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Finally, we are in the midst of springtime and at the cusp of the summer. For those of us in the northern climates, we find summer to be a time of re-creation, restoration and regeneration of mind, body and spirit. The lake, the cabin and the beach call to us. Work slows down a bit, family gathers, and we can find time to invest in ourselves and each other.

This edition of *Trinity Today* is all about summer, and Pastor Vos and I discovered that both of us are using our space to write a bit about our summer reading list. It is our time to devote to some serious reading and prep for another season of preaching and teaching, and to give our minds and souls some refreshment.

Here is my reading list — much of which is simply that: a list, not books I have already read. So, take my recommendations with a grain of salt. Join me in reading at least one of these: I would love to have a little dialog with you about what you've read.

Warning: all of these are about faith, life and the church — exciting for me, but be warned!

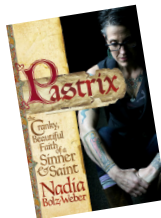


Debbie Blue:
Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to the Birds of the Bible From Stone to Living Word

Debbie Blue is a discovery for me this year; a beautiful theologian and writer. A Minnesota product, *Consider the Birds* was my favorite book of the year. Less “academic” than some of the others, and an inspirational, enjoyable read.

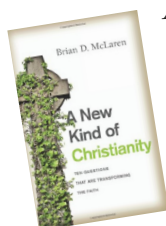
Nadia Bolz-Weber:
Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint

Nadia Bolz-Weber is the hottest and most interesting Lutheran pastor/theologian/rebel of her generation, and her edgy personal story is compelling and instructive.



read for our time. If you want to get out of seeing all your “busy-ness” as a way to please God and find a faith that is creative, fruitful and, well, enjoyable, this is a great work. I threw in Soul Salsa just because it’s one of my favorite reads. If you want a theology of how to dance your way through life, this is it. The book has stuck with me for years; it must be good.

Brian McLaren:
We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Action



A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith

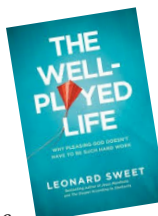
Brian McLaren has had a huge impact on my faith, and I make a point to read everything he puts out. *We Make the Road by Walking* would be a great book to center your faith around for the coming year.

Richard Rohr:
Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

Richard Rohr is amazing. This book will be theologically provocative if you have not read him before. If you are wondering what the second half of a Christian life can look like — full of spiritual richness — this one is for you.

Len Sweet:
The Well-Played Life: Why Pleasing God Doesn't Have to Be Such Hard Work

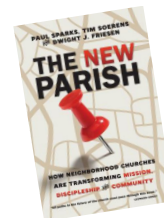
Soul Salsa: 17 Surprising Steps for Godly Living in the 21st Century



Len Sweet is my Doctoral Advisor. The Well-Played life is a great contemporary

Paul Sparks, Tim Soerens & Dwight Friesen:
The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community

Dwight Friesen is another instructor in my Doctoral program, and this book is one I will be reading to see what it has to say about a congregation’s potential to invest in the community around it. I am hoping for some insights on how Trinity can increase its impact in the Valley.



Rich Melheim:
Holding Your Family Together, 5 Simple Steps to Help Bring Your Family closer to God and Each Other

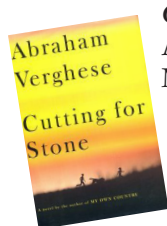
Rich Melheim is one of Trinity’s own, and a former pastor of ours. He is one of the thought-leaders of our day about faith and family. This would be a great read for parents, grandparents and all of us who want Trinity to be a place where generations and families grow in faith together.

Enjoy the summer — and enjoy the reading. Maybe I will see you on the beach or in a coffee shop with one of these books. Theology is fun!

PASTOR STEPHANIE VOS



For me, summer means walking around the lakes, hanging out at the cabin and reading, reading, reading on the deck. My summer to-read list is long! Well, it's always long. But for as much as I love to read books, I love to talk about books and share books. So, I thought I'd pass along some of my recent favorites from this spring so you can add them to your summer reading list!



Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
Marion and his twin brother Shiva are born in an Ethiopian hospital, the children of an Indian nun who had fallen in love with one of the missionary

surgeons. And that's just the beginning! Marion weaves a beautiful tale of love and heartbreak, what it means to be family, and what makes life miraculous. Fair warning: this book is not for the squeamish – these stories are all intertwined with medicine and are not shy about describing the medical situations...

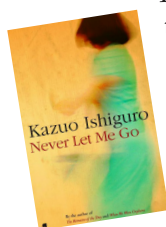
Everything Is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer

This is Foer's first novel, about an American guy who travels to Ukraine to find the woman who helped his family escape from the Nazis. Three stories weave together to make this a captivating read. I loved this book for its creativity and imagination.

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
Another young adult book that's not just for kids, *Never Let Me Go* reminded me of *The Giver*. A dystopic novel set in the late 1990s, this book explores innocence, knowledge, and loss. Ruth, the narrator, reflects on her growing up at a private boarding school in England and the special life that she and her friends have as children, and

the implications of that as they near adulthood. This story unfolds piece by piece, a puzzle that comes together in unexpected and moving ways.

Peace Like A River by Lief Enger



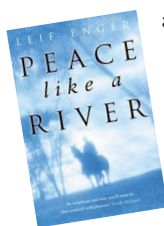
I know I'm a latecomer to this party, but better late than never! Even if you read this book in high school, it's worth another pass. A story about the bonds of family and responsibility, and the possibility of magic and the presence of God in ordinary places, told by an insightful and amazed 11-year-old. I could not put it down! (I know people always write that, but I really mean it!)

The Autograph Man by Zadie Smith
Smith's second novel from 2002, this is a story of Alex-Li Tandem, a Jewish-Chinese Londoner who buys and sells autographs for a living. An interesting story that helps us reflect on what we're searching for and what we value. Though not generally the most popular of her novels, I really enjoyed it!

The Boys In The Boat by

Daniel James Brown

The true story of the 1936 Gold Medal Olympic Men's Rowing team, this book tells not only the amazing journey of the team coming together, but also the history behind the scenes of the famous Nazi Olympics. Though a totally true story, it reads like fiction.



The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

This goes in the Old Favorites category, but you can't read it enough. I fell in love with it in late-elementary school, and still find myself coming back to read it about once a year. Wildly

imaginative, relentlessly playful, turning reality topsy turvy for incredibly fun adventures as you follow Milo and the Watchdog along their journey to return Rhyme and Reason back to the land. Trust me on this one – you'll love it. Great for a family to read together around the fire.

