.



Building our Congregational Theology

Each statement reflects what we understand and teach and is a starting point for great theological conversations in our congregation.

Bible – Over 110 people participated in small group and online conversations about Trinity’s Bible statement during the fall of 2009. Based on the ideas and suggestions from participants, the Theology Project Leadership Team made some significant changes to the statement. The revised Bible statement was made public on the Theology Project blog in June 2010 and will be posted on Trinity’s new web site later this year.

God - During the months of May-September 2010, the congregation discussed and gave feedback about the God statement. We are now in the process of revising it based on the comments from people in the congregation. A new version will be posted on the Theology Project blog by the end of the year.

Building your Personal Theology

Over 50 people have participated in the summer and fall classes of *Building your Personal Theology: God*. Each person involved has truly become a theologian as they have put their hearts and minds into this work of exploring, clarifying, discussing, organizing and presenting their personal theology to the learning community in these classes. This class will be offered again in early 2011.



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Building your Personal Theology: Bible

Tuesdays, Oct. 26; Nov. 9, 16;
6:30-8:30 p.m. Garden Room; \$20

The Bible informs your personal theology, but you also have beliefs about the Bible itself. What is it? Where did it come from? How does it relate to your everyday life? How does it reveal God? What is its core message? In this class you will have the chance to explore your core beliefs about the Bible. Through conversation, creative reflection and connection to God, join us in building your personal theology about the Bible. This class has pre-work and homework between sessions. Completion of *Building your Personal Theology: God* is a prerequisite for participation in this class. Led by Siri Erickson and Jody Thone. Register online at www.trinitylc.org so we can prepare for you.

the Jesus statement

This statement reflects what we understand and teach about Jesus and is a starting point for great theological conversations in our congregation.

On October 1, the Jesus statement was released to the congregation for conversation and feedback. The Jesus statement is printed here in the *Trinity Today*, is visible on the Theology Project blog, and will be circulated among groups for conversation. Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in the conversation, either online at <http://siricerickson.wordpress.com> or in a live conversation.

What was Jesus all about?

Jesus of Nazareth embodied God's love, compassion and forgiveness. Many of the people who encountered Jesus during his lifetime experienced him as both human and filled with God's spirit. In Jesus, we catch a direct glimpse of God's heart, mind and spirit and know with confidence that nothing can separate us from God's love. Jesus' purpose was to call people into a transforming relationship with God and to teach them a new way of living in the world. In this work, he was joined by a group of close friends, women and men, who traveled with him around Galilee and Judea.

How did Jesus save people?

As a Christian community we embrace the idea that Jesus brings salvation. Seeing the inherent worth in all people, Jesus healed the brokenness in people's lives in order to bring wholeness and new life.

For people suffering from: *Jesus offered:*

death	life
shame	unconditional love
sin	forgiveness
illness	healing
despair	hope
selfishness	generosity
isolation	relationship
anxiety	peace
ignorance	wisdom
oppression	freedom
hate	compassion
fear	trust
meaninglessness	purpose
judgment	humility
feeling superior or inferior	equality
brokenheartedness	joy

What did Jesus teach?

Jesus taught his closest friends and large crowds a new way of living in the world, which he called the kingdom of God. To experience the kingdom of God on earth, Jesus taught people how to have an abundant life by loving neighbors and enemies, comforting and healing the sick and outcast, worshipping God instead of money and cultivating a grateful and generous heart. Jesus engaged people in the settings of their everyday lives, often using stories to help people experience God's presence in new ways. Jesus' teachings are the core of scripture for us and equip us to participate in the kingdom of God today.

What happened at the end of Jesus' life?

Not everyone liked Jesus or his message; it was threatening to both the religious and political leaders of Jesus' day. Together, these leaders conspired to kill Jesus in order to silence his message about the kingdom of God. Crucifixion was the Roman Empire's method of shaming and executing anyone that was a threat to the empire. Jesus died on a cross between two criminals. The gospel writers recount that Jesus was willing to lay down his life for his friends and that Jesus experienced a very real sense of abandonment and suffering at the end of his life.

