

PATHWAYS

Monthly Communications from Trinity Presbyterian

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Message From Pastor Deb

Dear Trinity Family,

September is here and students and teachers are heading back to school. Here at Trinity we are also ramping up for a new ministry year. Some exciting changes and additions are being made to Wednesday evenings and Sunday school. Be sure to read Joa's update in this newsletter.



I am especially excited about the journey we will be traveling together this year - through the grand narrative of the Bible. We will be introduced our ancestors, following the twists and turns of their adventures as they move from a family, to a people, to slavery, to a nation, to a new beginning as the Church. "The Story" will launch at the end of this month - in worship, adult education and small groups.

This is also a time of change and transition in our staff. In late August we said goodbye to Joyce Piper and celebrated her retirement as our longtime pianist. In October we will celebrate the ministry of Dee Lindblom, as she retires from her position as church administrator and pastoral associate. Please join us in thanking Dee for her faithful ministry. Please keep the Personnel Committee and Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers as we seek God's future for our church together.

Thanking God for you,
Pastor Deb

September Worship Schedule -

- Sept 4 - Who is on the throne of your life? Joa S. preaching
- Sept 11 - Growing in Christ, Sharing God's Love - Deb K preaching
- Sept 18 - Youth Mission - Joa/Youth preaching
- Sept 25 - Finding Your Story in God's Story - Deb K preaching



God's Story, Our Story



This year we are embarking on an exciting journey together through the story of God. We will discover how God's story in the Bible relates to our own faith and lives. Sermons will follow chapters in *The Story*, a book incorporating chronologically arranged passages of scripture.

The passages are connected with short transitions designed to keep the flow of events, characters, and teachings of the Bible. *The Story* will be available in the church office for five dollars. You may also follow along using the reading list of scripture below. We will continue the journey into the winter and spring of 2017. Adult Education will also focus on *The Story* this year.

Join us at 9 AM to dive into the week's theme in more detail.

October 2	1 - Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know	Genesis 1-4, 6-9
October 9	2 - God Builds a Nation	Genesis 12-13; 15-17; 21-22; 32-33; 35; Romans 4; Hebrews 11
October 16	3 - Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh	Genesis 37; 39; 41-48; 50
October 23	4 - Deliverance	Exodus 1-7; 10-17
October 30	5 - New Commands and a New Covenant	Exodus 19-20; 24-25; 32-34; 40
November 6	6 - Wandering	Numbers 10-14; 20-21; 25; 27; Deut. 1-2; 4; 6; 8-9; 29-32; 34
Nov. 13	7 - The Battle Begins	Joshua 1-2; 6; 8; 10-11; 23-24
Nov. 20	8- A Few Good Men and Women	Judges 2-4; 6-8; 13-16
Nov. 27	9 - The Faith of a Foreign Woman	Ruth 1-4
Dec. 4	10 - Standing Tall, Falling Hard	I Samuel 1-4; 8-13; 15

Upcoming ...

September 11 - Rally Sunday & Potluck after Service
Bring your favorite food item to share!

September 18 - NAMI Bake Sale after Service; Lay Liturgist Training

September 25 - Deacon Meet and Greet; Children's Message Training



Rally Sunday Church Potluck - Sunday, September 11th



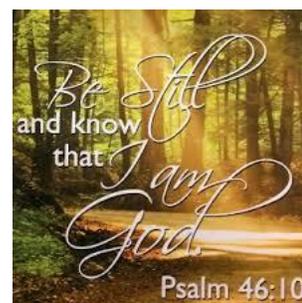
There will be a Potluck Social after service on September. Time for food and fellowship.

Please bring your favorite food dish to share.

See everyone there!

Note From Dee -

Have you ever been somewhere when it was completely silent? No footsteps or people talking - especially no TV or radio? That doesn't seem to happen very often, but when it does it is a very special experience. We need stillness in our lives.



When it is quiet around you, it's easier to think about the really important things and evaluate where you are in your life. It's easier to think about God. We hear God's voice in the Bible saying, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

I hope that each of you has a place, inside or out, where you can rest and be still, free from the sounds and demands of the world. We can deepen our relationship with God by listening for God's Spirit to give us wisdom, strength, and love. Making time to be alone with God is well worth the effort.

Blessings, Dee

Thank You Joyce!

We celebrated with Joyce Piper on August 21st and 28th, her retirement from Trinity as our pianist musician. A reception was held after church on the 21st and a Service of Joyce's favorite hymns was the August 28th church service.

Thank you Joyce for all your time and talents.

WE WILL MISS YOU!



PNC Update



PASTOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Now that we have a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) - what's next?

