



# PATHWAYS

Monthly  
communications from  
Trinity Presbyterian  
August 2016

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## Message From Pastor Deb

Dear Trinity Family,

Who are we? What is God calling us to as a congregation? These are questions we have been asking ourselves over the past year. Your voice has been heard through a congregation-wide survey, Appreciative Inquiry sessions and individual interviews. We have prayed for discernment and for God's vision for the future. In April, the Session went on retreat to begin the process of crafting a new mission and vision statement. After months of work and prayer, the Session has finalized and approved them. Trinity's vision is "To be a vibrant and nurturing community inviting all generations into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ." Trinity's mission statement is "Growing in Christ, Sharing God's Love." Session is now clarifying our goals and priorities.

You might wonder, "Why are we doing all this work now? Shouldn't we wait until we hire the new pastor?" An intentional interim much more than a holding time between installed pastors. Instead, we have been asked to do the hard work of discerning where God is calling us in preparation for calling a pastor who will best lead Trinity into that future. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is using the survey and interview responses, our mission and vision statements as they seek your next pastor. Please continue to keep the PNC, the Session and the Strategic Planning Task Force in your prayers as their work continues.

Yes, working on our identity has been a helpful and necessary part of this interim season. But, we are not done yet!

This next program year, we will explore our identity as God's children by focusing on our shared family story. We will walk through God's grand narrative from creation in Genesis to the new creation in Revelation. Think of looking down on the story of God and God's people (that is US!) from 10,000 feet above. It will be a wild ride - full of twists and turns and some very colorful ancestors!

Research has shown that we make sense of our lives in the context of our lived narrative. The stories that we are told also help to shape us. When the family gathers for holidays, weddings, or funerals, stories are often shared. (continued)  
These stories shape us as we learn where we have come from and learn what our family

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history and values. Likewise, when we share our stories with others, we share a part of ourselves. We get to know one another through our stories.

This September we will kick off "THE STORY" - God's Story, Our Story. We will delve into our history as God's people. There will be opportunities for adult small groups and classes to follow the sermon series as well. (Children and youth are also entering the story of God in Sunday School, but are on a different cycle.) Keep your eyes open for more information as September approaches.

*Blessings in Christ,*

*Pastor Deb*

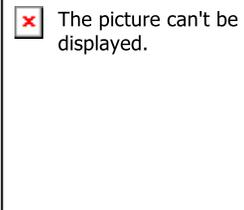
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## Upcoming ...

**August 7th** - Communion served

**August 21st** - Outdoor Service by Honor Garden

- After service, come say "Thanks" to our pianist, Joyce Piper, as retires from service at Trinity



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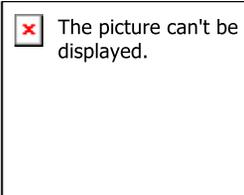
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## PNC Update

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.



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# Christian Education

Our big event in the Christian Education program at Trinity for the month of July was the 4th and 5th grade Mission Trip. Nine (7 kids and 2 adults) of us went to Growing Hope Farm in Hastings Minnesota, which is a farm that provides organic produce to food shelves in the Metro area. We practiced loving our neighbors as we picked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, kale, and cabbage. It was a hot, sticky experience that will long be remembered.

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# Board of Deacons Update

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We have made two changes to how we organize the Kindred Spirits groups. We will now assign members to deacons based on letter of the alphabet and we will have two deacons per member/family. The two deacons assigned to you are below and they will reach out to you to get to know you. Please reach out to your deacons at any time with needs or concerns as they arise. More information on the our deacons is below for you to start to get to know your deacons and next month we'll feature the other three deacons.

A-D: Lori Anderson and Emilia Effiom

E-H: Sara Finn and Julie Sinks

I-Q: Jerry Loomis and Sue Schenck

R-Z: Barb Freeman and Rita Thomas

Deacons, Pastor, and Pastoral Care Coordinator: Katie Friesema

## Lori Anderson

Lori and her husband Bob both grew up in New Hope, MN. They spent some time in Milwaukee and Eau Claire, WI before moving back to Minnesota in 1999 and joining Trinity. They have one adult son, Josh. Lori works for People Incorporated Mental Health Services as the Accounting Manager. This is Lori's first time serving as deacon and she is looking forward to getting to know other Trinity members better and serving in this role.

## Sara Finn

Sara and her husband Niall and their three sons, Sean (25), Christian (22) and Brendan (18) moved to Woodbury from Grand Rapids Michigan in June of 2003. They have been members of Trinity since the fall of 2003. Sara has served as a Deacon, Session member, Co-chair of Christian Ed and has recently been on the Worship committee. Sara is a Group Exercise Instructor and Personal Trainer at the Woodbury YMCA. She grew up in Dearborn Michigan and graduated from Alma College, which is a small Presbyterian college in Alma Michigan. Sara enjoyed being a Deacon and is excited to serve in that role again.