God's power to change the world through Jesus did not end with Jesus' death. Jesus' closest friends were filled with grief, fear and despair following his death. When they encountered the risen Jesus three days after his crucifixion their hope was renewed. Upon his resurrection, Jesus promised that God's spirit would always be present in the world and called on his closest friends to continue spreading his message about how to live in the kingdom of God on earth. Jesus' life, death and resurrection are expressions of God's love for the world.

What does all of this mean for us today?

We are a part of the movement that Jesus started some 2000 years ago. Empowered by God's spirit, we are called to continue God's mission of love, compassion and forgiveness in this world. Because of Jesus, we live an abundant life now and into eternity.

What else do people say about Jesus?

Christian theology is filled with more claims about Jesus. We find these in the historic creeds, in the titles people use to describe Jesus and in centuries of theological reflection. In this community we engage in great conversations about these topics, and we invite you to join in.

S E R V E THE WORLD

...“tradition” (n.) rituals and practices passed from one generation to another

by Donna Dielenthies



Traditions define a culture, a community or a family. We are each born into a family whose habits and routines we learn before we can even speak. Rituals and beliefs are woven among the members of our community and join us to our greater culture.

Traditions are cherished, anticipated and expected. Don't we love to pass along a name, a christening gown, a favorite holiday food or way of celebrating a milestone event to our children and their children to connect our lives and our history to one another?

Families gathered together around a table; that's where community begins and traditions take hold. We reach out to many generations in our faith family to join in a tradition.

Trinity's kick-off to the holiday season has been a tradition for many decades among congregation and community members. What better way to connect with your Trinity family than to join with all those who participate in the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner? Many hands and generous hearts are required to make this event the perennial success it has become.

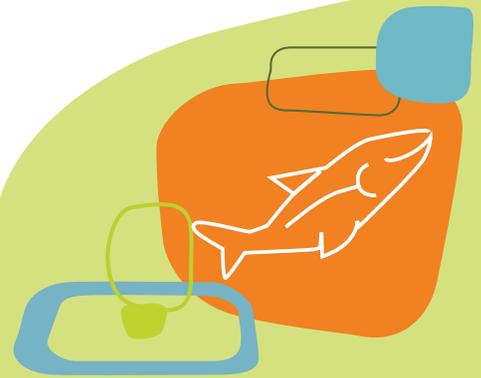
Held the first Thursday in November since it began in 1985, the event has grown each year. Like clockwork the committee in charge begins to parcel out the jobs, recruit the teams, organize the tasks that finally result in the sales of nearly 1,000 tickets to one of five seatings. Thanks to the scores of men and women who created this special fellowship forum, who annually contribute their special talents, and who over many years have hand-crafted it to the beloved tradition it has become in our church.

We owe credit to Meta Jensen, Myrt Janilla and Myrna Wihren for establishing the first dinner where fish-cookers devotedly stirred the huge pot of lutefisk outside the back door, then delicately plucked the bones from the fish (a tradition gleefully abandoned when we were able to purchase “ready to cook” lutefisk – and therefore moved the cooking indoors).

Norma Swanson & Wilma Edhlund took up the lutefisk torch to guide our women's circle volunteers, along with husbands and eager youth groups to sell tickets, scoop coleslaw, set tables, and scrub the lutefisk pans (no small job, thank you very much!), orchestrating a well-oiled machine that served a record 1100 dinners in 2005.

Some, like Helen Orff whose task for years has been the pie table, enlisted her daughters to take charge; it's a family tradition! Kari Bartingale readies the lefse; introducing all interested new-comers to the art of lefse-making, teaching as well as rolling and flipping as the stacks steadily grow thanks to regular teammates like Sharon & Bob O'Neil. Crews are rallied for potato peeling, cranberry sauce making, carrot cooking, meatball rolling and white sauce & gravy whisking, with skilled foremen and women like the husband & wife team of Phyllis & Don Paulson at the helm. This year's committee co-chairs Lynn Schurrer & Joan Neuman have spent several months and countless hours devoted to fine-tuning this year's festivities that include all the traditional favorites!

