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Monthly communications from Trinity Presbyterian

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Message From Pastor Deb

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

One of the things I love about living in Minnesota are the many signs of new life as winter turns to spring. The days are longer, the air is warmer and we delight in the return of songbirds, green grass, and spring flowers. Spring is also a time of change and celebration here at Trinity. We have welcomed new members - both confirmands and adults - into our congregation. This month we will also celebrate our graduates on May 7 and will be led by our youth in worship on Mother's Day, May 14. Sunday school and youth group will wind down for the summer, and our Sunday school teachers and leaders will be recognized and thanked on May 21. (Thank you for loving and teaching our children!) Sunday adult education and Wednesday bible study will also wind down for the summer. (Many thanks to Joan Nichols and Roger Punt for leading them!)

Yes, change is in the air and the Spirit is on the move. The Pastor Nominating Committee is now in the process of interviewing finalists for the next pastor of Trinity. A new class of deacons and elders are soon to be nominated and elected. The session has crafted a new mission and vision statements, which were prayerfully discerned and informed by the results of the congregational survey and interviews. Three strategic priorities have also been developed by the session to guide the work of Trinity into the near future. You will hear more about our mission, vision, and priorities in May and June during worship. Thank you for your continued prayer for God's wisdom and vision as Trinity is lead into this new chapter.

Thanking God for you,
Pastor Deb



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This month is a special one for Trinity. We will celebrate our graduates on May 7, and then will celebrate our mothers on May 14. Both of these services will be conducted by our young people. Later in May and early June, we will continue to focus on the future that God is calling us into, focusing on Trinity's mission and priorities.

May 7	Graduate Sunday (communion)	Joa S. preaching
May 14	Mother's Day	Joa S. preaching
May 21	"Sharing God's Love"	Deb K. preaching
May 28	"Growing Young"	Deb K. preaching
June 4	"Growing Deep" (communion)	Deb K. Preaching

Update from Children & Youth Ministry

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I cannot believe it is the end of the school year! How quickly the last nine months have flown by. Before we begin to re-group and plan out the upcoming year, I would like to look back on three primary goals that we accomplished for 2016-2017:

- Wednesday programming was added for our pre-kindergarteners through 5th graders. Three Wednesdays a month, our students learned about missions, social justice, making a difference in their world, and missionaries. We supported our college students with notes, snacks, and crafts. Three new teachers were added, and our youth began learning how to lead children's programs - a skill they will take with them for a lifetime.
- We completed the second year of our two-year Sunday School program. Our numbers of participating children increase on a regular basis. Planning for 8-10 students in each classroom is no longer enough; next year we will be stocking teachers bins for 12-15 students for each classroom.
- Our program events have become focused on our mission and vision statements. Events that do not move the mission forward have been restructured or eliminated.

Each of the three goals that we set at the beginning of the school year, and then accomplished, are pivotal in our long-range plans. While numerous other smaller goals were also accomplished, these three were important in that they provide the foundation for the growth needed at Trinity in the CE program. Providing the needed components for our children and youth is not easy, but it is very exciting when it all comes together - and we are seeing that happen!

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May Mission of the Month:
Our Mission Co-workers

Throughout May, the Mission Committee is highlighting the two missionary couples that Trinity supports financially, through prayers and small gifts. Jed and Jenny Koball serve in Peru. Jed is an ordained pastor but his primary work is as a facilitator for an organization of local Peruvians called "Joining Hands Network" of Peru. It is a branch of the Presbyterian Hunger Program which is partially funded through our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Jed trains people to stand up for and speak out for themselves through networks of churches and non-government organizations (NGOs) striving to solve the root causes of poverty. In Peru, much of the problem stems from environmental contamination and lead poisoning from multinational mining, trade policies, and a growing water shortage. Jenny is the site coordinator for Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), also a program of the Presbyterian Church. Young Adults age 19-30 commit to one academic year, serving alongside mission partners, while exploring God's calling in their lives.



Jed and Jenny Koball

Tyler and Rochelle Holm serve in the tiny landlocked country of Malawi in southern Africa. Tyler teaches theology, church history and Greek in the University of Livingstonia which is part of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). Within CCAP there is only 1 ordained pastor for every 6,000 members so the need to educate church leaders and pastors is great. Graduates will not only serve their communities spiritually, but also in the areas of education, health care, clean water and sanitation, food security and civic education. Rochelle has recently dropped her status as a mission co-worker, since she is able to continue her work as the Manager of the Centre of Excellence in Water and Sanitation and be paid by Mzuzu University. Together with Tyler, she hosts many theology student gatherings at their home and is raising a daughter named Mphatso.



Tyler and Rochelle Holm

Years ago, Presbyterian missionaries were financially supported by the church. Currently, it is necessary for them to seek much of their own support through speaking events and connections to congregations and individuals. For that reason, the Mission Committee believes it is vital for us to maintain our support of these two couples as they act as our hands and feet in Peru and Malawi. We budgeted \$1,500 for each this year. It has already been given because we were able to participate in a matching pledge which added support to all mission co-workers. If you would like to provide additional support to the Koballs and Holms, we'll be receiving offerings in the Mission of the Month envelopes during May. Tyler has asked that we consider sending some books and a projector cord that he needs. We would like to be able to do that for him. Watch for more information on our mission co-workers in May.



Learn More About Our New Members

Gregory Strum grew up attending Monmouth Presbyterian Church in Fresno, CA. In High School, he was a frequent attender of the Christian Youth Group and attended church camp every year. He is Senior Developer at Delta Air Lines as an IT software developer. Greg enjoys reading and gardening.

Catherine Strum was born in Tinja, Uganda. Fresno was where she met her husband, Greg. She attended Bethel University and received her BSN and is a registered nurse. Her hobbies include sewing, home decorating, and cooking.

Jane Wasiluk grew up in northern Minnesota and has enjoyed being involved in a variety of church music since her teenage years. She has a undergraduate degree from Concordia College in Moorhead and a Master's degree in music from the University of Nebraska-

Lincoln. During the day, she works at an insurance company in St. Paul. Jane and her husband, Rick, enjoy spending time with their four grown children, traveling, running, and skiing.

Rick Wasiluk grew up in Shoreview Minnesota and has enjoyed being involved in a variety of church activities including music and youth ministry. He has a undergraduate degree from Hamline University in physics. Rick and his wife, Jane, enjoy spending time with their four grown children, traveling, running, walking our dog Meg, camping along the Mississippi near Red Wing and skiing. Rick is also interested in flying.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office hours are:
Tuesday - Thursday,
9:00 am - 4:00 pm