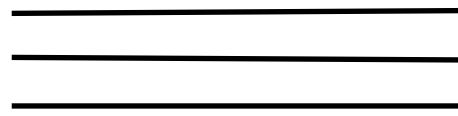


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# Times of Trinity

May 2024

*All Music Sunday*



*Life in the Spirit*

Sunday, May 19th  
9:00am

Join us for a music filled worship service with all of our choirs! It is also Pentecost Sunday! So come to worship wearing yellows, oranges & reds!



*Can you lend a hand?*  
**Wednesday, May 22nd @ 4pm**  
All are welcome to help clean up the outside areas of the church and church grounds. Bring rakes, hand trimmers, brooms, spades, etc. We will have a picnic afterwards.  
**Back up Date: May 25th @ 10am**



**TRINITY STAFF**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Pastor Megan Clapp  | Senior Pastor          |
| Pastor Ann Jacobson | Visitation Pastor      |
| Deacon Suzie Porter | Youth Min. & Adult Ed  |
| Laura Kessler       | Children & Family Min. |
| Teri Buschette      | Admin Secretary        |
| Dan Derouin         | Custodian              |
| Bill Simmons        | Media Technician       |
| Greta Johnson       | Music Coordinator      |
| Terri Hutchinson    | Bell Choir Director    |
| Tom Young           | Trinity Choir Director |
| Roger Josephson     | Financial Secretary    |
| Sue Eidenschink     | Treasurer              |

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*May & Summer Worship*

**Sundays**  
9:00am - Worship\*  
Fellowship to follow  
*\*Worship will also be streamed and recorded each week*

*Wednesday Worship will be begin again on September 11th at 6:10pm*

**ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**LUNCH & LEARN**

Thursday, May 2  
12:00-1:00PM

**Troll Invasion**

PRESENTERS  
**AMY STEARNS & MICHELLE MAIER**  
PROJECT 412

*All Are Welcome! Lunch Provided*

**OJIBWE WITH MIINANIKWE**

Leader: Megan Lhotka - She brings her passion for Ojibwe culture and her heritage to her classes.

Classes at Trinity:

- Essential Oil, May 14 @ 4:30PM
- Indigenous Teas of MN, June 6 @ 4:00PM

\$20/Class Contact Suzie to learn more!

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!**

*is scheduled for...*  
Tuesday, May 21st @ 11:30am  
in Trinity's Fellowship Hall

**ALL ARE WELCOME! WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**  
JUNE 9-14 *Summer Trip*  
Location: Virginia, Minnesota

We need YOU!  
All experience levels welcome; age 16 to adult. Join us for 2 days or a full week! See Suzie.

*Building Hope + Homes*

Dear Trinity Family,

At our last council meeting there was some discussion about hymns that are selected for our service. We realized it's a complicated process and it may leave some people dissatisfied or disappointed as folks work together to meet the needs of the whole congregation. Here is what we learned:

\*Pastor Megan is obviously the ultimate decision maker in putting together meaningful, inspirational, and timely worship services. Service planning generally follows the common lectionary that takes us through the gospel versions over a three-year cycle. Other lessons and songs are suggested to support the gospel message of the day. Periodically we have used resources from Sanctified Art to depart from the lectionary but also with lessons, prayers, and songs in support of the gospel teachings of the day. Suzie and Laura provide input and share in the development of themes.

\*Input is provided by Greta, along with two other congregation members (Judy Fankhanel and Brent Gerber) who bring song suggestions upon study of the scripture lessons of the season. The group selects songs based on appropriateness, familiarity, singability, variety and with consideration to the various age and interest groups of the congregation. Both the Sunday and Wednesday services are discussed. We make our best effort to meet the needs of all who gather for worship.

\*In addition to those who gather each week, we want to have a worship service that is accessible to others who may be visiting or searching for a church home. These may be from other church backgrounds, other ethnicities or just want to know God for the first time.

\*Worship is our expression of praise and thanks to God; a time for us to pray in community with other believers for ourselves and one another; and in every way to glorify God. We receive the gift of grace in the form of His body and blood.

We hope that if the hymns are not your favorite one week, you might hear God speaking through the other parts of the service. We pray that as we try new songs together, we would have open hearts and minds to hear something new from God. And when your favorite hymns are included in a worship, we celebrate the ways they bring comfort and encouragement to your life of faith.