The best part of the whole effort is that all the proceeds from the dinner go to help Trinity's Hunger Missions! Now all we need is you! See how you can help above on the right.



Get ready, get set, GO LUTEFISK!

Thu., Nov. 4; seatings at 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45 p.m.
Tickets on sale Sun., Oct. 17
Adults \$17, 12 & under \$5, under 5 free

It's time for the Lutefisk dinner again. This dinner takes more than 300 volunteers to make it a success. Whatever your strength or passion, put it to use at this all-congregational event. If you can serve in any way, please contact Joan Newman at 436-8609 or Lynn Schurrer at 430-1632. Debi Orff will take your offer of a home-made pie – apple, pumpkin or mincemeat; call her at 283-5215, or Helen Orff at 275-5273.

Second Harvest Heartland Commodity Food Program

First Monday of the month, 1:30 p.m.

Trinity's hunger team helps fight hunger in the Valley by delivering 35 pounds of food supplies to local families in need of food assistance. The team meets at the Croix Center building on 4th Street to receive the delivery of boxes, and then delivers them to local residents. Contact Chuck & Joan Newman at 436-8609 or chuckjoan.newman@comcast.net if you would like to help.

HUNGER AND THE HOLIDAYS

Some of my favorite childhood memories are associated with family gatherings and meals like eating warm cinnamon rolls in my grandparent's kitchen on Sunday mornings or munching on a burger and chips at the lake on a summer weekend. Those great meal memories are only surpassed by some exceptional holiday memories like nibbling on one more bite of turkey with my Uncle Jim at Thanksgiving, or eating my grandma's special poppy seed strudel on Christmas morning. Having enough to fill our plates was never in question. The only question of the day was how much of each food item to eat on the first serving.

The busy holiday season adds an extra level of stress to our already busy schedules, but for many families the stress brings them very near the breaking point. The deep desire to care for their children while struggling to put a meal on the table is a daunting task for many parents let alone one that might generate a childhood memory. They just run out of options and fall short each month.

Our local food shelves help as much as they can, but the demand outstrips the supply. In the process of qualifying for the assistance, some families are left on the wrong side of the line because they have too much income to qualify for assistance, but not enough income to keep the cupboards filled. Trinity has been asked by the food bank, *Second Harvest Heartland*, to host and sponsor another Food Outreach Distribution event on December 18. In the last two years we have hosted two events, and have helped organize four more at other locations. The past events have brought much needed food and joy to almost 2000 families in need.

What is a food outreach?

It is a one-day event that provides one semi-van load of over stock food and household supplies that the food bank has on-hand. In the process of gathering and supplying metro food shelves, the food bank ends up with a variety of items that they need to remove from their warehouse, because the local food shelves don't have the space to receive them.

Who can receive the food?

- Anyone in need is welcome.
- No financial or identification proof is required.
- If someone needs food, he/she will receive food.
- People can pick up food for another family.
- It does not interfere with or count against food allotments if people receive help from a food shelf.

Please prayerfully consider joining us as we help some families add a little joy back in the Christmas season.

Blessings and peace, Tom Thiets



Tom Thiets
Director of Missions

Food Outreach Distribution

December 18

Distribution from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Help needed from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact Chuck and Joan Newman at chuckjoan.newman@comcast.net or 436-8609 or Tom Thiets at ext. 146 or tthiets@trinitylc.org

How can you help?

You can help financially and physically. We need help with:

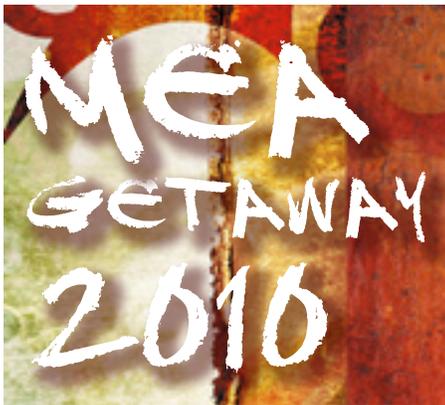
- Set-up
- Obtaining shopping carts from a local merchant
- Registration
- Hospitality
- Distribution
- Packing boxes
- Guest assistance
- Clean-up

Help one hour, or the entire event

We need help financially with:

- The \$500 cost of the semi-van load
- The cost of ordering specific food items such as ground beef, chicken, vegetables, or laundry detergent

YOUTH MINISTRIES



ME A Getaway!

