

Trinity Tidings

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The Value of Small Groups

I recently joined a Men's Small Group. I know, it doesn't make sense because I'm not a man.

None the less, they graciously allowed me to join them and it has

been life-giving and a highlight of my week.

Now, I hope you are wondering how hanging out with a bunch of men drinking water and eating snacks (I think we've had jerky, cup-

cakes, crackers, sausage & cheese...our next grouping we will have brats & burgers, so it will be a real up-grade!) from 7-8:30 pm on Tuesday nights could be life changing.

This is the second (adult) Trinity Small Group I have been a part of, and what it has shown me is that I need a small group. I can survive without one, but I live better with one. Getting together with a handful of other people of faith is irreplaceable. I'm more aware of how God is active in my life and in the world when I'm engaging with other disciples intentionally. I had a small group leader say to me, "This is exactly what I need. I just didn't know I needed it." Yes!

That's my experience as well.

A small group is a great way to practice all things faith related.

I've seen people in my small

groups go from being unwilling to pray out loud to leading us all in prayer. That's powerful! And it's personal to be prayed for by a friend. Sometimes we fumble

when we try new things and sometimes it comes easily. Either way, it has impacted my faith and God is at work in and through these men!

In this group, I've heard authentic and moving stories of how God has shown up in their lives. This has really impacted me. Hearing these stories helps me see more of how God works and also I get to see the love of God through my small group friends. We read the Bible and talk about it without there being right or wrong answers. Instead we let scripture help us see God's activity in our life.

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Wednesday Worship Break

The Wednesday night worship at 5:30 pm will take a summer break. June 5th will be the last worship until we resume again on September 4th.

Watch for "Worship Where You Are" opportunities with online sermons and devotionals that are being developed to serve you wherever you are this summer.



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Share Your Garden at Worship

Slowly, our gardens are beginning to bloom with flowers. What a joy after our long winter!

Garden flowers are a beautiful way to brighten our worship area on the weeks that flowers have not been ordered from Forth Floral.



If you would like to provide a bouquet from your garden, sign

up on the Altar Flower Calendar on the bulletin board across from the IOC table and write "garden".

Please only sign up on a week that **someone hasn't** already ordered a bouquet from Forth Floral.

If you have questions, contact Sue

Underberg at 262-719-7898.

■ Board of Worship

New Council Initiative

At our council retreat last year, we identified organizational structure and communication as the two biggest challenges hampering our ministry at Trinity Lutheran. Reviewing past council minutes and initiatives, we decided to start with two changes.

First, the chairperson of each board will now be the council representative for that board. We believe that this will improve the communication and the accountability between the boards and the council. This is not a new idea; we are implementing a motion that was passed by the council in 2006.

Second, we are asking Jody Doro to continue to serve on the board of education past his term limit to help test and evaluate how that board would operate under a committee structure. The board of education was selected

for the trial period as it is currently operating in a manner that most closely resembles the committee structure to be evaluated. The adjustments will be assessed by council on an ongoing basis during the evaluation period. This is our first attempt to bring a "Test and Learn" culture to Trinity, as identified and recommended by the Vision and Planning document developed in 2017.

If you have any questions about these changes, please feel free to contact the council president, vice president, secretary, or any one of the council trustees.

■ Jerry Dykstra
Council Secretary

For a list of council member names, please see page 3.

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Our lives are woven into God's story. God's story is our story. **Gathering together in God's** Name and reading Scripture together deepens relationships and faith in a powerful way.

This summer I will offer an opportunity to dive into the deep waters of faith. This Wednesday **Night "Let's Go Deeper" Group** is for you if you want to explore your faith with others in a significant way. Maybe you are looking to develop your connection to God, to me, to this community of faith and maybe even the world. After the four weeks, you and I **can discern whether you're feeling** called to be in a small group in the fall or maybe even be a small group leader. But first, how about taking a leap of faith, making a commitment to the journey, and joining me for four weeks starting June 26th at 5:30 pm. (If there is interest in a different time slot, I can look into that, too.)

Prior to seminary, I really wanted to grow more aware of **God's presence in my life. I wanted** to have friends with faith who would allow me to fumble a little and help me grow. This summer group is for adults of all ages who desire to grow and help others grow too. Our mission is to help people of all ages become active and engaged followers of Christ. The purpose of the church is not to meet our needs — **it's to encourage and equip us so that we see all that God is doing in and through us to meet our neighbors' needs.** I hope you will take me up on this invitation to go a little deeper with me in a 4-week small group. For more information, call/text/email me.

■ Pastor Kari



From the Council President

Dear Friends,

I started this month's article on another topic and was struggling. That's when I remembered that we have Father's day this month! Yes I look forward to the cards, calls and texts I'll get, but it's also a day I've not been able to share with my father since 1985. He lost the battle with cancer when I was 21 and in need of a father's guidance and advice more than I realized.

