



# Trinity Tidings

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## HOMEBOUND VISITATION

In my first call, I served 3 congregations. I was young and figuring things out, and so I started by going to all the homes and care facilities to meet the people who weren't able to come to worship in person and had been placed on the Homebound List by the previous pastor.

I remember one woman that couldn't accept that I was a pastor. She just kept laughing and saying, "A woman pastor?" That was awkward, but she eventually sat with me and we shared in communion together. When I left she surprised me by saying, "Bye, Pastor!"

I remember a gentleman who was in hospice who hadn't spoken since he got back from the war. Other people spoke for him to tell me all that he had been through. He was a gentle and welcoming man who looked at me with wide eyes that I assumed were telling me a painful story.

I visited a homebound teenager in a wheelchair. He read lots of comic books. His horses outside were beautiful and he knew each horse's name and personality. I'm not certain that

he enjoyed my visits, and yet he would always ask me when I was coming back.

Making connections with the homebound is important to us as a community of faith. If you or somebody you know has had a change in their health and needs communion or prayer, we ask that you let us know. We are a caring community and we want to make sure that people know they are loved by God and by their church.

For anyone who is homebound and has a need for pastoral care or communion, **you can make a request for a visit by contacting Connie in the church office.** Please call during office hours, which are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m.—Noon. If you need to call outside of office hours, please make sure to leave a message on the voicemail. Once your request is received, it will be forwarded to one of the pastors who will be in contact to set up a time for a visit. We need your help in letting us know of your needs so we can offer care.

+*Pastor Kari*

## UPCOMING

**SEPTEMBER 10 & 20**  
In preparation for the Annual Meeting, a special review and presentation of the Financial Plan for the upcoming fiscal year will be offered immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Harvey Mathisen will share the information and help to answer questions you may have about the plan.

**ANNOUNCING**  
The Congregation Annual Meeting will be Sunday, September 24, immediately after the 9:30am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. This year the format will be a bit different as we will be including a special brunch with the meeting time. Please note that **ALL** members are invited to attend but only Voting Members can vote on business items.

# Wednesday Night Connect



Wednesday Night Connect (WNC) is a midweek ministry at Trinity Lutheran that seeks to help people of all ages grow in their relationship with God and one another. **We will be restarting WNC on Wednesday, September 13, and it's open to anyone in the congregation, their friends, or others who are looking to make a faith connection.**

Here is a run-down of what to expect for WNC. First, we start off with food and fellowship from **5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, which is designed to relieve some of the pressures on families related to preparing dinner and getting everything ready to come to WNC. While the mealtime starts at 5:15 p.m., it is also flexible, so come whenever you can get here. Just make sure it's before 6:00 p.m. There is no cost for the meal.

It is important to note that we want to use the mealtime to build relationships. It is where we can take time to visit with people in our church family. We will be recommending some fun and simple ways to encourage everyone to get to know each other.

At **6:00 p.m.**, we will transition from the Fellowship Hall to the Worship Space for a large group time. The large group time has elements of worship, but is also very different than a typical Sunday morning service experience. During large group, we have singing, prayers, a Bible reading and a short teaching for the evening. The teaching time will take various forms and uses skits, activities, videos, and conversation. The large group time will be 25-30 minutes.

After the large group time, we will offer a few age-based groups. For the first 6-week session, we plan to offer several groups based on interest. **On September 13th, we will have an opportunity to sign-up.** If you can't be there, but are interested in one of the following groups, please contact Pastor Kari by phone 715.437.0770, or you can use email: [kvadis@cometotrinity.com](mailto:kvadis@cometotrinity.com).

## MASTER FACILITY PLAN INFORMATION

In last month's newsletter, there was information about the recently formed Master Facility Plan Committee. The committee of the council has been tasked with looking at the maintenance and ministry needs for our facility and developing cost estimates and priorities. In the course of the committee's review of upcoming maintenance needs a new opportunity has emerged that relates to updates to our worship and fellowship spaces. The Committee will be **sharing information** about these proposed updates on Sundays, September 10th and 17th. Committee members will be present to talk with you after worship.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of help with the Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship time. We need servers who brew the coffee, bake cookies, set out coffee cups, and clean up. Contact us in the church office if interested in volunteering. Genene Lynott is also willing to train those who are interested in helping. We hope to keep this ministry of hospitality and fellowship going strong.