Thu., Oct. 21 to Sun., Oct. 24

All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join 300 other sr. high students from all over the Twin Cities at Club Castaway in Detroit Lakes for an amazing weekend full of friends, awesome music, giant hot tubs and relevant messages that will challenge you to take the next step in your faith! This fantastic weekend costs \$210 which covers food, lodging and transportation. Students should bring extra money for a fast food meal on the way home and for the coffee shop at camp. Contact Cory Jones at ext. 144 or cljones@trinitylc.org with questions, a packing list and more info. on departure and arrival times. Register online at www.trinitylc.org.



Mexico Mission 2011

Informational meeting: Sun, Nov. 7 noon-1:30 p.m. – Worship Center
Calling all missionaries! The Mexico Mission 2011 informational meeting is the first chance to pick up student and/or adult applications. Come learn important information about this year's trip if you are planning to apply (students or adults). Contact Cory Jones at cljones@trinitylc.org or ext. 144 with questions.

Rake It Up! Sr. High Event

Sat., Oct 30, afternoon

Cost: \$5

Join us as we reach out to those in need! We will be raking and bagging leaves for people in the Stillwater community. Afterward we will play capture the flag and have a bonfire and smores! Cost of \$5 covers the food. It is going to be a good time, so make sure to join us! Contact Cory at cljones@trinitylc.org or ext. 144 with questions.

The River Youth Worship

The River is about experiencing Jesus through awesome music, genuine friendship and exploring relevant issues of life and faith. **Join us at the River, Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. Look for the River on Facebook!**

Confirmation Sunday

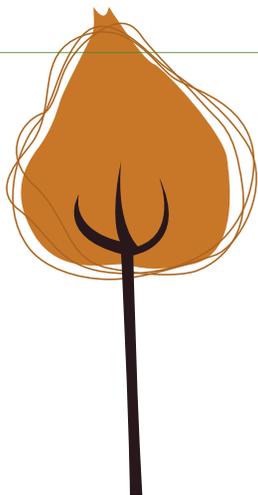
Sun., Oct. 17, 2 p.m.

Congratulations to all of the students who will be celebrating the confirmation of their faith in Jesus! Trinity is very proud and excited for all of these students! Please continue to pray for and support them as they continue to grow on this life-long journey of faith!

*John Duncan Allison, III
Karah Elizabeth Anderson
Carlee Ann Bebeau
Nathan Daniel Hamilton Bird
Sean Kevin Bjork
Madeline Rose Bohan
Nicholas James Bolles
Marie Elizabeth Bonine
Marshall Davis Brown
Riley Cameron
Carter Reed Cannon
Catherine Winsby Casto
Joshua Robert Clark
Rachel Anna Coppock
Maggie Jane Corman
Hailey Evelyn DeMars
Jerome Ryan Doede
Taylor Elizabeth Dooley
Abigail Rose Ellingson
Carly Beth Ellingson
Jacquelyn Rose Lynn Ellingson
Roberta Nicole Ellingson
Benjamin Zachary Fredericks
Elizabeth Mae Germscheid
Colten Jeffrey Greeder
Micah Charles Grubb
Archie Hamel
Hannah Heacox
Brett Lamont Hoy
Derrick James Hoy
Austin Thomas Hughes
Zachary Steven Jelinek
Christopher Clarke Johnson*