Welcome to the Great Mysterious by Lorna Landvik

Total guilty pleasure, but sometimes you just need a book to read on the dock! Landvik always has a sweet way of drawing you in to her stories, and this is no exception. A Broadway star comes back to her native Minnesota to take care of her nephew while

her twin sister and brother-in-law take a long-overdue vacation. It's a quick read that will melt your heart with the power of friendship, discovery, and joy in everyday life.

When Women Were Birds by Terry Tempest Williams

I cannot recommend this book enough. Every time I go to Half Price Books (which is often...)

I check to see if they have any copies, and I buy every one they have and then give it to a girlfriend or aunt, etc.

This is not a book to be on a shelf! (Quick plug: we're going to be reading this in the fall for my Hearts of the Home class if you're interested!) A beautiful memoir about how women find their voices and share their voices. Terry Tempest Williams is a stunning writer who is poetic and imaginative and completely readable. She also has a strong ecological/conservationist background and weaves the natural world into her stories effortlessly.





SOME QUESTIONS TO CONTEMPLATE

By Jody Thone



What is contemplative practice anyway?

St. Gregory the Great referred to contemplation as “resting in God.” In this “resting,” the mind and heart are not so much seeking God, as beginning to experience what they have been seeking.

What’s the history of contemplation?

A form of contemplative prayer was first practiced and taught by the Desert Fathers of Egypt, Palestine and Syria, including Evagrius, St. Augustine and St. Gregory the Great in the West, and Pseudo-Dionysius and the Hesychasts in the East.

In the Middle Ages, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, William of St. Thierry and Guigo the Carthusian represent the Christian contemplative tradition, as well as the Rhineland mystics, including St. Hildegard, St. Mechtilde, Meister Eckhart, Ruysbroek and Tauler. Later, the author of *The Imitation of Christ* and the English mystics of the 14th century, such as the author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*,

Walter Hilton, Richard Rolle, and Julian of Norwich became part of the Christian contemplative heritage.

After the Reformation, the Carmelites of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Therese of Lisieux; the French school of spiritual writers, including St. Francis de Sales, St. Jane de Chantal and Cardinal Berulle; the Jesuits, including fathers De Caussade, Lallemont and Surin; the Benedictines, like Dom Augustine Baker and Dom John Chapman; and modern Cistercians such as Dom Vital Lehodey and Thomas Merton all cultivated practices in their lives that they believed led to the spiritual gift of contemplation.

What does Trinity’s Contemplative Practice Group do?

We gather each Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. (we’ve been offering this group for more than six years now!) and we start with the practice of lectio divina using Psalms, blessings or poetry, then we sit in silence for eight or nine minutes, and we finish with a third practice. Sometimes that third

practice is painting or it may be writing/ journaling or a dialogue practice. We finish each Thursday after one hour of practice and people go about their day very refreshed, calm and present. We just finished a Lenten series of watercolor paintings as our third practice. (Some of the beautiful images are pictured along with this article.)

What is lectio divina?

Thomas Keating, in *Open Mind, Open Heart*, says the method of prayer proposed for lay persons and monastics alike in the first Christian centuries was called lectio divina — literally, “divine reading”, a practice that involved reading scripture or, more exactly, listening to it. Monastics would repeat the words of the sacred text with their lips so that the body itself entered into the process. They sought to cultivate through lectio divina the capacity to listen at ever-deeper levels of inward attention. Prayer was their response to the God to whom they were listening in scripture and giving praise in liturgy.

The reflective part, pondering upon the words of the sacred text, was called meditatio, or “meditation”. The spontaneous movement of the will in response to these reflections was called oratio, which means “affective prayer”. As these reflections and acts of will simplified, one moved on to a state of resting in the presence of God, and that is what was meant by contemplatio, “contemplation”.

How can I try it out?

Come join us any Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m.! We welcome everyone! We move outside to my backyard patio for the summer starting Thursday, May 15. Just call if you have any questions or want directions to join us!



FAITH & FAMILY 2020

Want to know something I really love about our church? I love all those things in Trinity that remind me just how very OLD our church is.

I love the old stone wall downstairs on the first level that surrounds Luther Hall – a place where our youngest members laugh, play and sing nearly every day of the week. I love the larger-than-life photographs that hang in the Chapel, showing the many pastors who have served the Trinity congregation, decade after decade. I love the wonderful relics in the Chapel that paint a small picture of what it must have been like to attend worship at Trinity even before any of us was born.

I love all that stuff, and it's honestly a part of what drew me to Trinity in the first place. There's something both inspiring and comforting to me, just knowing that we are part of a faith family that has been in place for oh so long.

But now it's time for us to look toward our future. While the traditions of our past will always be treasured here at Trinity, it's important for us to continue imagining new possibilities that will inspire our members – and particularly our youth – to really want to be part of a church family and to build a personal relationship with God.

It has been a little more than a year since the Faith and Family 2020 Team was formed with a mission to cast a vision that would “define a sustainable ministry model with the outcome of a maturing Christian Faith in children, youth and families.” This team of 15 Trinity members has been hard at work over the last eight months asking some pretty big questions: What's working well at Trinity right now? What's not working? Where are we headed?

It was no small task, and the team approached things by:

- studying some excellent research that would help us to better understand the faith development of American youth
- facilitating multiple small gatherings in homes and at church to learn directly from Trinity members what aspects of our early faith formation years were important to us — and what's important to us, now
- conducting polls of our entire congregation to ask these same questions of those who were not able to attend a meeting, but would still like a voice on this important topic

At the end of this data-collection journey, the Faith & Family Team developed six “Matter Statements” – those things that really matter to us, right here at Trinity. One of the team's members, Lucinda White, gave a brief summary of these “Matter Statements” in the May 2014 Trinity Today article and we look forward to publishing a booklet to provide you with greater detail.

As you might have guessed, no one was more interested to learn what we all had to say than the Children, Youth and Family (CYF) team here at Trinity. For our purposes at this moment, let me share several of the “bright spots” that were mentioned, time and again – those areas of which we feel are on the right track already:

- Trinity has multiple worship services and styles, and this gives families choices. From the kind of music you like to sing to considering the weighty matter of when you'd like to get out of bed on a Sunday morning...choices are a good thing.
- There's no doubt about it: Trinity has a vibrant and growing children and youth program! On a weekly basis this year, we found ourselves

welcoming new kids into Sunday and Wednesday Learning, Confirmation small groups, and The River. Wednesday nights, in particular, are bursting at the seams! Families want to be here – and the CYF staff feels so blessed to have them.

