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PATHWAYS



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Communion is the joyful feast of the people of God. Serving and sharing in the Lord's Supper is one of the ways in which we are connected to each other within this community of faith, as well as, our brothers and sisters around the world. It is an opportunity to be mindful of the grace and peace that we have through Jesus Christ, which in turn reflects the love of God revealed to us. When we are in community we humbly seek to honor and serve each other and then, in turn, take that out into the world.

Think of the times when you have shared a meal, whether with family, friends, or strangers, there is usually conversation, laughter, smiles, joy, in addition to comforting and support, and nourishment of the body and soul. It is within that context that we are reminded of sharing with each other in worship. On days when we partake of the Lord's Supper we are invited to serve each other joyfully. As you pass the plate of bread or the tray of juice, you are encouraged to serve the person next to you by joyfully looking them in the eyes, call them by name, and say:

(Name), the body of Christ, broken for you. Or

(Name), the bread of life/heaven.

(Name), the blood of Christ, shed for you. Or

(Name), the cup of salvation.

Or (Name), food for the journey.

You can always use other words which are similar in nature and equally as appropriate, but the point is to share the meal hospitably with your neighbor regardless of the words you use.

Perhaps you have wondered when you should partake once you have received the bread and/or the cup. Some congregations wait, and everyone eats or drinks together, other congregations don't, so it can be personal preference. Here at Trinity, you are free to partake as the Holy Spirit moves you. It is not unusual for people to prayerfully reflect prior to partaking. As we deepen our relationship with God, it is a blessing to share the Lord's Supper which reminds us of our connectedness to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Grace to you, and peace,

April



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Thank for those who helped with spring cleaning and Cherish Our Church Saturday May 19th.

Mike and Kim Gram

John, Katharine, Josh and Madeline Upson

Barb Outcalt

Ken Latham

Lori Anderson

Pastor April

Doug and Evie Ryden

Roger and Judy Punt

Dick Johnson

Max Mbu

Emmett and Solomon Campbell

Bill Skinner

Mike Schenck

Jane Miller and Shu-Mei Hwang



Intergenerational Worship

The next intergenerational worship will be followed by a potluck lunch. Join us on June 24, 10:00 am.

Have you found Intergenerational Worship to be nourishing and nurturing for your soul? Do you like reflecting on different ways to worship? You are invited to help with the planning of intergenerational worship services as we look to the future. Please contact Pastor April if you are interested.

“Shopping Made Easier With Scrip!” Scrip Orders Due June 3



The Scrip’s program offers gift cards from hundreds of stores, gas stations, hotels, spas, movie theaters, etc. The price is the value of the card but the church gets a rebate of between 2% and 9% (or even 12% in some cases) of the price. You get the full value of your gift cards and the church earns between 2% and 9%. SO the church can make some money from each gift card bought through the program for items you would buy anyway. Perfect for Graduations, Birthdays, Weddings.

The process is simple. Review the vendor list to get an idea for the gift cards you would like to purchase. Turn in your completed order form with check payable to the church to the office. If our orders are entered on Monday, we can have the gift cards to distribute on Sunday. Orders will be due to the church office on the first Sunday of the month (orders will be placed on Monday).



There will be an all-church-say-hello-to-summer potluck in the Fellowship Hall after the intergenerational worship service on June 22th. Please attend and meet someone new.

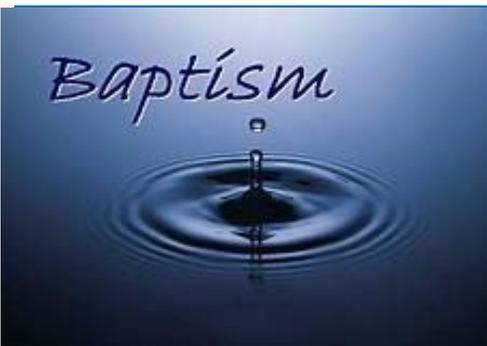
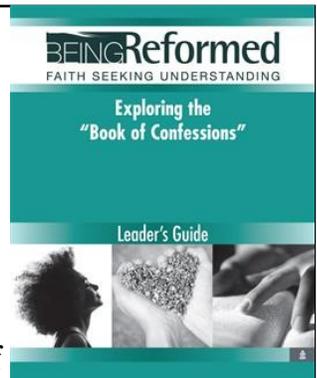
If you are strapped for time or have trouble cooking, come anyway. We always have more than enough.