*Eliana Faith Johnson
Alexandra Elizabeth Jordan
Allison Jean Jordan
Andrew Mackenzie Jordan
Austin Tyler Jordan
Kristine Anne Kretman
Chloe Catherine Lombardi
Troy Longnecker
Joel William Malwitz
Sarah Elizabeth Marsnik
Quinlan Michael McClurg
Christian Cammack Miesen
Hannah Marie Okerstrom
Ross Charles O'Neil
Libby Faye Parker
Kurt David Patterson
Jeff Petersen
Eila Marie Phipps
Ellen Elizabeth Pike
Wally Pilquist
Paige Nicole Potter
Samuel David Rasmussen
Nate Henry Ricci
Alexis Krystine Rudenick
Tabitha McCall Schafer
Janey Pierre Scherek
Lowell Robert Schmoeckel
Samantha Jo Sonnee
Madeline Rose Sova
Michael Jon Valsvik
Rachel Julia Weaver
Austin Gray Williams*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Mark your Calendars for Children's Ministry important dates:

- **Donate Your Bible Drive (DYBD)** – We will be collecting gently used Bibles and selling new SPARK Bibles (\$10) through Wed., Nov. 17.
- **Global Outreach Focus – “Boxes for Bees”** – We are collecting money to help our sister church in Tanzania purchase bees for their farms; bees are critical to ensuring the sustainability of their agricultural way of life.
- **NO Wednesday/Sunday learning Oct. 20 & 24**
- **NO Wednesday/Sunday learning on Nov. 24 & 28**
- **Breakfast with Angels** – Sat., Dec. 4, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- **NO Wednesday/Sunday Learning Dec. 22, 26 & 29; Jan. 2**



Children's Learning Opportunities

Nursery: Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings

The Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks through 35 months-of-age. Children experience the love of Christ through tender care, joyful music, creative dance, meaningful stories and a child-choice play area.

Preschool (Age three to Kindergarten)

Sundays, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Kids enter on a journey of discovery each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Set-up in a playful, preschool environment, children will set off on a journey to learn more about Jesus and how he wants to be their forever friend.

Kindergarten thru Grade two

Sundays, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Elementary-age children discover more about Jesus and how he longs to have a relationship with them. Children will learn through large-group worship and digging into the Bible in fun, relevant and age-appropriate ways.

Bible Explorers (Grades 3-4)

Sundays, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Bible Explorers ignite and dig into your Bibles! Join the journey! Great activities, learning, friends, games, crafts and music, all lead to knowing more about Jesus, his life and how God wants us to live like Jesus. Ignite your understanding of the Bible and build your faith.

Club 56 (Grades 5-6)

Sundays, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Club 56 “On Fire” invites you to join with your friends in fun activities, faith-building opportunities, movies and discussion while discovering your faith in everyday-life situations. Using the Bible as a resource and guide, you will stretch and discover your unique God-given strengths and become equipped to live your faith.

Register online at www.trinitylc.org or pick up a registration form in the Church Office. For questions about Children's Ministries, please contact Pastor TJ at tanderson@trinitylc.org, or Jody at jnyenhuis@trinitylc.org

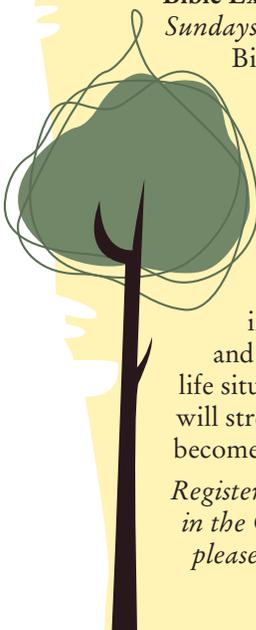
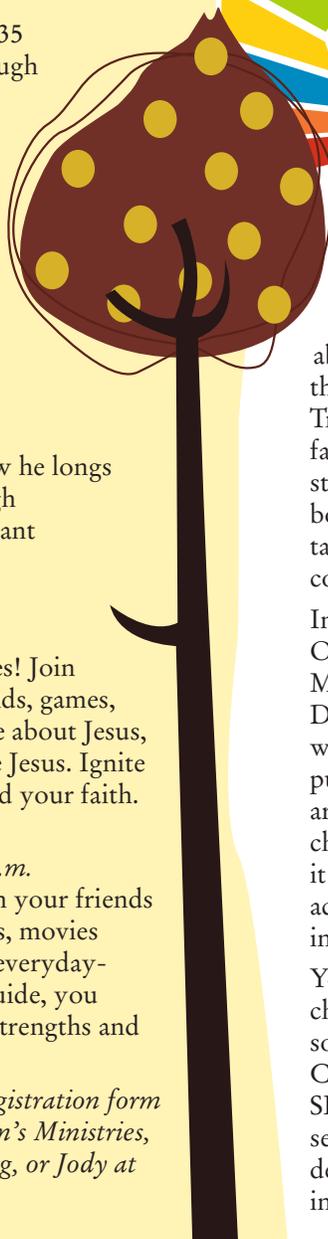


SPARK Curriculum kicks up some heat!