- Everyone at Trinity is welcomed and respected, and the kids coming through our doors certainly know this, too. For some of us, faith began in those very early years when we got a hug from our Sunday school teacher and she called us by name. The CYF team wants to genuinely know our Trinity kids – it's something we'll continue to prioritize.
- This church loves outside its physical walls – from the Mexico Mission experience to Summer Stretch service projects. At Trinity, we do a nice job showing our kids how to love those who might need it the most, as Jesus asks us to do.
- The summer Drive-In is a wonderful worship venue that brings together folks of every age (and really, where else can kids go to church in their jammies?).
- Families who are new to Trinity are welcomed into our church community to participate in a variety of activities.

These are just a few of the bright spots that were mentioned along the way, and something of which we can all be proud. Thank you so much for sharing your candid thoughts with the Faith & Family Team. In Trinity Today issues to come, we'll share more about what we all had to say and let you know about plans that are underway to help us achieve the kind of Christian faith story we hope every Trinity member will embrace.

LIFELONG LEARNING IT'S STORY TIME!

By Allison Siburg



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Whether you're in a group of people, or around a big dinner table, or reading a bedtime story, you've probably heard someone shout this: "Story time!"

I usually shout it when I hear a story coming on — like at a 9th grade family meal last month. A small-group leader's husband told me about his excitement to go to their cabin and kayak with bears swimming by. Slightly horrified, I said "Kayak with bears swimming by?" Yes indeed, he replied, and proceeded to tell me the story of that happening while he and his dog were out for a morning paddle. (Thankfully no person, dog, kayak —or bear— were harmed in the making of the story.)

A 9th grader down the table overheard the story and shouted "My mom feeds bears!" And she was off, telling a story about how her mom wanted to try composting but ended up attracting a bear who munched right through the old food in the compost bin. (It still counts as sustainability, right?)

Stories are infectious. Once one starts, another is sure to follow. That's because none of us has just one story: we all have many that show who we are, how we have fun, how we make a difference, and who we're all about.

This really came to light for me at a

church conference last month. I was one of the few attendees younger than 40, and at the end of the conference, the host asked all 200 of us to round up a "young adult" for next year's conference to even out the age discrepancy.

I sunk into my chair and tried my best to disappear. Did she not see there were a few "young" adults already there? Didn't we count? At that moment, I didn't feel like a leader from my church wanting to make a difference, but rather someone valued only for my "younger than 40" age demographic. I had been relegated to having a single story.

What's wrong with thinking people have only a single story? Well, for starters, it limits our ability to connect and be open to new learning and experiences.

Chimamanda Adichie, a Nigerian novelist, provided an excellent example of this during her July 2009 TED Talk (http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story). When she came to the United States for college, her American roommate was amazed that Adichie could speak English and —gasp!— use a stove. Nigeria's official

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language is English, so Adichie spoke it growing up; likewise, her family lived in a modern home in a middle-class, college-town so the stove also posed no novelty. Her roommate made the mistake of assuming Adichie had a single story: that of living in a war-torn country, of being poor and starving, and “waiting to be saved by a kind white foreigner.”

None of us has only one story — we all are more than our age, our social status, our social media presence, our jobs, our mode of transportation, our big and little dreams.

So what are your stories?

Tell me a story of when you served your neighbor; a story of when you clearly understood yourself as a follower of Jesus; a story of when you truly felt uniquely designed to make a difference; a story of when you understood yourself as a theologian — a story about someone who has a responsibility to say something about God.

This summer all of us will add a story or two about our sun-drenched adventures. Tell those stories — and listen to those of others. You’ll be amazed at how you see God working in our lives through our many, many stories.

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MISSIONS :

Serving Beyond the Bars

By Tom Thiets

Correctional facilities of all kinds are scattered across America, from small towns to large cities. While each of these correctional communities, comprised of offenders and staff, interject a large physical presence on our landscapes, they mostly operate under a cloak of anonymity behind the bars that separate us. Except for the occasional headline, the lives of these offenders unfold unseen as the host community moves from season to season.

A component of our justice and correctional system is a process called Restorative Justice. This approach to justice focuses on the needs of victims, as well as the involved communities; it strives to be an interactive process that encourages offenders to take responsibility for their actions and to repair the harm they've done by apologizing, returning stolen money, or through community service. Restorative justice that fosters dialog between the victim, the community, and the offender shows the highest rate of victim satisfaction and offender accountability.

In this process, the general public readily desires that the offenders provide restitution in their restorative justice process. While this is an admirable goal, it's not always attainable because the victim is no longer living and the offender is unable to engage the community through service.

With your help, however, we can achieve the end-goal of restorative justice —repairing the harm that results from crime— by helping to provide the resources for a Meals from the Heart “Serving Beyond the Bars” meal-packing event. Such an event allows offenders who otherwise do not have an avenue for restitution to provide meaningful and significant service to the community.

The “Serving Beyond the Bars” event



also allows the host community and the correctional community to interact in a new way: coming together to provide relief to the hungry. Members of the host community “serve” a facility they typically drive past without much thought; meantime, the meals packed through the effort of the offenders move beyond the bars and into the host community.

On Thursday, May 29, a Meals from the Heart “Serving Beyond the Bars” fundraising dinner will be held at the Lake Elmo Event Center. Trinity will partner with the Restorative Justice team and staff at the Minnesota Correctional Facility for this event. Your presence and support will help provide the ingredients and supplies so that, this summer, 300 maximum-security offenders can serve our community by packing 75,000 meals for local food shelves. The keynote speaker will be Jack Tunheim, a Trinity member and federal judge.

Please consider joining us!



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Reigniting One's Purpose

by Tom Thiets

The following is an edited version of a letter I received from one of the maximum-security offenders at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Stillwater following the inaugural "Serving Beyond The Bars" packing event. At that event, 120 maximum-security offenders packed more than 15,000 meals that were distributed to local food shelves. This ministry offered a significant and meaningful way for the offenders to provide restitution to the community.

Dear Mr. Thiets,

In the words of the Apostle Paul, "Greetings!". I hope that this finds you, the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, and the guys from Mano Amiga enjoying the New Year with renewed joy and anticipation.

On November 23, 2013 I was fortunate to be one of the inmates who enjoyed the blessing of being able to participate in the meal packing event held at the MCF-Stillwater Facility. I walked away from that event with a profound and revitalized sense of purpose. It had been a long time since I had been able to feel that way, and I obviously wish to help in any way possible to share with others what the Holy Spirit has ignited within me.

In my previous profession of Emergency Medicine of nearly eleven years, I was part of a local, regional, and national community that thrived in helping others in their times of need. Since my incarceration, I have been missing the ability to continue this work that once gave me a feeling of purpose; until now. Helping others outside these walls that confine me falls squarely into the character of who I am not only as a Christian, but as one that wishes to bear the fruit of humility out of selflessness.

