

Trinity Tidings

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Empty Tomb Cross + Gen Event

Did you know that kids need 5 adults in their life guiding them and giving input. I know for me, I sometimes need at least 2 people to help me pick out my outfit. Imagine a decision like who to date or where to go to college? That might

take a few people who care about you to help give some input. Kids also need 5 caring adults to know their hopes and dreams... 5 people who know their quirks and good points... 5 people

they can talk to honestly about what's really going on in their lives... 5 people who can offer wisdom when life gets confusing... 5 people who care about them and pray for them. (*"Why Your Kids Need Five Other Adults in Their Lives"* - Carey Nieuwhof)

In a time when young people (and the not so young, too) are feeling more disconnected than ever... this idea of having 5 caring adults becomes even more important. And its not just the kids. It's the adults too. Adults need to be known... we, too, need to have people care about our hopes and dreams... our quirks and good points... people who pray for us. We, too need to be in relationships with others of all ages and stages.

We use "Cross+Gen" rather than "intergenerational" because putting the cross in the middle of the generations and making it the conduit seems symbolically pretty powerful.

A friend of mine who is 20 is always reminding me that I'm too hard on myself and that I can let some stuff go. She has a wisdom that I appreciate. And when it comes to medical questions or "am I ruining my children" there

are a couple 80+ year olds I get on the phone with right away. And when I am not looking for it, I glean love for Jesus from those who can barely spell his name.

This year we have been intentional about building faith-filled relationships across the generations. We call them Cross+Gen Events. We use "Cross+Gen" rather than "intergenerational" because putting the cross in the middle of the generations and making it the conduit seems symbolically pretty powerful. We worship, share, read scripture, pray and bless one another. We will gather on May 15th at 5:30pm with a puppet show in worship to highlight our Empty Tomb theme. Then, after worship we will move into the fellowship hall where we honor our oldest and our youngest, and celebrate all the ages in between.

■ Pastor Kari Vadis

Blessing of the Graduates

On May 19th at the 9:30 worship, graduating seniors will be blessed by the Pastors and given a quilt of their choosing created by WELCA quilters.

Congratulations, graduates!

Michael Bartelt
Russell Benoy
Joshua Doro
Bridger Flory
Hunter Hicks
Emma Hjelle
Ciarra Kadlec
Brooke Mork
Lexi Pond
Haley Seefeldt



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Thoughts on Christ in the Passover

The evening of April 8th here at Trinity, almost 70 of us had the privilege to listen to a presentation by Jews for Jesus, entitled, **“Christ in the Passover.”** I was, perhaps, especially open to their presentation in large part due to my participation in the **“Read the Bible in 90 Days”** program being led by Pastor Tim.

So much of what I know about the Bible has been learned over a life time. Re-reading the Bible in a short period of time consolidates the story line into a more concise overview. So far we have read the Old Testament and have started the New Testament including the Gospels, the writing of Luke, and now the letters of Paul.

We have read that God made a covenant with Abraham that his descendants would be a blessing to all nations. The Exodus story told us of the Passover, deliverance to the promised land, the failure of Israel to love their God, the multiple dispersions of the people as punishment for this failure, and finally the arrival and presence of Jesus.

With this as a backdrop, last **night we were given a “taste”** of the Seder meal from the perspective of a Jewish woman who was

raised in a Jewish home and celebrated Passover as part of her heritage. The presenters read in Hebrew, sang parts of the Seder in Hebrew, but at the same time shared how Jesus is the **culmination of God’s promise to Abraham.**



As I read the Old Testament story I often resisted the constant blame placed on women

from the Garden of Eden, by the choice of Jewish men in their selection of, and use of women. I struggle with why men are not more to blame. So I was delighted when the presenter shared how it is the women of the house who lights the candles for the start of the Seder meal. She pointed out that Jesus was born of a woman, and He is the Light of the World.