ADULT EDUCATION CONTINUES “Exploring the Book of Confession”

June 10 & 17 at 9:00 am will wrap up our six-week adult education class—*Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* which is a series of biblically based mini-courses that provides adults with a foundational understanding of the

Reformed faith. Each six-session study--written by well-known and respected scholars--features Scripture, prayer, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection. Each study addresses its subject from a Reformed theological perspective. The main structure for these guides is the rubric Head, Heart, and Hands.

If you would like to join us, it doesn't matter if you have been at Adult Ed at the beginning of the six week class.



On Sunday, June 10 we will welcome through baptism Emma and Jake Jaros.

A MESSAGE FROM JOA SEVLIE, CE



Every year I wonder anew why we do a garage sale at Trinity . . . as we approach the selected dates, I begin to remember (vividly): the long days leading up to the garage sale as we pick up donations, buy supplies, set up tables, put up signs, arrange donations on the tables, prep food for volunteers and shoppers, and organize the volunteers; and then the days of the sale are just as exhausting. Yep, every year I wonder at my sanity when deciding to do the sale.

However, as I unlock our doors on the first morning, I am so grateful for the volunteers that are standing with me, working just as hard to make the event successful. And as the days unfold, I am amazed as volunteers come, day-after-day, to re-sort and re-fold, to laugh together, and to work to the point of exhaustion, in order to bring in money for our mission trips.

Every part of preparing for a mission trip is exhausting and often to the point of overwhelming. There are the tangible parts – paperwork, phone calls, emails, and texts, fundraising (garage sales!), meetings, and lots of decisions. There are the intangible parts – emotions, balancing relationships with tasks, and maintaining a focus. Through it all, God has a plan for every person connected to the trip – those who go and those who send - and every year, that plan unfolds in robust and fulfilling ways.

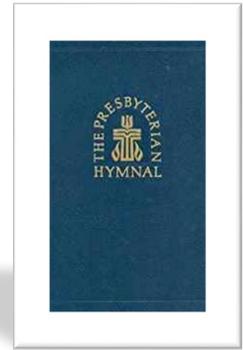
And each year, I see the spiritual growth of the youth who go on the mission trip. In our year-long, regular weekly lessons, we talk about God and putting on the Christ-like character that the Holy Spirit fills in each one of us. And our kids listen, and we practice what we are learning: loving others, forgiving ourselves others, peace in stressful situations, giving of our time and talents to honor God.

And then we go on our mission trip. And I see something happen that does not seem to happen in any other situation. I am not sure why (although I have my suspicions), but what we have learned throughout the year about God becomes understandable in a new way. Our kids have “a-ha” moments about God and themselves and others. As they strive, they grow into the character God has planned for them, in ways that I do not see in any other programming. God comes alive for them, and God becomes more real than in any ‘regular’ lesson I could ever put together.

One of the first teenagers I ever worked with is now a full-time missionary in a spiritually repressive, communist country. She went on mission trips with her youth group – level ones in Minnesota, level twos in the United States, and level threes in other countries. As God worked in her life, before, during, and after those mission trips, the desire to share God with others who would not otherwise hear about God’s love for them took root. She actively names those short-term mission trips as an impetus for God’s current calling on her life.

Will Trinity’s current youth ever become full-time missionaries? Only God knows the calling on their lives, and their response to that calling. What I know, is that our kids are affected – spiritually, emotionally, and mentally as they experience God in a unique way, on short-term mission. Thank you, Trinity, for sharing this rollercoaster ride with me – as our youth learn how to say yes to God.