We both know that in order to make this event a repeat occurrence financial goals need to be met. I have been promoting and encouraging the people here inside the facility, family on the outside as well as the leaders at the Minnesota Department of Corrections to support this effort. Our plan is to have internal fundraisers to assist in the cost of the next event. The offenders desire to do their share in this great endeavor.

I know that you are already busy doing God's work with many other efforts, but I humbly ask that you help us promote our efforts. Together we will be successful in this endeavor. Thank you for your tireless efforts and for exemplifying the true nature of Christ. May this missive find you, your family, your congregation, and your ministry thriving. I hope to hear from you soon. God's speed!

Your Brother in Christ,

Name withheld per the guidelines of the MN Department of Corrections

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A "Serving Beyond the Bars" fundraising dinner will be held at the Lake Elmo Event Center on May 29. Your attendance and support will help purchase supplies so that 300 maximum-security offenders can pack 75,000 meals for local food shelves — and possibly reignite their sense of purpose in life.

For more information and to register, log on to www.eventbrite.com then search: Serving Beyond The Bars

Sermon on the “Mount”

By Dan Poffenberger

What would Jesus do?

OK, I’ll admit: it has become more than a bit of a cliché these days, what with bracelets, mugs, keychains, and even underwear (yes, really!) bearing the WWJD moniker. But the question remains valid, especially when it comes to how we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

So what would Jesus think of our Drive-In?

Every Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day, a significant chunk of our congregation gathers at the Hilltop Drive-In in Houlton, Wisc., just across the historic Stillwater bridge, for an eclectic, outdoor worship service.

In all honesty, folks who have never attended the Drive-In service might find it a little bizarre at first: some folks show up in their PJs, others bring the family dog, and almost everyone honks their horns after songs (it’s like clapping — only louder). It’s not everybody’s cup of tea, but it can’t be beat for all-out enthusiasm and vibrancy.

And really, isn’t that the point of worship? To be an enthusiastic, vibrant gathering of people celebrating the love of Jesus Christ?

It’s not like Jesus demanded suits and ties and candles when he preached. In fact, his most famous worship service — the Sermon on the Mount, from which we draw some of the main tenets of our Christian faith, including the Beatitudes and the Lord’s Prayer — took place in a field. As, really, did most of his preaching. After all, God made this beautiful world — why not use it as a cathedral?

Of course, comparing Trinity’s Drive-In to a cathedral might be a bit of a stretch (I did mention the PJs, dogs and horns, right?), but that’s what makes it so special. We’re a group of believers, coming together as we are, to share the story of Jesus out in a field — sort of a modern channeling of the Sermon on the Mount.



Trinity is not, by far, the first church to use a drive-in for services. The concept originated back in the early 1950s, when ministers looking for available churches realized that drive-in theatres stood empty on Sunday mornings. Since drive-ins could only operate after the sun went down, theatre owners jumped at the chance to earn some extra cash during daylight hours. Some pretty famous churches got their start at drive-ins — including the now-bankrupt Crystal Cathedral in Orange County, Calif. (which began holding services at the Orange Drive-In in 1955) and the Daytona Beach Drive-In Christian Church, in Daytona Beach, Fla. (yes, land of Nascar), which is still going strong after 61 years.

As drive-in theatres went the way of the dinosaur, so, too, did many drive-in churches. But not ours.

While Trinity’s Drive-In history is neither so colorful as the Crystal Cathedral’s, nor so big as Daytona’s, it is a strong part of who we are. And, I’d



like to think, pretty close to what Jesus would do: encountering people where they are.

If you haven’t attended a service at the Drive-In before, why not try it this summer? We’ll have the coffee on, the scones out, and a message of joy and inspiration for you every Sunday beginning May 25 at 9 a.m.

And yes, you can wear your PJs and bring the family dog.

See you there!

Summer Worship in the House

By Carol Carver

Yes, Trinity does something really unique by worshipping at a Drive-In across the river in Houlton, Wisc. But wait – Trinity also does beautiful worship indoors in Stillwater on Saturday evenings at 5 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.!

What a plethora of choices we have — each unique, each well done, each inspiring and each life-giving.

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT TRINITY

Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra

Thur., May 29, 7:30 p.m.

The SPCO's Britten celebration culminates in a program juxtaposing Britten with two fellow English composers, Henry Purcell & Michael Tippett, Britten's most prominent English contemporary. The program concludes with a chamber symphony arrangement of String Quartet No. 10 by Dmitri Shostakovich, Britten's close friend, colleague and kindred artistic spirit throughout his life and career. For tickets call the SPCO box office at 651-291-1144 or visit www.thespco.org.

Fiddlemasters Concert

Thur., June 19, 7 p.m.

Master fiddler Brian Wicklund and friends entertain with fast-paced hoedown music the entire family will enjoy! Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance at www.eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY EVENINGS at 5 p.m., the lights are dim and the music is quiet — come early to meditate, to listen for God. Music is a contemporary, soft sound using traditional hymns as the basis for congregational singing. Come after a day gardening, riding bikes, being on the water; come before dinner or an evening on the town.

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10 a.m. is a festive worship with liturgy, organ and piano, lots of singing and special guest musicians each and every week. Soloists this summer include John Perkins, Nick White, Jill Kobilka, Joe Samuelson, Anne Knoche, Solvay Peterson, Karl Diekman, Kirsten Lande, Becky Huth and Laura Fristad. Each brings something special to worship. Additionally, hospitality is alive and well at 10 a.m.! You are invited to arrive early (any time after 9 am.) for coffee, lemonade and special treats in the nicely air-conditioned Narthex, with Larry Loyer as your host.

There is a little book by a bishop in the Lutheran Church called *Why Worship Matters*. I have read it cover-to-cover a number of times. Basically, he says the reason worship matters is because God matters. We worship because God is worth worshipping. So, wherever you worship this summer, I invite you to remember why you worship and come open to God, waiting for God and listening for God.

See you at 10 a.m. worship this summer!

P.S. We're moving to "spontaneous communion servers" this summer! What this means is that we'll ask folks at the beginning of the 10 a.m. service to volunteer to serve communion. We hope this gives everyone a chance to serve in a fun, spontaneous way!



CARE MINISTRIES



CONNECTING IN THE INTERIM

By Zanny Johnson

With a little more than two months under my belt in the area of Care Ministries, I am so grateful for the lessons I've learned along the way! Here are a few nuggets of wisdom I have picked up from my closer vantage point to, and more time spent with, our senior-ish population.