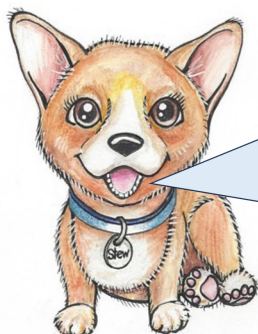
## LIVESTREAM OPERATORS NEEDED

We are looking to recruit a few more people to help run the Livestream during the Sunday morning worship service. Frequency would be one Sunday per month or as a substitute. Contact us in the church office if interested in volunteering.

## A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Thanks to all the gals and guys who donated their help to again make the "Church Rummage" sale a success. Projects like this are only as successful as the time and effort of all who worked so hard. Thanks again!  
~Yvonne Molinski and Jan Johnson

## A Calendar Alert from Stew



I love a party!!

**Our Celebration Annual Meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Join us for brunch, fellowship and to celebrate God's abundant gifts.**

*A Blessed people, Blessing Others*

# Assemble School Kits

We will be meeting to assemble the School Kits from 9:30 a.m.—noon on Thursday, September 14th, and Tuesday, September 19th. If you would like to help, please let Nancy or Mary know. The kits are shipped with the quilts and other kits in October.

We are still looking for items to fill the kits. (We have plenty of erasers at this time.) Purchase any of the items listed below and drop off in closet number 2 in the Fellowship Hall or Office.

Each kit includes:

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper (ONLY 70 sheet, no other size, so all the same).
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with

centimeters on one side & inches on the other.

- ONE pencil sharpener.
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers.
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- ONE 2 1/2" eraser (no erasers needed).
- ONE sturdy draw-string backpack-style cloth bag.

Thank you! Questions, contact Nancy Eisele at 715-367-2864 or [nseisele@gmail.com](mailto:nseisele@gmail.com), or Mary Gross at 715-420-1752.

# Adult Mission Trip 2024

The adult Mission Trip details are coming together. **The destination is Liberia, Costa Rica, and will be April 6-13, 2024.** The cost of the trip will be \$1,765.06, plus travel to and from the Minneapolis Airport, and an additional night of lodging in Costa Rica (because the program ends a day before the return flight).

The group will be going through Praying Pelican Ministry ([www.ppm.org](http://www.ppm.org)) which exists to build up,

encourage, and assist the local Church in serving and reaching their communities for Christ. PPM will help to make all the connections in Costa Rica and provide itinerary for the week.

If you are interested in going on the trip, an initial \$100 deposit is needed. You can contact Sue Johnson at 715-493-0099 to get directions on how to sign up. She can also answer any questions you have about the trip.

## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Our giving is done first, as a joyful and faithful response to God's gift of grace in Christ.

Our gifts are joyfully given so that the ministries of one's congregation can grow and be vibrant in the proclamation of Christ and God's grace.

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Year-to-Date Through July 31, 2023

	Year-To-Date	July
INCOME:	\$325,291	\$29,991
EXPENSE:	\$329,040	\$28,106

## Birthday Celebration Invite

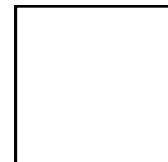
All who would like to help Marian Neiber celebrate her 90th birthday are invited to the coffee fellowship time on Sunday, September 17, that follows the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Coffee and cake will be provided.

## Bible Study Opportunity

Pastor Tim will be leading a four week Bible Study on the Book of Jonah. We will meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall starting September 13.

The book of Jonah is one of the most familiar stories of the Bible, but often only select parts. We will be challenged to look deeper at the fuller story of God's mercy and grace. No sign-up is necessary. You can bring your own Bible or you can use one of the church Bibles.

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