Looking back I'm so thankful that God placed several men in my life who were, and still are able to fill that void in my life. They have walked with me through joys and sorrows, happiness and pain and given life advice and counsel on business decisions. I have never lacked for support when I needed it most. Praise be to God! These men all

have one thing in common. They are all men of faith.

I'm troubled when I look at society today and realize how many young men are separated from their fathers and trying to live life without the love and compassion of a Christian Father. Imagine how life for these young men would look if they had the gift I was given. I believe we are being called—particularly you, my brothers. We are of varied backgrounds and life experiences, and each of us has something to offer a world full of young men. I encourage you to think and pray how you can be a friend and **mentor and reflect Christ's light** in this world.

Blessings,

■ Kevin Eggers

When Heaven Meets Earth

Is your group looking for something new?

When Heaven Meets Earth is a 12-part Biblical study on Heaven. It moves through the biblical narrative from the Garden of Eden to **John's vision of the final new creation**. The study can be done individually or in small groups.

Each study includes a narrative, Bible study, reflection and questions for discussion.



This workbook will help you come to see the Bible as one unified story about heaven and earth, will help you deepen your understanding of familiar Bible stories, comprehend the ancient biblical concept of heaven and what it means for your life after death and recognize biblical metaphors in the book of Revelation.

There are four copies available to borrow in Trinity's library.

■ Jim Hohman

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FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
 YEAR-TO-DATE
 THROUGH April 30, 2019

Actual Giving: \$241,507
 (Actual Giving represents the contributions we have received thus far)

Projected Needs: \$256,272
 (Projected Needs represents the contributions we need to support our ministry plan)

A Generous World Hunger Offering

Thank you from the Board of Witness for your generous Lenten World Hunger "Pi" Drive donations.

Pastor Tim, Pastor Kari, Keith and Josie McCaffery and Harvey and Ellen Mathisen were able to present the ELCA with a check for \$1,260.07 at the May ELCA Synod Assembly meeting in Escanaba, Michigan.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates



On Sunday, May 19, we celebrated the June 2 graduation with our High School Seniors. Each received a hand-made quilt of their choosing **crafted by members of their church family. May God's blessings and guidance be with them at this special time in their lives.**

Pictured above: *Bottom row*, (left to right:) Lexi Pond, Brooke Mork, Haley Seefeldt, Ciarra Kadlec, Emma Hjelle, Pastor Kari Vadis.
Top row, (left to right:) Joshua Doro, Russell Benoy, Bridger Flory, Hunter Hicks, Michael Bartelt

Russell Benoy

The son of Nathan and Marina Benoy.

I was baptized in a Methodist church in Southern Mississippi. It **was 90 degrees out and I wouldn't stop crying until the Pastor put the holy water on my head. He then proclaimed that: "God was with me."**

I have been a member of Trinity since I was a child, spending countless hours playing in the basement while my mom worked and attending workshops through my confirmation.

I was tennis captain and swim

captain. I led the swim team to its eighth state finish in over 30 years and earned the honor of being a state champion.

I am going to Pomona College in Southern California where I hope to study environmental analysis with an emphasis in public policy.

Joshua Pierce Doro

The son of Jane Pierce and Jody Doro.

I was baptized by Clarence Harms, a family friend who is now a retired ELCA pastor in the same outfit as my father. I was baptized in the lake I live on

currently, surrounded by friends and family. There was a massive storm right after the baptism.

I have attended most mission trips—two QUAKES, Houston, California and Houseboat. I play drums on Wednesday night with the church band and have for the past four years. I worked as a helper multiple years for the summer camp.

I am a huge participant in the school band—6th-12th grades. I am a percussionist (drums). I went to Ireland and Scotland for a history class. I went to Disney in Florida to play music and



I'm involved in AP classes.

I will be attending Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, this fall. I hope to get a degree in physics, then a second degree in engineering within five years.

Hunter Hicks

The son of Darin and Sue Hicks.

I was very young, however, my family said they celebrated by having a party at my house with my grandparents. It was a big day for me looking back, as it was the first step to becoming a true follower of the holy Trinity and it improved my faith.

I went on a Houseboat trip, went on the mission trip to California to try and help any way I could. I was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Trinity Church and try to make church as much as I can.

I'm involved in FBLA/DECA as vice president of finance and with the student council as the **senior class treasurer. I'm involved** in the following sports: hockey, soccer, freshman football. **Community service projects I've done** are lots and highway clean ups, letters to Santa and **Valentine's Day letters, mission trip to California, Frederick Place dinner, coaching soccer, etc.**

After graduating, I plan to major in criminal justice with a minor in business at UW-Milwaukee and hopefully become a detective.