Pr. Megan & Brent Gerber (Congregational President)

## OUTREACH MINISTRY



**All are invited to help serve our community! We are so grateful for the ways you have in the past and here are some ways to do so this month...**

**DOWNTOWN ALIVE  
FLOWER PROJECT**  
The GERANIUMS are coming!!  
Yes, our community outreach to support 'Downtown Alive' (the city flower project) will happen at Trinity on **Sunday, May 5th**

**MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE  
PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**  
Thank you to all who gave generously to our MN Food Share March Campaign! We are thrilled to share that in a month we were able to raise \$7,468.54 for the Becker County Food Pantry!

**THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!**



## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2024 6:30 PM

**Members:** Brent Gerber (3), Lori Velde (3), Jan Hoganson (3), Michael Herzog (3), Kym Westholter (2), Julie Aanenson (2), Trina Hoffman (2), Jon Anderson (2), Joe Merseth (1), Terry Carlisle (1), Devin Hagen (1), Neil Jonason (1), Pastor Megan  
**Absent:** Devin, Lori, Jan

**Call to order:** 6:30pm by Brent Gerber

**Devotions:** Pastor Megan- Meet us in the Waiting

### Ministry Review:

- **Property** – Joe reported that the memorial funds will be considered for seal coating and striping the driveway. Outside signage is being discussed. Clean-up day will be Wednesday, May 22nd from 4:00-7:00.
- **Finance**– Trina and Brent attended and reviewed Fiscal reports.
- **Time, Talents, Treasures** – did not meet
- **TDF** – no report
- **Memorial** – no report
- **Life and Growth** – Pastor Ann will be going down in hours. Pastor Megan will be taking over the overseeing of the picture book. To print in house would cost \$6 and outsourced would be \$7. The cost of a binder would be an additional \$2. Online would be password protected. Anticipated date of completion is mid June. Council recommendation is to outsource. Neil mentioned the possibility of using memorial funds to cover costs.
- **Worship and Music** – Jon reported that Bill is working on BlueTooth. Discussed training for communion helpers.
- **Children, Youth & Family** – Terry said they didn't meet. Movie night was well attended.
- **Christian Outreach** – no report

### Finance Review:

Sue and Roger's report were accepted. There was a discussion about Breeze and Vanco fees. Why are we using both? Roger will look into this.

### Business:

- Acceptance of New Members: Motion by Jon/Michael- passed
  - Volunteer Coordinator- The feeling of the council at this time is to not hire a coordinator. Council members are encouraged to be a part of the welcome team for the entry on Sunday mornings along with Time, Talents and Treasures and Life and Growth ( other committees welcome to join.) Brent will put together a sign up sheet. Service groups will receive a postcard, email and text during their month. Calls and face to face asks are another good way to fill the sheets. We also discussed selecting people to serve as trainers for each function ( ushers, communion servers, etc.)
  - Name tags for Church Council members- Motion by Julie/Jon passed Youth representative- Terry contacted someone who may be interested
  - Other discussion- Name tags for all members and going over all the information in the council book
  - Council retreat reminder- April 21st from 2:00-5:00
- Next meeting: May 21st, 2024 @ 6:30pm The Lord's Prayer  
Adjourn 8:00 by President Gerber  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Hoganson

### - TIDBITS from Teri -

- ▶ The Church will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.
- ▶ **If you are in need of TABLES for RUMMAGE SALES or GRADUATIONS or OTHER OCCASIONS**, please contact Teri in the office. There are some tables in the garage that are available at no charge, but you need to call ahead of time to reserve them.
- ▶ **WE CARE PROGRAM** – Thank you to everyone for continuing to bring in your Central Market receipts. We received a check in the amount of \$126.58!!! And a special 'thank you' to Pam Martinson for adding up the receipts and turning them in to Central Market!!
- ▶ **CONGRATS** to the DLHS Bands (Director Tim Siewert) and the DLHS Choir (Director Nathan Thelen, and all the students, for receiving several outstanding awards in Nashville, TN, in early April!!!
- ▶ **One of the local T.O.P.S. groups** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) has started meeting at Trinity again. They meet on Thursday mornings with weigh in at 8:30 and a meeting starting at 9:00 am. If you have questions, please contact Carol Huesman at 218-841-0226.

