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A Message from -
Rev. Dr. April M. Davis Campbell

Let me start by saying I am thrilled to be here in ministry with you at Trinity. I know the Holy Spirit has amazing things in store for us; things which will call us to action, things which will challenge us, and things which will deepen our relationship with God.

Please know you are always welcome to stop by the church. I am in the office Tuesday through Friday, unless I'm out visiting. There is nothing that is too important that I can't stop and make time for you. I want to hear about your hopes and dreams, your anxieties and struggles, what you are passionate about and how you see your gifts being used to further God's realm on earth.



Thank you to those who have stopped by to visit me at Starbucks (Valley Creek Dr. in the Target parking lot) for my off-site office hours on Thursday mornings from 9-11 a.m. If you feel more comfortable stopping by to join me for coffee or tea, that is wonderful. It has been a great joy to listen to what is on your heart as you share why you love Trinity and the ways in which you look forward to a bright future.

I appreciate the many hours spent getting the pastor's office ready (painting, putting furniture together, laying the carpet and hanging things on the walls). It is very evident that a love for the church includes, but is not limited to the building. So many people honor God and each other by their faithful stewardship of gifts and resources.

As we look forward, we will honor our past, learn from our challenges, celebrate goals achieved, and grow into that which God has called us to be. It is an exciting time to be a part of this community of faith. Together we are the hands and feet of Christ, capable of making the world a better place.

Grace to you, and peace,

April

September Worship Schedule



Lectionary Scriptures

Preaching

Sept. 3	Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom. 12:9-1; Matthew 16:21-28	(Communion) April Davis Campbell
Sept. 10	Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 11:3-8-14; Matthew 18:15-20	April Davis Campbell
Sept. 17	Ex. 14:19-31; Ps. 114; Rom. 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35	April Davis Campbell
Sept. 24	Youth Service	Youth Service

Message from Joa Sevlie, CE

Keep them safe, connect them to God, make sure they want to come on the next trip.

Mission trips with teenagers are exhausting, overwhelming, exasperating, time-consuming, back-breaking, and the hardest emotional thing one will ever do. They are also awe-inspiring, powerful, eye-opening, and full of passionate encounters with God drawing near in ways that are indescribable in human language. They connect youth and youth groups to each other and God in ways that no other event can do. They open young eyes to a new world-view, in which they and their own wants and desires, are no longer the center of the universe.



Here at Trinity, our CE programs primary focus is blessing the world. Learning how to bless the world in our own unique and God ordained way is pivotal. Going on mission trips is how we put into practice what we are learning.

As CE director, I have three main goals on a mission trip; all else is secondary. Keep them safe, connect them to God, make sure they want to come on the next trip.

Everything else, I leave to God.

Joa



Meet & Greet

The logo for "Meet & Greet" features the word "Meet" in black, an ampersand in teal, and "Greet" in red. The text is set against a white background with a subtle circular glow effect.

Deacon's News

The August Deacon's meeting was held on Sunday, August 20th. This was the first meeting without three next deacons. Sara Finn will be acting as our Moderator for the next year. The Deacon's will be hosting the third annual "Meet and Greet your Deacon" event on Sunday, September, 24th immediately after church in the Fellowship Room. There will be coffee and refreshments, along with an opportunity to visit with your Kindred Spirit Deacon. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Getting to Know Elder, Kate Friesema

I am an Elder for the first time this year serving as the Chair of Christian Education and a member of the Growing Young Task Force. Previously I was Deacon Moderator for one year after being a Deacon for two years. I enjoy serving Trinity by getting to know members and helping others however I can. I have been a Christian Education teacher here at Trinity as well as at churches where I have been a member in the past, so I am excited to serve the youth of Trinity in this role. I am also glad to be on the Growing Young task force. When I first was visiting Trinity we were welcomed warmly right away so I am excited to pass that on to other visitors and help build the congregation. I love how Trinity members are always willing to help others. Through my years here, I have really enjoyed the relationships I have built with others and appreciate all that others have done for me and my family.

I look forward to building the future of Trinity through my work as an Elder on the Christian Education Committee and the Growing Young Task Force. I welcome any ideas on both of those efforts and look forward to getting to know everyone more this year.