Emma Hjelle

The daughter of Heather and Tony Hjelle.

I was baptized alongside my **sister at St. Mary's Catholic Church** here in Rhinelander.

My parents and I started to attend services at Trinity about

three years ago. Since then I have been involved with the youth ministry, going on two trips with Pastor Kari.

At school I am involved in soccer, skiing, mountain biking and student council.

I will be attending the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities and hope to receive an undergraduate degree in either a social science or humanity. At this point, I hope to eventually go to law school.

Ciarra Kadlec

The daughter of Dave and Windy Kadlec.

I was a baby so I don't remember my baptism, but my parents said it was a great day.

I have been on multiple youth trips and loved them! I also try to help with anything PK needs with the Christmas program.

I am the HOSA president and I am also a part of FCCLA and Interact. I am a yearbook editor.

My hope for after graduation is to attend the Aveda Institute of Minneapolis for cosmetology and become a hairstylist. I hope to eventually own my own salon.

Alexandra Pond

The daughter of James and Heather Pond.

I was about three or four weeks old at Peace Lutheran Church in Park Falls, Wisconsin.

My godmother's are Erin Sharp and Sue Barber.

I was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran in 2015. I went on a houseboat trip in 2016 and attended three youth QUAKES.

I am a part of Family Career Community Leaders of America **(FCCLA). I've been a part of FCCLA** since my freshman year

and have been a board member since my sophomore year. We have been part of many community service projects such as providing meals at the NATH house.

I plan on going to school at Lake Shore Technical College/ Nicolet Technical College for the Radiography program. I hope to become an x-ray technician or an ultrasound tech.

Bridger Flory

The son of Joel and Suzanne Flory.

I was baptized in Utah before I can remember. I have seen pictures, however.

I go to church pretty much every week and am active in youth group.

I do many sports like running, hockey, biking and tennis. I am also in student council and National Honor Society.

I plan to attend UW-Milwaukee to pursue a marketing degree.

Haley Seefeldt

The daughter of David and Sheryl Seefeldt.

I've gone on multiple mission trips and have helped out with the Christmas program and day camp for many years. I have loved every second of being there. I play tennis and do alpine skiing while being in HOSA. Other than that I focus on my schooling.

I hope to graduate from UW-LaCrosse and get accepted to dental school.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord . . . to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Board of Property The Table

Our annual spring clean up on May 11th was very successful!



A big thank you to Pete Leick, Pat and Jerry Dykstra, Jim Hohman, and Bob and Kathy Amberg who steam cleaned the blue chairs in the fellowship hall.

Our parking lot and grounds were tidied up thanks to Larry Petersen, Rick Molinski, and Dave Brinkman.

Thank you to Karen Reitz for doing the touch-up painting at the back interior entrance to the church and last but not least, thank you Rich and Karen Reitz for installing the Day Camp sign next to Brown Street since our Stevens Street sign has been blocked due to road construction.

All your hard work is much appreciated!

PPT Help Needed

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

The Table is a free community meal held on the last day of the month at 5:30 pm at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 39 S. Pelham St.

Each month a different community organization volunteers to plan, cook and serve dinner.

The meal is served to anyone and everyone. There are no restrictions or requirements to attend.

Trinity Lutheran Church is scheduled to host The Table on October 31st. We are looking for two co-chairs to head this and more information closer to the date will be provided for volunteers to purchase the food, cook, serve and clean up.

Please call Sue Johnson at 715-277-2431 if you would like to chair this one-night service project.

■ The Board of Witness

From the Office

Trinity Lutheran is a busy church! To help us keep track of our space, please contact the church office to get your meeting, practice or set-up information on the calendar so you or your group can use the space without any conflicts.

The calendar, serving schedule and birthdays and anniversaries can be found posted on the bulletin board in the church gathering area or at the IOC table.

If you would like copies sent to you, please contact the church office Monday-Friday from 8 am to 12 pm. by calling Pam at 715-362-4258 or emailing her at tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com.

Baby Care Kits

This summer, volunteers will be putting together Baby Care Kits to send to Lutheran World Relief this fall.

Items needed:

- 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)
- Monetary donations to purchase items needed

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.



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 sign up 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!

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 call the office to make a donation and pick it up.

RAFP

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.

RAFP Milk Collection

On Sunday, June 9th we will be collecting 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!

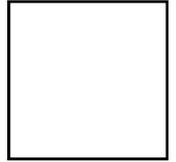
Check out the IOC Table

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 for volunteer projects.

Please stop by the IOC Table to check out upcoming events or locate community resources.



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***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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