### Council Reps for Committees

Each council member is a representative as well to a committee at Trinity. Here is the list for the current council and which groups they are working with:

- Brent Gerber – President – Time, Talent, Treasure
- Michael Herzog – Property
- Jan Hoganson - Secretary – Christian Outreach
- Lori Velde – Christian Outreach
- Julie Aanenson – Worship & Music
- Jon Anderson – Worship & Music
- Trina Hoffman – Finance/Memorial
- Kym Westholter – Vice President, Time, Talent, Treasure
- Terry Carlisle – Children, Youth & Family
- Devin Hagen – Children, Youth & Family
- Neil Jonason – Life & Growth
- Joe Merseth – Property

**MONTHLY  
DONATIONS**

 **Lakes Crisis &  
Resource Center**

**THANK YOU** to everyone for their donations to the Lakes Crisis Center in March. 34 bottles of body wash were donated!

**MAY** - Brushes & Combs  
**JUNE** - \$5 - \$10 assorted gift cards (used as birthday gifts for shelter residents)

## Meet Our New Members!

We are excited to welcome these new members to the family of Trinity! Help us welcome them!



Grant Boe



Dylan, Lexi & Isabel Bremseth



DeWayne, Jennifer & Boone Ditterich



Casey, Annelise, Anja, Klara, Kaja & Otto Nelson



Jeanne Netkos



Kenyon, Mary, Mila & Kallen O'Brien



Sheila Strom



Tyler, Lane & Leighton Swenson

# Congratulations to our Trinity Seniors!

Please hold the Class of 2024 in your prayers this month. We blessed their journey forward during worship at Trinity on April 28. *Holy God, we give thanks for each of these young men and women. Bless, guide and nurture them as they find their way in this world, fully living into who you created them to be. Amen.*



Davin Abraham



Elle Bettcher



Helena Daggett



Ryker Gulseth



Mia Hanson



Hanna Knoop



Bailey Lindblad



Brooklyn Markuson



Megan Roy



Vincent Van Dam



Rylie Wendt



*Blessings on your journey!*

# VBS

JUNE 17-20

**A Week You Won't Want to Miss!**  
**Registration Deadline is May 29th!**

**Trinity Tots VBS Program**  
**Who:** Ages 3-5 years olds  
**Time:** 9am-11am

**VBS Program**  
**Who:** Kids who have completed K-5th Grade  
**Time:** 9am-3pm

Register online at [www.trinitylutherandl.org/vbs](http://www.trinitylutherandl.org/vbs)

### WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN DONATING FOOD FOR VBS?

Trinity gives such an amazing gift to our kids, youth and families by not having a fee with the VBS program so all can experience it! With that, we want to make that generous gift, stretch as long and as to many as we can. Our cooks for the week have made a list of items that could be donated by others for the snacks and lunches we provide for our kids. If you are interested, starting May 12th, please take the slip off the board in the Gathering Space for the item(s) you would like to donate or sign up for food items on Trinity's website. Thank you for your generosity!!

**HELP DECORATE FOR VBS!**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH ~ 6:30PM**  
 All hands are needed to help flip Trinity for VBS! If you would be willing to help prep a few decor projects ahead of time in your home, please talk to Laura!

### - Youth Ministry Notes -

- **Summer Festival Camp Registration is open for current middle school students (Grades, 6, 7, 8)**  
**Location:** Gustavus Adolphus College **Dates:** Sunday, July 14-17 **Cost:** \$200 (Scholarships Available)  
**Register Now:** [www.trinitylutherandl.org](http://www.trinitylutherandl.org) **Deadline:** May 24 **Questions:** Reach out to Suzie Porter  
 This is such a fun camp with amazing messages! Trinity has 3 wonderful adults accompanying our group.
- **High School Students & Young Adults! Join us for a few days of building a house for Habitat for Humanity in June!** Suzie would love to provide transportation for any youth that want to just join building for 2 days. There is an age requirement of 16+. Try something new and learn more about Habitat for Humanity. If you have interest, reach out to Suzie and we can talk about cost and which dates in the week of June 9-14 work best. No experience needed! We'd love to have you!