It may seem like it is taking forever to call a pastor to Trinity, but we are on track from a typical timeline standpoint. There are several steps that need to be followed before candidates are interviewed and selected. The most important task that the PNC is working on right now is completing the Ministry Information Form or MIF. The MIF is essentially a "job description", and not only describes the experience and competencies we desire in our next Trinity Pastor, but also reflects the hearts of our members. The PNC is using the surveys, interviews and informative query data collected from the congregation to complete the MIF. Next steps will be to gain approval of the MIF by session and the presbytery.

We are committed to seeking God's wisdom through every step of this process and are guided by Proverbs 3:6. We will keep you updated as we move forward.

All-Church Committee-Night launching on Sept 8th.



The Session has decided to ask all church committee to meet on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month, beginning on September 8. An "All-Church Committee Night" allows staff to attend several meetings in one evening, and helps committees to collaborate more easily. Just think, in the middle of January - you will only have to go out into the cold night once each month. To find out more about the work of these groups, please contact the committee chair or talk to Pastor Deb. We would love to have you join us!

6 PM:

- Building and Grounds - John Upson, chair
- Personnel - Marie Skinner, chair
- Children and Youth - Gretchen White, chair
- Worship - Ken Latham, chair

7 PM:

- Adult Enrichment - (TBD)
- Mission and Action - Roxy Willms, chair
- Outreach and Communications - Kirk Breen, chair (2017)
- Stewardship and Finance - Doug Ryden, chair

Note: The Board of Deacons and the Nominating Committee may meet on other days. The Session meets on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Christian Education

This summer has sure passed by in a whirl! We started with the youth group garage sale in the beginning of May, and lots of interesting items showed up! In particular one family really dug deep, even going so far as to donate pictures: see if you can figure out who the darling couple in the photo is. We had several families moving, who supplied us with lots of money-making donations.



We graduated four wonderful young people, who are flying to the four corners of the world. We introduced our first 4th and 5th grade one-day mission trip to Growing Hope Farm. At the end of August, we welcomed five new 6th graders to the youth program.

We struggled this year with our youth mission trip, as the Girl's Heartland Ranch cancelled on us at the last minute. It was very disappointing, but our youth rose to the occasion, were flexible, and accomplished a lot at Face-to-Face, an organization that works with at-risk teenagers living in East St. Paul, and Growing Hope Farm, which donates organic produce to local food shelves.

We are continuing to unveil our new programming curriculum at several levels, with the re-introduction of a youth Sunday School program and a full compartment of children's programming on Wednesday evenings, adding a pre-kindergarten to 2nd grade, to the already established 4th and 5th grade programming.

While it passed by in a whirl, it has been a great summer, and we are now looking forward to fall kick-off this September. We have lots planned for this year, so keep a close eye out!



Deacons Update

The Deacons hope you will join us on Sunday, September 25 after church for a Meet and Greet with your deacon. After a busy summer it's always nice to reconnect! We will also share information about different ways to minister at Trinity - greeting, meals for Trinity members during times of need, helping bring members to church, etc. At the meet and greet you can sign up for various services and we will contact you to see if you can help when those needs arise. We hope to see you there!



Last month, we shared information on six of our deacons. This month we get to know the other three deacons - Emilia Effiom, Jerry Loomis, and Rita Thomas.

Emilia Effiom

I came to the US in the year 2000 and after looking for a church home I became a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. I later joined Trinity Presbyterian in 2012 after moving to Woodbury in 2010. I am a Reading teacher and the HR manager at Higher Ground Academy in St. Paul MN. I have been in the teaching field for more than 3 decades now. I am the 5th of 9 children. I love to read and enjoy serving people.

Jerry Loomis

Jerry Loomis was born and raised in Jamestown, New York. He graduated from Jamestown High School in 1965, 21st in a class of 630. Jerry's fraternal twin, Jeff, was salutatorian of that class. Both Jeff and Jerry graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul in 1969.

Jerry was employed as a case worker for the Ramsey County Community Human Services Department from March 1973 thru April 2005.

He began attending Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church in 1976, and was a member there from 1978 until its demise at the end of 2013. While at AHP, Jerry served 2 terms as a deacon, sang in the chancel choir, and played in the AHP handbell choir.

Jerry joined Trinity Presbyterian Church in March 2014, continues to sing in the chancel choir, and is in his second year as a deacon. Jerry has sung bass in the Glad Tidings Christian Choir for all 10 years of its existence. The choir presented a full concert at Trinity in February 2016.

Jerry is a huge sports fan, who collects baseball cards and memorabilia, and travels the country attending both major and minor league baseball games at different stadiums. He is an avid golfer and bowler, who has recorded two hole-in-ones and 13 career 300 games. Jerry was inducted into the Saint Paul Bowling Hall of Fame in October 2008.