Many parts of the meal were discussed to include the role of children. What I was most struck by, however, was how they portrayed the use of Matzoh. It has many small holes, no yeast because yeast equals sin, and has stripes, just as Jesus was without sin, was pierced and whipped (left with stripes). There were other examples of Jewish tradition in the Seder that point to

Jesus but this symbolism was most significant to me.

In a very real way this Jewish **woman fulfills God’s promise** that the children of Abraham would be a blessing to all nations.

■ Jim Hohman

Help Create Baby Care Kits

Starting in June, some dedicated people will be putting together Baby Care Kits that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief in the fall. We are looking for items to go in the kits and are in need of: baby socks, yards of flannel fabric, gently used/new baby clothes in sizes 6 months to 2T: sleepers, cotton t-shirts, jackets/sweaters, outfits, long pants (no dresses please) or monetary donations to purchase items we need.



In 2018 we included: 980 hand-made diapers; 490 blankets; 490 bars of soap; 980 safety pins; 490 pairs of socks; 245 hand towels; plus shirts, pants, sleepers and jackets in the kits that were sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Come join us each Wednesday morning starting in June from 9 a.m. to noon downstairs at church, we always have jobs to do to get the kits together.

Questions, please call Susan Swanson at 715-362-6227.



From the Council President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is finally here and we may even have open water for the fishing opener!

Word is starting to get around concerning Small Group Ministry here at Trinity. We are purposely taking it slow with the rollout to assure that we are successful. Several summers ago we started Small Group Ministry in place of Worship on Wednesday, and we **were**n't as prepared as we needed to be. It was a great test and helped us see everything we would need to have in place in order to succeed. Several groups are now meeting, and **we**'re working on training more leaders and growing this Ministry.

Charlotte and I are part of the only group still regularly meeting from that first attempt. Our group has changed over the years; **we**'ve added two couples and one couple has taken a break. Small Group Ministry is far more than just a bible study, **it**'s all about building relationships with other Christians. There are three major components to a successful group, and we need all three in equal proportion.

1. Fellowship. We have become friends and look forward to our time together. We meet in our homes and share a meal and sometimes a pontoon boat ride or a bonfire.

2. Caring. We are supportive of each other through all of **life**'s

challenges. One of many examples is how Charlotte was supported after her Father passed.

3. Bible study and Prayer. We do spend time in study.

Pastors have prepared material for leaders and prayer is essential for our lives.

Pastor Kari is the leader for this Ministry and was

recently in Denver at a conference on Small Group Ministry. We hope that all her time, research, and effort will lead to thriving and impactful Ministry.

As we look to the future and how to help people live Christ-centered lives, the strong faith relationships built in Small Group Ministry will become the glue that holds **Christ**'s church together! Please pray for this Ministry at Trinity.

■ God Bless, Kevin.



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FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH March 31, 2019

Actual Giving: \$209,338
(Actual Giving represents the *contributions* we have received thus far)

Projected Needs: \$224,091
(Projected Needs represents the *contributions* we need to support our ministry plan)



Trinity Softball Team

Trinity will again be having a church softball team this year. The games are usually played on Monday nights. The starting times are from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm. They are usually held on the fields by Nicolet College and sometimes in Tomahawk or Harrison.

The age requirements are 13 years old and up. League rules also require

that each team must have three players on the field who are female or males younger than 15 or older than 50.

The skill level is very mixed which provides some of the entertainment value of the league. It



also allows people of different generations to be on the same team.

The league meeting has not occurred at the time of the writing of this article. The first game will likely be on May 20. We

will try to schedule two practices before that time. The practices are designed to allow people to pre-tear

their muscles before the season starts. The season usually lasts 11 weeks. You do not have to be at every game.

For further information, please contact Fred Voss at 715-362-5237.

True Tales from Trinity

We are working on another season of "True Tales from Trinity", and we would like YOU to take part! We're going to use a video format which will help in sharing our stories—we can show them at both the Sunday and Wednesday services.