- Circles are more than just a shape. I have had the distinct pleasure of attending a few circle meetings, and I am just incredulous about the deep love these women have for each other and for God. These strong bonds of love are visible through tables set, meals shared, hands held, songs sung, prayers said and laughs shared. These ladies pour out themselves for each other and know — really know — how to love each other as Christ loves us. I told the Dorcas Circle ladies last week I could spend all day every day with them and be content for the rest of my life...
- Mother Theresa was right: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." The amount of service I have seen up close — so many, many small things done with great love — is overwhelming. The love multiplied through the Caring Friends ministry, Hilltoppers events, funeral lunches (Donna Dielentheis and Gerrie Ganquist are saints — see the facing page for more on them!), Befrienders Ministry, Sunshine Ministry, Prayer Team, Prayer Chain, Knitting Ministry, Healing Touch Ministry, Circle meetings, and on and on, is absolutely amazing to me.
- Don't sweat the small stuff. In a planning meeting for an upcoming event, I expressed my concern over having enough places for folks to sit. One of the ladies told me, "we've been around the block a few times, and it always works out." What a wonderful, wise perspective. Keep those little things little and focus instead on the big, beautiful things in life: the relationships, the time together, the joy of a good meal and shared passion for Christ.

I am so grateful to the folks at Trinity who are teaching me so much. As I tuck more and more sweet experiences into my heart, it swells with love and gratitude for this place and these people!

Care Pastor Call Committee

Thank you to everyone who applied for, or nominated someone, for the Care Pastor Call Committee. Applications and nominations are now closed; the Council will charter the Call Committee in the upcoming weeks. If you have questions about the status of the Call Committee, you may email the Congregational Council at council@trinitylc.org.

AN INVITATION: HELP. MAKE. WORSHIP. HAPPEN.

Now that our summer worship schedule is here, we need some help with the following services:

Worship at the Drive-In (9 a.m.): With increased (and still increasing) attendance, we need 8-10 people to usher. Duties include passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and distributing communion. Sign up online (trinitylc.org → Connect → Worship → Ushering) or at the Information Desk in the church Commons, just outside of the Church Office area.

Worship at Trinity (10 a.m.): We need two-to-four ushers — communion servers will be "spontaneous" (read Carol's article on Page 11 for an explanation of that!).

Please take a moment to look at your calendar and sign up for assisting with worship this summer — it's a fun family activity and a great service project. Any questions, just contact me!

Blessings! — Zanny Johnson

Word in Season daily devotional books available

Pick up a copy of the daily devotional book *Word in Season* and enrich your life with scripture and a contemporary message for each day. A new collection is available quarterly. Its small size makes it easy to carry with you or have at your bedside. *Word in Season* will replace *Christ in Our Home*. Books are available in the Church Office for \$2 each (\$3 large print).

THANK YOU... FOR BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST!

Thank you to Donna Dielentheis and Gerrie Granquist, who are affectionately known as the “funeral lunch ladies”.

Donna and Gerri coordinate all of the details for every funeral lunch we serve, from taking the family’s menu order to cleaning up after the lunch itself. This involves calling for volunteers to make bars; setting up; assembling the food; setting and clearing the tables; doing dishes; and cleaning up.

Donna has been at this for about 20 years; Gerrie about 12. They are both saints for their tireless service to Trinity in this way — and would welcome any amount of help you could offer (calling volunteers, baking bars, setting up, serving and cleaning up). If you’re interested in joining them, please call me (651-439-7400, ext. 130) and I’ll connect you with either of these lovely ladies.

And when you see Donna or Gerrie, tell them how much you appreciate them!

—Zanny Johnson



TREASURER’S CORNER: TRINITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Todd King,
Congregational Council Treasurer

As we enter the second half of our fiscal year 2014, it is time to update you on our financial position year-to-date. This is our first full year of operating with a fiscal year-end date of August 31, but our second year of reporting financials on a fiscal year basis.

As we compare where we stood at this time last fiscal year, we find ourselves trailing in Income significantly behind last year.

- For several years, Trinity has had a fiscal year-end appeal that happened in December. This year, with the shift in fiscal year, the appeal has been scheduled for this summer, to be completed by the end of August (which is the end of the fiscal year). This represents \$100,000 of general fund giving.
- Contribution Income (weekly giving) is trailing last fiscal year by \$70,000.
- Non-pledged contributions are slightly ahead of last fiscal year.
- At the Annual Meeting in November, the Congregation approved a 5% increase in budgeted Contribution Income as part of the FY 2014 budget. As a Congregation, we will need to increase our giving for the remainder of FY 2014 if we are to balance the budget. To this end, several communications are underway with various constituencies to increase giving and pledging. If you receive such communication, please respond generously.

On the Expense side, the budget for FY 2014 marks the start of including Mortgage Expense back in Operating Expenses once again. Eight months of mortgage interest, or \$114,000, was budgeted in Operating Expense for FY 2014. That change causes Operating Expenses to date for FY 2014 to be \$40,000 higher than last year at this time, but is as budgeted. Administration and Facilities expenses are up due to some maintenance items and timing of certain other expenses. Personnel Expense is \$33,000 less to date in FY 2014 versus last year. The remainder of Expense is running close to budget at this time. Missions Expense and corresponding Revenue are both elevated to date in FY 2014 as compared to FY 2013.

Please prayerfully consider your stewardship to Trinity in the coming weeks and how you might play a role in helping address our deficit. Trinity’s ministry depends on you and your generous giving. We are extremely grateful for all that you do to support the ministries at Trinity.

C Y F U P D A T E S

CYF Celebrates Impact Adults!

CYF held a party at Bradshaw's Celebration of Life Center to honor this year's youth and family small group leaders and volunteers. Our theme: God's Work, Our fingerprints. As a staff, we are so grateful for the dedicated and caring hearts of everyone who serves in our Nursery, Sunday and Wednesday Learning, Confirmation, pizza service and Senior High Ministry. It brings me great joy to see the body of Christ serve one another selflessly. It is apparent that the God of love, whose forgiveness we receive through Jesus' death on the cross, creates in believers a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you all for your continued prayers and active support in coming alongside kids from birth to high school as they grow in their faith!

—Jody Nyenhuis
jnyenhuis@trinitylc.org

**Preschoolers Get "Wacky"**

Wacky Wednesday by Dr. Suess accidentally became our class book in this year's preschool Hearts of Home Moms group. The kids always chose it first to look at together during transition time, and it always elicited tons of fun and laughter. It's a look-and-find type book with silly pictures of things going astray. It helped me realize that things we adults think are problems, kids see as a great giggle. Take some time this summer to reflect and giggle with your children! Good luck to the five-year-olds who will be heading to kindergarten in the fall: Isaac, Max, Tate and Teague.

Also, thank you so much to the amazing volunteers who have helped conclude another great spring in the Nursery. We have enjoyed every moment of getting to know your children while you have been traveling on your faith journey. If you have any ideas to continue to expand the Birth-to-Age-Three Ministry, please drop me a note this summer — I have lots of ideas and would welcome yours! Please keep reading the electronic newsletter at the beginning of every month — if you're not receiving it, but would like to do so, please let me know!