With almost 300 children coming to hear Bible stories and learn more about Jesus every Sunday/Wednesday the energy level is high as our youngest Trinity members fan the flames of their faith. In October we unpacked the first story about creation, found in the first book of the Bible called Genesis. We tasted the creativity of God through, cooking, music, art and games.

In November we will look at another Old Testament story about the life of Moses, whose name means “water.” During the month of November we would like to invite you to consider purchasing a new SPARK Bible. We are making the bibles available to your child's small group each week, but it would be great if your child could access these great stories all week long in your own home!

You might already have several children's Bibles in your possession, so why not donate your gently used Children's Bible and purchase a new SPARK Bible for only \$10? We will see that your donated Bible is safely delivered to a family that wants a Bible in their home.



worship opportunities

- **Wednesdays, 7 p.m.:** The River (Gr. 9-12 youth worship)
- **Saturdays, 5 p.m.:** Evening Worship, Communion
- **Sundays, 9 a.m.:** Traditional Worship at Trinity, Communion, Nursery
- **Sundays, 10:30 a.m.:** The WALK Contemporary Worship, Communion, Nursery

Baptized:

- **Annika Marie Weekes Kanewischer**, daughter of Jeffrey & Erica Kanewischer
- **Makenna Faye Weis**, daughter of Kent & Andrina (LaBelle) Weis
- **Moriya Joyce Klein**, daughter of Kelsey Klein
- **Connor Michael Williams**, son of Benjamin & Collette Williams
- **Ford Jason Bradshaw**, son of Jason & Brea Bradshaw
- **Abigail Rose Ellingson**
- **Nathan Daniel Hamilton Bird**
- **Samuel David Rasmussen**

Altar Flowers:

- Oct. 2 & 3: In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Dick & Pat Bourman**
- Nov. 6 & 7: In loving memory of **Donald Madsen & SFC Rollyn Palm**, who gave his life for his country, given by Miram Madsen
- Nov. 6 & 7: In honor of the memory of **our veterans**, given by Carol Taves

trinity transportation

Sunday van schedule

Trinity's van is available for the Sunday, 9 a.m. worship service at Trinity. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office at 439-7400 between 9 a.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Thursday to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times for senior residences if you have reserved a seat:

- 8:15 a.m. – Boutwell's Landing at the main entrance
- 8:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
- 8:35 a.m. – Croixdale
- 8:40 a.m. – Oakridge
- 8:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons

Worship services broadcast on Valley Access Channel:

Trinity worship services are broadcast at the following times:

- Sunday – 11 a.m.
- Wednesday – 1 & 7 p.m.
- Thursday – 1 & 7 a.m.
- Friday – 4 & 10 p.m.
- Saturday – 4 & 9 a.m.

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Veterans' Day Service

Sunday, November 7, 2 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran
Special service honoring the
Minnesota National Guard
Red Bulls
Guest Speaker:
Chaplain John Morris
of the Red Bulls

Sat., October 16

- 8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
- 8 a.m. Al-Anon: Luther Hall
- 9 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal: Worship Ctr
- 9 a.m. "When God Speaks": Office Conf. Rm
- 9 a.m. Choosing Joy: Stillwater Library
- 3 p.m. Wedding-Max/Olsen
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
- 8 p.m. St. Croix Jazz Orchestra: Worship Ctr