If you'd like to share a time in your life in which you clearly felt the active hand of God, please provide a written description of your experience for review, and plan on setting up a convenient time to record your story. Some stories in the past were of life-changing events that took place over months or years. Others were quick and even quirky, the kind of experience that's dismissed as a coincidence at first, but in which the presence of God becomes clear over time.

If you're not comfortable talking about your experience, or if you'd rather people didn't know it came from you, somebody else can read it on the video. We'd like to try and keep the stories fairly short—ideally they should take only a couple of minutes to tell (although exceptions are allowed).

Please contact Pastor Kari, Pastor Tim, or any member of the stewardship team if you'd like to share your faith story in a "True Tale from Trinity!"

PPT Help Needed

We are looking for additional people to run the power point for Wednesday night worship. This entails using the remote to advance the slides throughout the service. Training will be provided. Please call the office at 715-362-4258 or email tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com if you would like this opportunity to serve. High schoolers are welcome.



Early drop-off (7:45-8:15) and late pickup (4-5:15) available.

Children going into grades 1-6 are invited to a Bible Camp experience sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church. Encounter the LOVE of Jesus through group games, music, arts and crafts, Bible party, hiking, and community service.

Daily bussed trips to CAWOC

\$25 per child (scholarships available)

SPACE IS LIMITED. Please Register by June 7.



Registration forms available online: www.ComeToTrinity.com

For more information contact Pastor Kari-715.437.0770



Board of Property Needs Help

The Board of Property would like to hold a

“Chair Cleaning Bee”. If you have a carpet



cleaner with upholstery attachments and would like to help clean the chairs in the fellowship hall, or have a cleaner that we could borrow, please let Pam in the office know. We are hoping to find four cleaners to make fast work of the project.

The Board of Property will be holding its annual spring clean up day on Saturday, May 11, at 9 am. Ten to twelve volunteers are



needed to help clean the parking lot with blowers,

rake leaves, pick up rocks, fix the sod and trim bushes. Join us!

Mental Health Presentation

Sunday, May 19th, at 1 pm, First Congregational United Church of Christ at 135 E. Larch St., will be hosting a presentation given by NAMI Executive Director Mick Fiocchi titled, “Mental Illness is Normal.”

The presentation is open to the public and will last approximately one hour. Refreshments will be served.

ALL AGES are invited to a CROSS+GEN EVENT

HE IS ALIVE

Wednesday, May 15th

**Cross+Gen Worship @
5:30pm**

Cross+Gen Event

in the Fellowship Hall

@ 6:10—7:00pm

**Puppets, Scripture, Music,
Games, Blessings,
& more surprises...**

**A fun way to build our “Faith Web”
& make connections with people of
ALL AGES.**

*Please contact Pastor Kari with any questions:
715.437.0770*

Food Pantry Milk Collection

On the 2nd Sunday of the month we collect milk for the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. Needed are 1/2 gallon and gallons of skim or 2% milk. Please leave your donations in the milk crates by/in the refrigerator in the kitchen at church.

Thank you!



Food Pantry Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MAY 4th
Rhinelander Area Food Pantry

Fourth Annual
GARDEN FRESH SALAD
BOWL LUNCHEON

11 - 1 at Holiday Acres

Dine on a variety of signature salads donated by area restaurants along with live music, rolls, beverage and dessert and a chance to win a wooden bowl or other hand-crafted item donated by 'Shaving and Threads'.

Plus take-home planted baskets, planters, pots and hand-made items donated by area growers, merchants and craftsmen offered through raffles, silent auction or donation.

Get your \$20 tickets at Forth Floral, Peoples State Banks, The Briar House, Lattitudes or The Pantry.

RAFP Help Needed

Every second Monday of the month from 3-6 pm volunteers are needed at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry to distribute, weigh, and carry food. If you would like to help, please sign up at the IOC table.