Would you like a retired blue Presbyterian hymnal as a keepsake? If so, the hymnals are located in Room 6. Please feel free to take what you want.



Greeters are needed!

Please take a look at the Trinity Greeter schedule by cutting and pasting the link below and sign up when you can. The Sign-up Genius schedule now goes until September 9th.

To sign up, cut and paste the link below to go to the Sign-Up-Genius website. Next, pick the Sundays you are able to greet and enter your name and email address. The system will email you 4 days in advance. You can always email Kirk Breen (kirkibreen@msn.com) directly with the dates you are available and he will sign you up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aca622a3f94-trinity>.

CAMP IN A VAN

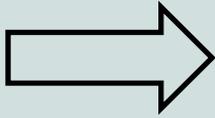
June 18-22

9:00 am—6:00 pm

9-3 Day Camp

3-6 Aftercare & Dinner

CAMP IN A VAN is now open for registration for completed K-5th Graders. Forms are in the office. If you would like it emailed to you, please let the office know. If you'd like to volunteer, there is a sign-up poster located outside the sanctuary.



Join a Committee?

If you are interested in joining a committee, we would love to hear your voice. Contact Pastor April if you would like to join.

- Building & Grounds**
- Christian Education**
- Community Life & Outreach**
- Mission & Action**
- Stewardship & Finance**



Greeting Cards Available

If you have a need for a greeting card, look no farther. We have several occasions in which to choose. There is a \$2.00 donation envelope in the back of the card display. Thank you.

APRIL Financial Summary

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary	Apr-18		
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	Budget
Total Program Donations	\$21,501.54	\$78,537.62	\$245,170.60
Total Program Expenditures	\$23,525.42	\$86,608.80	\$251,996.64
Donations Less Expenses	(\$2,023.88)	(\$8,071.18)	(\$6,826.04)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$3,000.00
Income Less Expenses	(\$1,773.88)	(\$7,321.18)	(\$3,826.04)
Mortgage Fund Donations	\$8,278.38	\$19,881.91	
Mortgage Expense	\$6,269.32	\$25,077.28	

MEET YOUR ELDER

Jay Wilkinson



Hi, I'm Jay Wilkinson, serving my first year of my second time on Trinity's Session. I am currently serving as chairperson of the Mission & Action Committee. My wife, Kathie, and I joined Trinity in 2003, transferring from North Presbyterian Church, North St. Paul. Prior to moving to Minnesota, we were members at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Appleton, Wisconsin where I was originally ordained as a Ruling Elder.

I grew up in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and was baptized and confirmed (on the same day—my parents just never got around to having me baptized as an infant) at the First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Virginia. I did my undergraduate work (in Economics) at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and earned an MBA at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. If you draw a line between my childhood home and Woodbury, you can easily see that I've been steadily moving north and west; each time believing I was as far west or as far north as I was ever going to live.

I am currently semi-retired. The first half of my working life I was doing accounting work in the corrugated box industry. In 1994 I left industry to work for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with their current office in Eagan. That's what brought us to the beautiful state of Minnesota. For over 22 years I served as Treasurer and for the last 12 I also served as Stated Clerk for the Synod (a six-state region in the upper Midwest). I was fully retired at the end of March 2016. That lasted for all of 6 weeks when I agreed to work part-time for the Presbytery of Northern Waters (northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota area) with an office in Superior, Wisconsin. I love working for our denomination and haven't missed working in industry.

Kathie and I have 3 grown and married children and 7 grandchildren, thankfully all within a 2-hour drive. We love to spend time with family and traveling. We took our first cruising vacation in 2009 and within the first 24 hours admitted that we could get used to that life of sitting on a ship, watching the ocean and visiting many different ports. While we've enjoyed living in

Worship Attendance for the Month of May

May 6	81
May 13	94
May 20	75

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TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT:

Growing in Christ,
Sharing God's Love.

TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT:

To be a vibrant and nurturing
community inviting all generations
into a deeper
relationship with Jesus Christ.

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