Rita Thomas

Four years ago I returned to a church where I felt comfortable and like a family member - TRINITY. My history goes back to the founding of Trinity. My family and I are charter members. Renee and Richard Jr were the first confirmation class along with Sally Willison. My husband and Rick Dornfeld were the co-chairs of the construction of our present church. It was quite a process and a big undertaking by a small congregation.

I have been active at Trinity assisting with the TLC program and assisting with funeral arrangements when needed. I am currently serving my second term on the Deacon committee.

I worked at 3M for 32 years retiring 13 years ago and moving to Florida until 2012. Today I am the proud mother of three adult children and seven grandchildren. Renee is a retired St. Paul Officer (and glad that she is) living in St. John's, Florida. Richard Jr. (Dickie) and his wife (Elissa) live in Jacksonville, Florida and have four daughters between them - Carly, Haley, Emily and Aubrey (even the dog and cat are girls). Richard works for CSX Railroad. Rochelle (Shelley) lives in Cottage Grove and works for U.S. Bank. Shelley has three children - Allison, Kyle and Sara (my little sunshine).

I am very excited about the next three years on the Deacon Board. - Rita

Rally For Niger - October 1st at Trinity - Open to All Ages



This year, Trinity will host the Twin Cities Remember Niger Coalition (RNC) Rally. Walkers and bikers get sponsors to support them. Supporters and participants can also purchase raffle tickets to win gift cards and items from Niger. The 2.5 or 5 mile walks will head off into Tamarack Nature Preserve and Ojibway Park. The 15 or 25 mile bike rides will take bikers through Woodbury along paved paths with minimal road crossings. Parks, parkways, and several lakes are included in the routes. Funds raised this year will go to the construction of a primary school in Niger.

Check-in for the event will begin at 8 a.m., followed by a short presentation at 8:30 a.m., and walkers and bikers will begin at 8:40 a.m. Upon return, snacks will be available for all participants. The raffle drawing will be held at 10:30 a.m., but individuals do not have to be present to win if their raffle ticket is drawn.

Since the event will be held at Trinity, we want to have a good turnout, and encourage you to invite your friends, scouting troops, work colleagues, and relatives to participate, sponsor you, and buy raffle tickets. If you aren't able to walk or bike and would be willing to help with such tasks as putting out snacks, greeting and directing participants, or possibly sitting in strategic positions along the course, please talk with Joan Nichols.

Please register today at www.rememberniger.org/events . Join us as we rally together to unify people and mobilize resources to expand quality educational opportunities in Niger.

A Note of Thanks -

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for loving Delores during her seven years at Trinity. It was hard for her, especially at her age in life, to leave her church of decades upon moving to Woodbury. But she felt quite comfortable from the start - thanks to so many in our congregation who would take time to sit and chat - or even share a simple but warm hello.

Love & blessings,
Debi and the Espe Family



Joseph's Coat - Matching Gift Challenge



Through June of this year, Joseph's Coat served 12,244 adults and 1,636 children shoppers! They were greeted warmly by over 100 volunteers who regularly staff our store. This incredible work is managed by only one full-time and two part-time very dedicated employees. Obviously, much is accomplished through the generosity of so many.

Twice each year we ask our community for financial support. Today, I ask you to consider making a tax deductible gift to help us cover the costs of supplies, toiletries, personal hygiene products, rent and employee salaries. A gift of any size will be greatly appreciated!

The impact of your gift will be doubled through the generosity of two of our benefactors. That means that for every dollar you give, these generous benefactors will give a dollar up to \$10,000! This \$1 to \$1 match is a unique opportunity to make an even greater impact on the work done at Joseph's Coat. Please mark "Joseph's Coat" on collection plate donations or see Doug or Evie Ryden.

Please know your generosity is deeply appreciated and essential to our work. Thank you for your continued support!

A Note to Trinity Family -

Dear Deb & Trinity Family,

Jackie and I have settled into our apartment in Tampa, Florida. I am now a member of the Tampa Bay Presbytery. My chaplain job at Moffitt Cancer Center is going great. It is sad how many kinds of cancers attack people. I see the sickest of the sick cancer patients.

Jackie is still applying for jobs. We are attending Tim's Presbyterian Church in Lutz, Florida. They approached us to sing in the choir the first time we went there.

We love you and miss you back up in Minnesota.

With love, Tony & Jackie Winter

Tasty Treats to Stop the Stigma of Mental Illness



There will be a BAKE SALE after the 10 am worship service on Sunday, September 18 in the Welcome Room. Please stop by and take home some home-baked goodies to help support the important work of NAMI. Freewill donations gratefully accepted. New this year will be gluten-free items.