DRI Flowers

Spring is here, and Forth Floral has been hard at work planting 112 large flowering baskets. Each summer you have seen them hanging throughout downtown Rhinelander, greatly enhancing the beauty and appeal of our downtown. Now your help is needed. The cost of the baskets is paid for by generous donors: individuals and groups in the community plus many businesses. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and essential for the success of this project. Each of the baskets costs \$100, including care for the season.

Checks should be made payable to Downtown Rhinelander, Inc. (DRI), designating that it is for the flower basket project. Donations of any amount are welcome. Donations should be mailed to:

Downtown Rhinelander, Inc.
PO Box 1638
Rhinelander, WI 54501

Please call Pat at 715-369-2893 if you have any questions.

Forms are available at the IOC table.

Update Your Info

Please keep the church office up to date with any changes to your name, address, phone number and email address. We are updating our database and want to be sure we have your current information.

Name _____

Address _____

Cell phone _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Please clip and drop off in the church office. Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Deadline

The Newsletter deadline is the *15th of each month*. Please email submissions to the office email: tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com or drop them off in the church office. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-Noon.

NATH/Frederick Place Meals

Reminder that we still need people to help provide the evening meal for the residents at the Frederick Place homeless shelter. This for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Information and signup sheets are available at the IOC table. Trinity is committed to this community service for the remainder of this year and hope to continue to do this with your help.

LiveStream of Church Service

We are Livestreaming our worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you are interested in the live stream worship services please email the church office requesting a [link](#) that we will send you. This link is how you will connect to the service. Note that the link must be watched during the service time at 9:30am. We are working on how we can download recorded files so that these can be shared for future viewing.

Staffed Nursery

A staffed nursery is available from 9 AM-10:30AM downstairs for children during the worship service. While children are ALWAYS welcome to be in worship this option is available if needed. We want to help families have a good worship experience.

Electronic Giving Option

You can now give online through our website portal under the **“Connect”** tab/Share Faith Giving/Give. This is a secured transaction with many giving options from one-time gifts to recurring donations. For your convenience you can simply scan the QR code with your phone to take you to the giving portal.



Calendar Is Online

The church calendar is now available on our website, www.ComeToTrinity.com

Go to the tab “Events”

And then to “Calendar.” The public calendar in Outlook will come up.

Double clicking on individual events will bring up additional information including a brief description of the event, room, and contact person.

If you see any corrections needed or your group is not meeting on a certain day, please notify the office so the calendar can be up to date.

This is the best way to find the most current info!

NAMI Fundraiser

Papa Murphy’s Take ‘N’ Bake Pizza will donate 25% of their proceeds to support the NAMI Northern Lakes Center ALL DAY on Thursday, May 9th.



Toilet Available For Donation

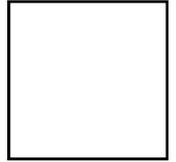
The Board of Property replaced the toilets in the lower level. They were installed in 2002 and have had little use. If you are in need of a 1.6 gallon flush toilet, please see Pam in the office to make a donation to the church and pick it up.

Check out the IOC Table

The IOC Table (Information and Opportunity Center) is located in the gathering area outside the worship space. On Sunday morning it is staffed so that someone will be there to answer questions or help you sign up. Please stop by the IOC Table to check out upcoming events.



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www.ComeToTrinity.com*



***Our Mission is to help
people of all ages become
active and engaged
followers of Christ.***

We are a Lutheran congregation with a variety of ages, backgrounds and passions. We are a community striving to grow in our walk of faith with Jesus Christ to love and serve the world. We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (often referred to as the ELCA) in the Northern Great Lakes Synod. These relationships help us to share the saving message of the gospel in our congregation, in the Rhineland community, in our country and throughout the world. We welcome you to be part of our community and join us in the mission we share in Christ. For more information about Trinity Lutheran, to get involved in our ministries, or to learn more about becoming a member, please contact us.

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