—Melissa Gubricky
mgubricky@trinitylc.org

**5/6 B.O.C. Write Their Own Psalm**

Many of the 5th and 6th grade students had a personal "Ah Ha!" moment when they counted 29 personal pronouns in Psalm 23. If God connected that personally with David, might that also be true for them? Through further exploration and guided small-group conversations, these students created their own beautiful interpretation of Psalm 23. It contains even more personal pronouns than David's original!

5/6 BOC Psalm 23 – April 9, 2014

A promise is a promise. I am happy with what I have. I will always want more. I am sad and confused, but it makes me happy to know You are with me, my Lord.

He makes me feel relaxed, calm and renewed in His majestic creation. He guides and protects me on my journeys through life.

Sometimes I don't make the right choices, but I can trust that He will forgive and protect me as He leads me in the right direction, wherever I am, in the name of the Lord.

Even though I may go through tough times, I'm not afraid because I know You will protect me!

You prepare a great feast for me in the presence of the people that have touched my life in good ways or in bad ways. Every difficult challenge and enjoyable experience I have ever had has led me to your table. You treat me like royalty and you have welcomed me into your kingdom. I am bursting with uncontained joy and gratitude for everything in my life.

Surely sadness and evil will be there my whole life long, BUT I will always have God, and I will always have hope! These are God's words of promise for this life and the next!

Gratefully, *The 5/6 B.O.C.*
—Julie Jolivet, jjolivet@trinitylc.org

**8th Grade Confirmation Family Meal**

Wow, did we enjoy a fantastic potluck or what?

There was no official meal strategy, but the Holy Spirit prompted participants to bring a delicious variety of savory and sweet foods. The best dessert of all was when each 8th grader shared his or her poster with family members. It was wonderful to see these young adults share their unique God-given design with parents and siblings who were eager to affirm their discoveries.

It has been a great year teaching and learning from our fantastic 8th graders! I'd like to give a special shout-out to Jody Thone for her work on developing the overall 8th grade curriculum and for teaching the strengths, value and passion portion of this year's learning.

8th grade small group leaders, you rock!

—Jody Nyenhuis

Senior High Event

Wed., May 28, 5 p.m.

Carbone's Pizza

Senior High students are invited to a meet and greet at Carbone's Pizza. Following pizza, all are welcome to celebrate the Seniors at the High School Baccalaureate service at 7 p.m. in the Stillwater Area High School auditorium. Trinity's own Clara Ilkka will be sharing her faith story as part of the celebration!

High School Transitions...

The end of the school year always brings goodbyes, transitions and planning for the year ahead. This year we are wishing an outstanding group of seniors farewell as they take on new adventures, tackle college, meet new people, and live out their faith in meaningful ways. These young people have been incredible leaders in our church and in the community both locally and worldwide. On a personal note, this particular group has meant a lot to me during my short time at Trinity. From filling me in on the "ins and outs" of Trinity to offering support and leadership for the River and Mexico Mission, I feel extremely blessed and grateful that I crossed paths with these young adults. Even though they will be missed at Trinity, I know they have many lives to impact moving forward and I wish them all the best.



The congregation is welcome to attend Baccalaureate, a worship service celebrating graduation and faith, on Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Stillwater Area High School. This is a great way to help our seniors celebrate this life milestone in a faith-filled way. I hope to see you at this special event!

As we say goodbye to our seniors, we simultaneously welcome the 9th graders to The River as they transition from their confirmation years to high school. On Wednesday, May 7, 20 ninth grade students joined senior high students at the River for a night of food, music, games, and Q & A with the high school students. Questions ranged from "What is the most frightening thing about high school?" to "Why is it important to keep your faith strong in high school?" The 9th graders were a captive audience as the high schoolers graciously offered advice, stories, and jokes about high school life and their personal faith journeys. We are excited to continue to get to know the 9th grade class as they transition to 10th grade this fall. Keep their transition in your prayers!

—Kelsey Mans
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Goodbye Tim!

As many of you know, my tenure at Trinity was temporary. My last Sunday is May 25.

I wanted to take a few moments to reflect on my time here. I have been amazed at the families I have encountered. I have seen families of all shapes, sizes and textures, each one with a unique and holy story to tell. I have met people from all walks of life, listening and following God's voice in their lives. I have seen children discover their place at Trinity and in God's story.

I have been truly blessed by my time at Trinity. As someone who has worked in the church for a long time I am always amazed at what I learn. You are a terrific congregation led by talented and amazing staff. Thank you for opening your lives to me, sharing your time with me, and trusting me with your family. Your stories of faith have shaped my year and left an imprint on me. Thank you for a wonderful year!

God bless you as your work continues and as your stories of faith continue to be told!



Goodbye Christine Lande!

After seven years with the CYF team, Children's Support Coordinator Christine Lande will leave Trinity's staff on May 23. She has accepted a full-time position as a human resources professional with a local company.



Christine takes with her a plethora of great memories from her years coordinating Vacation Bible School, Breakfast with Angels, and a host of other children's programs. One of her most memorable moments occurred last year, during Vacation Bible School.

"It happened at the end of day, when the kids were all wound up," she says. "When they saw DJ walking down the aisle of the Worship Center dressed like Jesus, they became totally silent. Watching them finally 'get' what we were teaching—that was rewarding."

Christine says the most enjoyable part of her job has been interacting with smiling kids and watching them grow up — in fact, her 2nd grade Sunday School class graduated from high school last year.

So what will she miss most about working at Trinity? "The staff," she says with a smile.

Right back at you, Christine!

Christine and her family are members of Trinity, so she wants to remind everyone that she'll still be here on Sundays — she just won't be wearing a nametag!

Join us in wishing Christine good luck and Godspeed in her new job!

