



# **PATHWAYS**

**Monthly communications from Trinity Presbyterian**

**July, 2017**

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## Message From Pastor Deb

Dear Trinity Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. It has been a joy and privilege to serve as your interim pastor these past two years. I am so thankful for the time that I have been with you at Trinity, but I will also miss you deeply.

During this time of transition, God has been the rock under our feet, ever present and faithful to our church family. Together we have grieved with those who lost loved ones, rejoiced at the faith of confirmands and new members, and celebrated with graduates and newlyweds. We have blessed new babies, prayed with those who were sick or grieving, said good-bye to Joyce and Dee as they retired and welcomed the gifts of our new staff, Jane and Kim.

It has also been a time of seeking God's calling for our future. You shared your dreams and hopes for Trinity and the Session prayerfully listened to your voices and the Spirit's prompting as they forged Trinity's mission and vision statements and strategic priorities. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) lifted up your hopes and dreams and the vision and mission of Trinity as they sought the Spirit's leading in nominating Trinity's next pastor.

While the PNC was searching, the Session and staff has worked hard to clarify committee structure, church policy, procedures and goals - setting the groundwork that will allow Trinity move confidently into the future. A new website has been developed, a database has been populated, the Growing Young ministry initiative has been funded, and new technology is being installed in the sanctuary. I feel that Trinity is in a good place and that with Christ as the center of our church, a strong lay leadership and staff, and a clear sense of Trinity's mission, vision and goals, the future is bright indeed!

After a prayer-filled and careful search, the PNC was excited to present Rev. Dr. April Davis Campbell as the pastor nominee, and Trinity voted to call her as your pastor on June 11. April will begin in August, with her first Sunday on August 13. I am excited for April and Trinity and am confident that God will continue to guide and encourage you as you enter into this new and exciting chapter together.

In the PC(USA), pastors are asked not to be involved in their previous congregations. This gives the new pastor the freedom to lead in new ways and the time to grow a strong relationship with you. My last Sunday at Trinity will be on July 16. I won't be around after that date, but I will continue to keep you in my heart and prayers.

Change is in the air. And it is exciting. Amidst all the transition remember that one thing always remains constant. Jesus has been with you from the beginning and will continue to walk with you into the future. As you allow Christ to guide you through the Holy

Spirit, Trinity will continue to be used to bring new life and build God's kingdom. I am confident of the love God has for you, and a future filled with hope.

Thanking God for you,

*Pastor Deb*

## **JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



<b>July 2</b>	<b>John 6:1-14</b>	<b>"More than Enough" (Communion)</b>	<b>Deb K.</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Psalm 16:11</b>	<b>"Enter God's Joy"</b>	<b>Deb K.</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Matthew 14:22-33</b>	<b>"Walking on Water"</b>	<b>Deb K.</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Luke 10:25-37</b>	<b>"Good Samaritan"</b>	<b>Joa S.</b>
<b>July 30</b>		<b>Youth Mission</b>	<b>Youth</b>



## DEACON MINISTRY

### Deacon News

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful Minnesota summer! Some of our Trinity programs take the summer months off but not our Trinity Deacons! Our Book of Order for the Presbyterian Church USA describes the duty of deacons to "minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith." The Board of Deacons at Trinity is nine church members, who serve for approximately three years. Each deacon represents a group of people within our congregation called a "Kindred Spirits Group." Our members call upon their Deacon in times of need. Some of the needs that Deacons help with are meals for our members, rides to church, and helping with funeral luncheons. We also pray for our church family.

I would like to thank Katie Friesema for serving as Deacon Moderator. I would also like to thank Sue Schenck and Emilia Effiom for serving as Deacons. Katie, Sue and Emilia are leaving our board. Please welcome Eveline Suh, Mary Jaros, and Catherine to the Deacons. Please notify the church office or one of the Deacons if a need arises this summer.

Deacon Board : Lori Anderson, Barb Freeman, Jerry Loomis, Sara Finn, Julie Sinks, Rita Thomas, Eveline Suh, Mary Jaros, Catherine Strum

### Mission of the Month--

#### School Tools



While many of us may be enjoying the carefree days of summer, for low income and homeless families the worries don't let up. We, at Trinity, can join with other faith communities to alleviate those families' worries about how they will outfit their children with needed supplies

for the coming school year. Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul (formerly St. Paul Area Council of Churches) is again promoting the School Tools Drive and invites us to join in serving our neighbors in need. New backpacks, calculators, 3-ring binders, facial tissue and other essentials will be collected throughout July to benefit school children served by ten different programs in the East Metro. You will find shopping lists attached to the collection tubs that Mission and Action Committee has placed in the church entryway. Look for descriptions of the ten programs serving low income and homeless students on July bulletin inserts. Since the "Back to School" ads and deals already begin to appear in July, we hope to quickly fill the tubs! Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks may be made out to either Interfaith Action or Trinity Presbyterian Church with "School Tools" on the memo line and placed in Mission of the Month pew envelopes. You may also donate online at [interfaithaction.org](http://interfaithaction.org) and note "school tools". Together we can make a difference for elementary, middle and high school students -- helping them start the school year with the supplies they need!

## **MORE MISSION NEWS**

Here's an update on the "extra" mission giving that has happened by means of the Mission and Action Committee's Mission of the Month projects:

\$75 Project Home \$75 The Family Place \$548 March FoodShare (Christian Cupboard) \$1,028 One Great Hour of Sharing \$460 Mission Co-workers, the Koballs and the Holms.

Thank you for providing additional gifts to our local and world communities. Small gifts add up to make big impacts!

## ALL CHURCH PICNIC JULY 30th



Mark the date! July 30th will be an all church picnic after church at Carver Lake Park in Woodbury. This is a social event designed for you to get to know each other in a social setting.

We will supply paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic utensils, hamburgers/hot dogs, beverages, and chips. ***Other food items are greatly appreciated on a potluck basis.***

We will have activities for kids, and a Trinity trivia contest for all - with marginally valuable prizes for the winners. We have a large pavilion rented, so rain or shine we are prepared for a great time.

Watch for further details in the Welcome Room.

Your Picnic Committee

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office hours are:

Tuesday - Thursday,

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