For the fourth year in a row, Trinity is hosting Dr. Peter Arnstein, Minneapolis-based pianist and composer, for a concert featuring music by Barber, Chopin, Liszt, Mozart, Schubert, and Arnstein, interspersed with his unique brand of entertaining commentary.

Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 2:00 PM
Trinity Presbyterian Church
2125 Tower Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125

Dr. Arnstein is well known in the Twin Cities area as a pianist and composer. He has often served as pianist and harpsichordist with the Minnesota Orchestra. A winner of international competitions in both composition and piano, he has performed numerous times at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland and has toured the Midwest as pianist and composer-in-residence for the Sylmar Chamber Ensemble (piano and woodwinds), and as a member of the piano trio, Trio di Vita. Dr. Arnstein's compositions include more than a hundred chamber music works for winds and/or strings, six songs using French symbolist poetry, and music for orchestra and chorus. His music has been published in both the United States and Europe. For reviews and samples, go to peterarnstein.com.

Please, no children under age seven (unless exceptionally quiet). Free-will offering graciously accepted.



Save The Date!



**Carnival Fundraiser for Niger Education –
September Mission of the Month**

On Saturday, September 23rd, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Trinity Mission & Action Committee and the youth of our church will host a fun event aimed at children in our community. If a cake walk, popcorn, face painting, balloon toys, a raffle, and various games of chance sound like fun, then plan on coming and bringing friends and family to this event. Every ticket purchased will help us reach our goal of making education available for children who would otherwise not be able to attend school.

The Remember Niger Coalition (RNC) began because of the unique opportunity to partner with Nigeriens who envision a transformed Niger through primary education. They began with one school with about 400 students. There are now 9 schools with over 1,600 students. Each year, fall rallies raise money for a project in Niger that most needs our support. This year the funds will be used to build a preschool. Here in Minnesota, we understand the value of giving the youngest minds the right start in school. Little children in Niger will be able to gain this valuable learning experience because of your generosity.

Whether a child or not, plan on coming to Trinity for a fun time on behalf of a great cause! To learn more about RNC, please go to their website: <https://www.rememberniger.org/>

Trinity Presbyterian Church is proud to host a timely documentary play "**Body & Sold**"

**Friday, October 27th - 7 pm,
at Trinity Presbyterian Church!**
Produced by Chain Reaction Theatre
Project chainreactiontp.com



This documentary play tells stories of juvenile sex trafficking victims and inspires action

(Minneapolis, MN) June 21, 2017 - Chain Reaction Theatre Project announces **Body & Sold**, a powerful documentary play about juvenile sex trafficking. The compelling script, written by Deborah Lake Fortson (Tempest Productions, Inc.) and based on interviews with sex trafficking survivors in five major U.S. cities, gives voice to victims and inspires discussion and action.

The play's powerful, interwoven stories of nine sex trafficking survivors (the youngest victim being 8 years old) is a provoking eye-opener about what is happening to the youth in our communities. The true stories of these survivors, including those of Twin Cities' youth, will be performed by local actors in the round in several intimate venues throughout the Twin Cities Metro. Performances are scheduled before the Super Bowl arrives in Minneapolis - at which time sex trafficking is expected to increase by 50 percent - to help increase awareness of this issue.

By partnering with local organizations, Chain Reaction Theatre Project will be part of the national and local movement to tackle juvenile sex trafficking, with a goal of creating awareness of this horrific issue and inspiring audiences to take action. Recommended for ages 13 and above, due to strong subject matter and some mild profanity. Reservations or pre-purchase strongly recommended.

Tickets

\$15 for tickets purchased online; pay-what-you-can tickets are available at the door.

Available at chainreactiontp.com.

Production will be held at 7PM, October 27, 2017:

Trinity Presbyterian Church

2125 Tower Road

Woodbury, MN 55125



Looking for Greeters

We are looking for greeters to welcome visitors and members to church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested:

Please contact Kirk Breen at kirkibreen@msn.com or by phone 651.402.7292 to get signed up.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