Graduating Seniors 2014

Taylor Aarness
Stephen Albertson
Rachel Amos
Cole Anderson
Anthony Baglio
Anna Bahe
Vanessa Berglund
Drew Bergstrom
Rachel Birkholz
Hunter Boleman
Brian Branch
Jake Brand
Nathan Branwall
Eric Bromback
Paul Brynestad
Michaela Carter
Jake Cass
Katie Clark
Riley Day
Aliza Deming
Hunter Dickman
Olivia Donovan
Kaitlin Ehret
Sydney Evensen
Jadyn Fischer
Max Franz
Scallia Fuhr
Ben Gualtieri
Jack Hamel
Lauren Hanson
Matthew Harty
Madison Harvieux
Madeleine Hoffbeck
Emma Holmes
Blake Horwath
Brandon Hughes
Clara Ilkka
Chase Johnson
Emily Johnson
Brandon Jungmann
Ash Kadidlo
Brian Kammuehler
Aaron Kasinak
Anna Kaul

Sara Klein
Ellen Kneeskern
Erick Knudson
Lauren Kuss
Madelyn Lehman
Carter Lewis
Ryan Longnecker
Joey Loots
Maddie Luoma
Lexie Lyng
Keegan Mart
Isabel McKeown
Natalie Millhouse
Amanda Moy
Conor Murphy
Stefan Nelson
Jake Olson
Libby Olson
Henry Parker
Troy Patterson
Halle Pelfrey
Meg Pepera
John Perkins
David Peterson
Mak Phipps
Austin Reed
Mitch Reinke
Bobby Ross
Laura Serier
Glen Skalman
Sarah Snow
Savannah Sprenger
Grace Stoeber
Chandler Stormo
Sarah Sundberg
Tyler Werner
Terra Weyer
Christian White
Joseph Willert
Cameron Wisti
Amanda Wolf
Eli Wood
Matthew Yancheck

Congratulations

CLASS OF '14

First Communion participants Spring 2014

Jade Atkins
Margaret Atkins
Shelby Barwick
Will Barwick
Evan Charles Cadenhead
William Charles Cadenhead
Chloe Carlson
Gillian Carlson
Makenna Lynn Christiansen
Maura Dorothy Christiansen
Jacob Deragisch Crain
Anna DiMartini
Julia DiMartini
Morgan Dooley
Alec James Elwell
Cooper Fallon
Elle Fallon
Megan Elizabeth Feustel
Macy Jean Gonnion
Erik Patrick Hoel
Riley Ana Johnson
Gretta Ann Kennedy
Lauren Elizabeth Klancher
Emily Kim Laabs
Brady Stephen Nelson
Samuel Ness
Elsa Olson
Emma Olson
Maya Parkin
Lilyanna Pietan
Griffin Stone
Ian Stone
Kira Stone
Caleb David Terwey
Quinton White

GROUPS & TEAMS

Bridge for Trinity

First Monday of the month; Cost: \$5
8:45 a.m.-Noon – Garden Room
bridgefortrinity@gmail.com

Prayer Group Invitation

Tuesdays, 1 p.m. – Narthex
Trinity's Prayer Group meets each week for 30 minutes to offer prayers for members, friends, and others. We invite you to join us! It is a wonderful way to center yourself and feel connected to God. We look forward to praying with you.

Healing Touch Group

First Thursday of the month, 2 p.m. – Narthex
Lois Berglund, 651-342-0896

Celebrating Seniors: Worship, Lunch & Program

Wed., June 4, 11 a.m. – Worship Center
Join us for worship and communion, followed by lunch in the Garden Room and "A Decades Retrospective" entertainment by Phil Kadidlo & Zanny Johnson. All are welcome! If transportation is an issue, please call Zanny at 651-439-7400, ext. 130.

AWE/Retired Men's Boat Tour

Wed., June 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: \$30/person (ticket deadline: June 4)
AWE and the Retired Men are joining forces for a private boat tour of, and an up-close look at, the new bridge construction. Admission fee covers the 2-1/2 hour tour, a MNDOT presentation on the construction of the new bridge, and a buffet lunch of sliced deli meats and cheeses, assorted breads, pasta salad, potato salad, fresh fruit, and cookies! Tickets may be purchased every Sunday in the Commons or weekdays in the Church Office. Tickets will not be sold at the boat dock! For more information, please contact Donna Harder at dharder5043@msn.com or 651-329-7047.

caring friends Potluck

June 18, 5-8 p.m. – Home of Zanny Johnson
Bring something to pass and a beverage of your choice. We'll have a little bit of meeting and a lot of fun! RSVP by June 11 to Zanny at 651-439-7400, ext. 130 or zjohnson@trinitylc.org.



W E L C O M E N E W M E M B E R S !

By Zanny Johnson

We joyfully welcomed 26 people into membership here at Trinity on Sunday, May 4!

I ask all of our new members to tell us, the congregation, three nuggets of information about themselves. I'm sharing these here so that you can get to know them a bit better, seek them out, and help them find their place here among us.

We are so fortunate to have many opportunities here at Trinity to plug in: social, missional, educational, recreational, relational, so many -als. When you see these folks, please take a moment to introduce yourself and offer what it is you have found that's a connecting piece for you at Trinity.



Larry and Suzy Fallon, Elle and Cooper are East Coast/West Coast transplants now living in Hudson; they're sports and theater buffs who love to travel.



Pamela Richardson lives in Grant, is a Farmers Insurance agent, and wants to be an artist.



Jeff and Laura Susla live in Oakdale, are first-time parents, and enjoy sports and fitness.



Nathan and Megan Olstad, Olivia, Taylor and Kennedy are hardworking, happy and involved at Rutherford Elementary.



Susan and Rick Savolainen are retired educators from Eau Claire who returned to Minnesota; they love the outdoors (they have a son living in Ely) as well as the city life (they also have a daughter in Minnetonka).



Heather and Jeff Swanson, Elli and Maci live on North Hill, love art, dogs and horses, and are Gopher fans.



Joan Knoche cherishes family (right down to great-grandchildren), counts on church connections, and is California-bound!



Lizann and Glen Skelton have two girls and a boy (Michael also is joining Trinity); they live on Square Lake and love camping.



Mace and Maggie Wescott adore their daughters, are foodies, and just bought a home on the South Hill.

Not pictured: Gail Bruckner

Find these folks, welcome them, and love them as Christ finds, welcomes, and loves us!

W O R S H I P

O P P O R T U N I T I E S

May 25 Through Aug. 31, 2014

- **Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**
The River Youth Worship (*Gr. 9-12*)
- **Saturdays, 5 p.m.**
Evening Worship, Communion
- **Sundays, 9 a.m.**
Drive-In Worship and
Communion at Houlton, WI
- **Sundays, 10 a.m.**
Traditional Worship and
Communion at Trinity

W O R S H I P

A T T E N D A N C E

April 19 & 20	May 3 & 4
Easter Vigil &	5 p.m. 201
Easter Sunday	9 a.m. 272
5 p.m. 128	10:30 a.m. ... 280
8 a.m. 266	
9 a.m. 790	May 10 & 11
10 a.m. 750	5 p.m. 77
11 a.m. 545	9 a.m. 285
	10:30 a.m. ... 252
April 26 & 27	May 17 & 18
5 p.m. 50	5 p.m. 66
9 a.m. 195	9 a.m. 265
10:30 a.m. ... 204	10:30 a.m. ... 267

P H O T O

D I R E C T O R Y

If you weren't able to have your Photo Directory picture taken when LifeTouch was here, good news: there is one more session, May 29-31. Log onto Trinity's website, click on NEWS and follow the link to the online registration form. *If you have any questions, please call Kim Pleticha at ext. 122.*

Know any Shut-Ins or Snowbirds?