Sun., October 17

- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3yrs-Gr2): Luther Hall
- 9 a.m. Sunday Learning (Gr3-6): Garden Rm
- 9 a.m. Couples-10 Great Dates: Rm 108A, 108B, Library Conf. Rm
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning (3yrs-Gr2): Luther Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning (Gr3-6): Garden Room
- 10:30 a.m. Couples-10 Great Dates: Rm 108A, 108B, Library Conf. Rm
- 2 p.m. Rite of Confirmation: Worship Ctr

Mon., October 18

- 7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
- 4 p.m. Congregational Council Mtg: Office Conf.
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
- 7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Library

Tue., October 19

- 7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
- 9 a.m. Book Group: Supreme Bean
- 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm
- 6 p.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
- 6 p.m. Living Your Strengths: Living Rm
- 7 p.m. the Walk Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

Wed., October 20

- No Children's Choirs/Wed. Learning/No Confirmation
- 7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
- 9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Chapel
- 6 p.m. Couples-10 Great Dates: Office Conf. Rm
- 7 p.m. the River Worship (Gr9-12): Croix Center
- 7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and loving support these past two years during Ed's illness. You have touched my heart many times.

Lois Berglund

worship attendance

September 18 & 19	September 25 & 26
5 p.m. 96	5 p.m. 100
Drive-In 415	9 a.m. 291
9 a.m. 137	10:30 a.m. 255
October 2 & 3	October 9 & 10
5 p.m. 103	5 p.m. 60
9 a.m. 308	9 a.m. 377
10:30 a.m. 338	10:30 a.m. NA

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Thu., October 21

MEA Weekend
7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
7:30 a.m. Contemplative Practice: Narthex
Noon Hilltoppers: Garden Rm

Fri., October 22

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
10:30 a.m. Raymie Johnson Sr. Communion
1:15 p.m. Oakridge Sr. Communion

Sat., October 23

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon Mtg: Luther Hall
9 a.m. "When God Speaks": Living Rm
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
7:30 p.m. Misbehavin' Concert: Worship Ctr

Sun., October 24

No Sunday Learning
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
10:30 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm
7 p.m. Book Group: Caribou Coffee

Mon., October 25

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
5:30 p.m. Lutefisk Mtg: Living Rm
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Rm

Tue., October 26

7 a.m. Gratitude Min. Team: Rm 108B
7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
9 a.m. Book Group: Supreme Bean
9 a.m. Little Tots & Polka Dots: Lower Level
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm
6 p.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
6:30 p.m. Personal Theology: Bible: Garden Rm
7 p.m. the Walk Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

Wed., October 27

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm
4 p.m. Confirmation Band Rehearsal: Worship Ctr
4:45 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir (Gr. K-2): Worship Ctr
4:45 p.m. Hosanna Choir (Gr. 3-4): Worship Center
4:45 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Gr.5-6): Worship Center
5:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Chapel
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
6 p.m. Wed Learning (3yrs-Gr6)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-8)
7 p.m. the River Worship (Gr9-12): Croix Center
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Worship Ctr
7 p.m. GLOW Bible Study: Zanny Johnson home
7:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr9)

Thu., October 28

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
7:30 a.m. Contemplative Practice: Narthex
9 a.m. Little Tots & Polka Dots: Lower Level
10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm

Fri., October 29

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library

Sat., October 30

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon: Luther Hall
9 a.m. "When God Speaks": Living Rm
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
5:30 p.m. Singles' Connection Restaurant

Sun., October 31

Reformation Sunday
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3yrs-Gr2): Luther Hall
9 a.m. Sunday Learning (Gr3-6): Garden Rm
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
10:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Room
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning (3yrs-Gr2): Luther Hall
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning (Gr3-6): Youth Center

Mon., November 1

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
9 a.m. Lutefisk Set-Up
2:30 p.m. Commodity Food Program
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Rm

Tue., November 2

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
8 a.m. Lutefisk Set-Up
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
9 a.m. Book Group: Supreme Bean
9 a.m. Little Tots & Polka Dots: Lower Level
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm
6 p.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
7 p.m. the Walk Rehearsal: Worship Ctr