## Barb Freeman

Barb is a charter member of Trinity. She has been on personnel, mission, stewardship and building and grounds committees, the treasurer, a deacon and an elder. She also sings in the choir and early in the church's history was a children's choir director. She has always been a fellowship enthusiast. As she says, if you have friends at church you will always want to be there. Barb and Dan have two grown sons. and two beautiful daughters-in-law. They are lucky enough to have them both living in the Twin Cities which makes it easy to see their three awesome grandchildren. Barb is looking forward to meeting everyone of you and helping you whenever you need her.

### **Katie Friesema**

Katie has been a member of Trinity since early 2014. She has served on the Board of Deacons for 2 years. Katie is originally from Wisconsin (Green Bay) and went to school at University of Wisconsin (Madison). Then she lived in Chicago for a few years and moved to Minnesota in 2009. She works at Best Buy as a recruiter. Her and her husband Dan have one child - Sam, who is 6 months - and a dog, Lily. Katie is the Deacon Moderator this year and looks forward to helping all Deacons support Trinity members as well as continuing to get to know the members of Trinity.

### **Sue Schenck**

Sue has been a member of Trinity Presbyterian since the fall of 1988. Sue and her husband Mike moved from Brookings, SD in January of 1988. Sue is currently serving on the Worship committee, is the Communion coordinator, the Trinity Pathways newsletter editor, and is a member of the choir. She is a substitute teacher at the Math and Science Academy charter school in Woodbury and does private math tutoring occasionally. Sue and Mike have three adult children, Dan, who lives in Evanston, Illinois, Ryan and his wife Alexis who live in the Twin Cities, and Stephanie and her husband Erick, who also live in the Twin Cities. She is looking forward to serving as a Deacon of the church.

### **Julie Sinks**

Julie and her husband Tim have been members of Trinity for 15 years. They have 2 married daughters, Laurel who lives in Minneapolis and Sarah in Michigan. Laurel has an 8 month old son, Aiden who Julie and Tim take care of 2 days a week. Julie retired from school district #622 and works as a fitness instructor at the YMCA. Julie has served as a deacon in the past and is looking forward to serving the next 2 years.



Sara and Julie



Barb and Rita



Emilia and Lori



Sue

## TLC will be WLC instead!

Instead of "Tuesday" Lunch Club, in August the lunch will be on Wednesday, the 10th. Summer is all about flexibility, I guess.

Please change the date on your calendar and plan to join us at 11:30 on August 10.

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## Human Trafficking Task Force

Trinity's Human Trafficking Task Force has established an alliance with *Tubman Family Crisis and Support Services* who work to create a safe and healthy future for individuals, families and communities. Trinity will participate with this service by providing material support to them. This will include a rotating schedule of needed items for Tubman's shelters and drop in programs. On a quarterly basis our bulletin board will indicate which items from Tubman's wish list we will be collecting. A collection site will be identified for donated items.

Our first donation to Tubman will be the proceeds from the sale of items not sold by the Human Trafficking team during Alternative Christmas Program. Please look for the table in the Welcome Room after the worship service on August 14 and August 21.

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## School Tools Drive - August 14th Deadline

Thank you for all that has been donated in the bins in the Narthex.

Still needed are the following:

**boxes of tissue**  
**backpacks**  
**calculators**  
**3-ring binders**

They will be collected to benefit school children served by nine different programs in the East Metro.

**Monetary donations are also welcome.** Checks may be made out to either Interfaith Action or Trinity Presbyterian Church with "School Tools" in the memo line.

Together we can make a difference for elementary, middle and high school students -- helping them start the school year with the supplies they need!

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## MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY TRINITY

Check out our blog

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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  
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## Life Line Screening

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Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Trinity Presbyterian Church on 9/8/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to:

- blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke;
- abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta;
- hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease;
- atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk;
- and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

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## Sign-up For Sanctuary Flowers !

Please sign up for sanctuary flowers using the 2016 chart that is located in the Narthex on the bulletin board by the nursery. Flowers are purchased for \$20 and picked up at Sweet Pea Florist by a member of the Trinity Worship Committee.

So if you have a special occasion or a special person to honor, here is the opportunity to get some beautiful flowers and the information put in the worship bulletin.

**Then after the service, the flowers are yours to take home! Just place the \$20 in the offering plate with a note that it is for flowers. Please leave the vase in the old kitchen on the counter.** Thank you!

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Painting Sign out Front



Sue and Barb painting



Bill way up high in sanctuary