We would like to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be in Trinity's new Photo Directory. So, if you know a shut-in who cannot attend a photo session, or a snowbird who won't be back until after May, please contact Kim Pleticha at ext. 122 or via email at kpleticha@trinitylc.org so she can arrange to take (or obtain) a photo.



Trinity giving



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T R I N I T Y

T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

Trinity's van is available for the Sunday, 10 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:

May 26, 2013 through Sept. 1, 2013

- 9:15 a.m. – Boutwell's Landing at the main entrance
- 9:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
- 9:35 a.m. – Croixdale
- 9:40 a.m. – Oak Ridge
- 9:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons

B A P T I Z E D

- **Devin Lee England** – son of Kim England
- **Ashlyn Lauren Backes** – daughter of Daniel & Shantel Backes
- **Claire Jordan Lee** – daughter of Zachary & Kathryn Lee
- **Manuel Matthew Moreno Jingco** – son of Zachary & Kathryn Lee
- **Evelyn Marie Lindstrom** – daughter of Jonathan & Kara Lindstrom

S Y M P A T H Y

- the family and friends of **Mark Zempel**, whose wife, Carole, passed away on April 27.
- **Dee & Fred Hart** on the death of Dee's sister, Lorraine Wicklund, on May 10.

T R I N I T Y

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FROM THE KITCHEN...

Linda's

Marinated Cherry Tomatoes



We served these at the May 15 Hilltoppers event and they were a hit! Since so many people asked for the recipe, we thought we'd print it here. *(Linda will post the most requested recipes here each month from now on!)* Enjoy!

- 4 cups halved or quartered cherry tomatoes
 - ¼ cups olive oil (*or any light tasting oil of your choice*)
 - 3 tbsp balsamic vinegar (*Linda uses 1½ tbsp balsamic and 1½ tbsp white balsamic vinegar reduction, but all balsamic is great, too!*)
 - 1 tsp dried parsley
 - 1 tsp dried basil
 - 1 tsp dried oregano
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 1 ½ tsp sugar
- Combine and refrigerate at least two hours to overnight stirring once or twice.

FREE teeth cleaning & dental care

Fri., June 6, July 11, or Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
9125 Newgate Ave. N., Stillwater

CrossWinds Community Church of Stillwater, in cooperation with Medical Teams International, presents FREE teeth cleaning and dental care for registered individuals. Licensed dental professionals will be cleaning teeth and providing fillings and extractions. Register at one of five intake sites:

- Valley Outreach, Stillwater
- CrossWinds Community Church, Stillwater
- Rock Point Church, Lake Elmo
- St. Andrews Church, Mahtomedi
- The Salvation Army, Woodbury location

People with no insurance or with MA in Washington County and Stillwater area are eligible.

CALENDAR MAY 23 — JUNE 30

Fri., May 23

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B
10 a.m. Raymie Johnson Sr. Communion
10:30 a.m. Oak Park Sr. Communion
1:15 p.m. Oak Ridge Apts Sr. Communion

Sat., May 24

8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., May 25

9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP: Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION @ Trinity
7 p.m. Women's Book Group

Mon., May 26 – Memorial Day building/office closed

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library

Tue., May 27

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., May 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study: Commons
7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., May 29

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: off-site
7:30 p.m. St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert

Fri., May 30

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B

Sat., May 31

8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., June 1

9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP: Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION @ Trinity

Mon., June 2

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8:45 a.m. Women's Bridge for Trinity: Garden Rm
10:30 a.m. Take On Hunger Golf Tournament
1:30 p.m. Commodity Food Distribution: Off-site
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., June 3

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., June 4

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
11 a.m. Celebrating Seniors Worship/Lunch
7:30 p.m. The River Worship: Youth Area

Thu., June 5

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: off-site
2 p.m. Healing Touch: Narthex

Fri., June 6

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B
1 p.m. BeFriender meeting: Rm 108B

Sat., June 7

8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., June 8

9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP: Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION @ Trinity
7 p.m. Women's Book Group

Mon., June 9

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., June 10

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Helping Hearts & Hands Camp (Gr. 3-6)
9 a.m. Summer Stretch (Gr. 6-9)
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
10 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
10:30 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., June 11

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7 p.m. The River Worship & Volleyball/Frisbee:
Otto Berg Park

Thu., June 12

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: off-site
9 a.m. Helping Hearts & Hands Camp (Gr. 3-6)

Fri., June 13

Ox Lake Family Camp overnight
7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B

Sat., June 14

Ox Lake Family Camp overnight
8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., June 15

9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP: Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION @ Trinity

Mon., June 16

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
4 p.m. Congregational Council Mtg: Office Conf.
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., June 17

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Helping Hearts & Hands Camp (Gr. 3-6)
9 a.m. Summer Stretch (Gr. 6-9)
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., June 18

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
10:15 a.m. Linden Sr. Communion
5 p.m. caring friends Potluck: Off-site
7 p.m. The River Worship @ St. Paul Saints Game

Thu., June 19

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
9 a.m. Helping Hearts & Hands Camp (Gr. 3-6)
7 p.m. Fiddlemasters Concert

Fri., June 20

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B
10:30 a.m. Boutwells Sr. Communion
1:15 p.m. Rivertown Commons Sr. Communion

Sat., June 21

8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., June 22

9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP: Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION @ Trinity
10 a.m. GLOW Bike Ride: Off-site
10:30 a.m. Baptism Instruction Class: Living Rm

Mon., June 23

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., June 24

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Helping Hearts & Hands Camp (Gr. 3-6)
9 a.m. Summer Stretch (Gr. 6-9)
9 a.m. Women's Book Group: Library
1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., June 25

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7 p.m. The River @ Drive-In: Houlton, WI

Thu., June 26

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Narthex
9 a.m. Helping Hearts & Hands Camp (Gr. 3-6)
10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm

Fri., June 27

7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
9 a.m. Helping Hearts & Hands Camp (Gr. 3-6)
9 a.m. Summer Stretch (Gr. 6-9)
10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B
10 a.m. Raymie Johnson Sr. Communion
10:30 a.m. Oak Park Sr. Communion
1:15 p.m. Oak Ridge Apts Sr. Communion

Sat., June 28

8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., June 29

9 a.m. Drive-In WORSHIP, COMMUNION:
Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION
7 p.m. Women's Book Group: Off-site

Mon., June 30

7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

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