Wed., November 3

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
8 a.m. Lutefisk Set-Up
9:15 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms
9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm
4:45 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir (Gr.K-2): Worship Ctr
4:45 p.m. Hosanna Choir (Gr. 3-4): Worship Center
4:45 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Gr.5-6): Worship Center
5:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Chapel
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
6 p.m. Wed Learning (3yrs-Gr6)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-8)
7 p.m. the River Worship (Gr9-12): Croix Ctr
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Worship Ctr
7:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr9)

Thu., November 4

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
7:30 a.m. Contemplative Practice: Narthex
9 a.m. Little Tots & Polka Dots
11:30 a.m. Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner: Garden Rm
Additional seatings at 12:45, 4:15, 5:30
& 6:45 p.m.
2 p.m. Caregiver Support Group: Joseph's Rest.

Fri., November 5

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library

Sat., November 6

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon: Luther Hall
9 a.m. "When God Speaks": Living Rm
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr

Sun., November 7

All Saints Sunday
9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
9 a.m. Sunday Learning (3yrs-Gr2): Luther Hall
9 a.m. Sunday Learning (Gr3-6): Garden Rm
9 a.m. Couples-10 Great Dates:
Rm 108A, 108B, Library Conf. Rm
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr
10:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning (3yrs-Gr2): Luther Hall
10:30 a.m. Sunday Learning (Gr3-6): Garden Room
10:30 a.m. Couples-10 Great Dates:
Rm 108A, 108B, Library Conf. Rm
10:30 a.m. Hope & Healing in Grief: Living Rm
10:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group (Gr3-6): Youth Ctr
Noon Mexico Mission '11 Info. Mtg
2 p.m. Veterans' Worship Service: Worship Ctr
7 p.m. Book Group: Caribou Coffee

Mon., November 8

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
5:30 p.m. Lutefisk Mtg: Living Rm
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Bible Study: Living Rm

Tue., November 9

7 a.m. Gratitude Min. Mtg: Garden Rm
7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Living Room
9 a.m. Tues. Book Group: Supreme Bean
9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
9 a.m. Retired Men's Group: Garden Rm
9:15 a.m. Leah Circle: Boutwells Landing
9:45 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
10:30 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
1 p.m. Martha Circle: Living Rm
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm
6 p.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr.3-4): Gym
6:30 p.m. Addiction Awareness Team: Living Rm
6:30 p.m. Personal Theology: Bible: Garden Rm
7 p.m. the WALK rehearsal: Worship Ctr

Wed., November 10

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Garden Rm
1 p.m. caring friends Mtg: Living Rm
4 p.m. Confirmation Band Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir (Gr.K-2): Worship Ctr
4:45 p.m. Hosanna Choir (Gr. 3-4): Worship Center
4:45 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Gr.5-6): Worship Center
5:30 p.m. Jubilate Bells: Chapel
5:30 p.m. Family Pizza Hour: Gym
6 p.m. Couples-10 Great Dates: Office Conf.
6 p.m. Wed Learning (3yrs-Gr6)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Gr7-8)
7 p.m. the River Worship (Gr9-12): Croix Center
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Worship Ctr
7 p.m. GLOW Bible Study: Zanny Johnson home
7:15 p.m. Confirmation (Gr9)

Thu., November 11

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
7:30 a.m. Contemplative Practice: Narthex
1 p.m. Miriam Circle: Living Rm
4:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
6 p.m. ROCK B-ball (Gr.3-4): Gym

Fri., November 12

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Living Library
9:30 a.m. Vets' Committee Mtg: Rm 108B

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Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Thursday, November 4

Seatings at:

11:30 a.m., 12:45, 4:15, 5:30 & 6:45 p.m.

**All the trimmings –
lefse, potatoes,
dilled carrots,
coleslaw,
cranberries,
rye bread,
homemade pie!**

Take out meals also
available.

Tickets on sale starting Sun., Oct. 17 at the 4th St. entrance desk.

Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m.

Before and after Saturday evening and Sunday morning services

Or order tickets via email at: TrinityLCdinner@aol.com

Only 200 served at each seating. **Get your tickets early!**

Guests will be served at the hour indicated on ticket.

Ticket prices:

Adult: \$17

Children (gr. 1-6): \$5

Preschool: Free

(Cash or check only)

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