Presbyterians Walk and Roll



You are invited to join members of the Presbytery Disability Concerns Mission to walk or roll on Saturday, September 24, as we support the marvelous work of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Our bright blue T-shirts that say, "Presbyterians Walk & Roll with Faith and Hope," will announce the good news that our church is seeking justice for the one in five adults and youth who live with serious and persistent mental illness.

"NAMI Minnesota champions justice, dignity and respect for all people affected by mental illnesses. Through education, support and advocacy, we strive to eliminate the pervasive stigma of mental illnesses, effect positive changes in the mental health system, and increase the public and professional understanding of mental illnesses." (NAMI website)

We shall gather at 11:30 a.m. at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis or at the Community and Technical College in Rochester and begin our walk and wheelchair roll at 1:00 p.m. The distance is 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) but you may go as far as you like. Come to walk and roll or to cheer us on while you enjoy the music.

Everyone who sets a goal of \$50 or more will receive a free T-shirt. We welcome children and we'll have children's T-shirts available. The Presbytery contact person is Dixie Brachlow at brachlow@gmail.com

We can all be advocates with people who live with mental illnesses. Each person is created in the image of God, so let us put our faith into action and seek justice for all.

To join or support our team, Presbyterians Walk & Roll, go to the NAMI website at: <http://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=571>

Special Book Discussion Event

Do you like to read? An exceptional book has been brought to my attention and I would like to encourage you to join us as we read and discuss the book.

This book is not part of the church's regular book club offerings.

The book title is "Redeeming Love: A Novel" by Francine Rivers. Francine is a Christian book writer and this book is based loosely on the Book of Hosea from the bible. The setting for this book is the 1850 California Gold Rush.

The sign-up sheet will be in the office after Labor Day. I anticipate books will be available by the week of September 19th. We will discuss the book

October 24th at 6:30pm at church. Contact Kathie Wilkinson with questions: kaw7603@gmail.com.

Human Trafficking Task Force Update -

Trinity's Human Trafficking Task Force has established an alliance with **Tubman Family Crisis** and Support Services who offer a continuum of healing and recovery to individuals, families and communities struggling with human trafficking, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness and maintaining independence.

Tubman is a multi-service agency with almost 40 years of experience serving individuals and families, formed from the merger of Chrysalis, A Center for Women, founded in 1974; Harriet Tubman Center, founded in 1976; and Family Violence Network, founded in 1982. In July 2011, ElderCare Rights Alliance (ECRA), a statewide organization founded in 1972, merged with Tubman.

Harriet Tubman is the historical namesake for this organization. She was an African American slave in Maryland in the mid 1800's. She finally escaped her owners via the Underground Railroad. Harriet spent her life as a slave, an abolitionist and a Conductor on the Underground Railroad. During the Civil War she was a soldier, nurse, spy and scout. In her later years she became a successful speaker on civil rights, especially the rights of women. She died at the age of 90.

Trinity will participate with Tubman's work by providing material support to them. Our bulletin board in the Gathering Room has information about items they need to support their participants. We ask each of you to consider assisting with our efforts by donating as you are able. There will be a list of items Tubman needs for their shelters and drop in programs. The list will change on a quarterly basis and the collection tub will be outside the Fellowship Room. Thank you in advance for your donations.

We are accepting donations starting September 1st. Refer to the colored flyer for items being collected each quarter. Tax exemption forms for new items are on the bulletin board.

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at: <http://www.holminafrika.blogspot.com/> .

You can subscribe to e-mail updates of our family blog on weekly work and life in Malawi by entering your email into the box "Follow by Email" and then confirming your e-mail.



Thank you for faithfully following our family in praises and prayers each month.

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Grace and Peace,
Tyler, Rochelle and Mphatso Holm
Presbyterian World Mission, Mzuzu, Malawi

TRINITY PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



Demo day for new sidewalk



August Outdoor Service



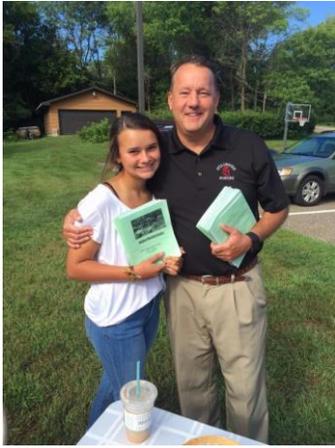
New sidewalk



Praise Band at Outdoor Service



Bill changing lights in fellowship



Tom and his daughter Emma ushering
outdoor



Judy sharing children's message

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