



PATHWAYS



OCTOBER 2024
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2125 TOWER DRIVE, WOODBURY MN 55125



World Communion Sunday, Peace & Global Witness Offering, Oct. 6th

This World Communion Sunday, 10/6, Trinity will offer a combined worship service with North Presbyterian Church. The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be offered that day. This special offering unites our church with Presbyterians everywhere reaching out to people across the globe who long for peace and reconciliation. As we work to share Christ's peace with those beyond our doors, please consider a gift to the offering. Orange special offering envelopes will be available and collected that day, but you may also give in other ways:

You may also give by visiting the website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org>

Sunday School, Grades 1-6 Meets for Lesson #2 on Sunday, Oct. 17th

An Illustrated Invitation: Joining God at Work in the World: Lesson: God's Love for Hagar & Ishmael

All youth grades 1-6 are invited to begin Sunday school on the 3rd Sunday of the month immediately following the Children's Message. The curriculum highlights biblical stories of joining God at work in the world from the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. It is designed to draw children ages preschool to fifth grade into conversation with biblical stories, showing them what God is doing, and inviting them to consider how to join in that work. Each lesson highlights a particular biblical story and provides opportunities to focus on hearing and reflecting on the story with open-ended questions, creating meaningful art, sharing in an interactive activity based on the story, and providing an opportunity to share the word of God.

Module 1: God's Invitation in Hebrew Scripture

Lessons 2-4:

GEN 21:5-21: God's Love for Hagar & Ishmael (10/20, **2 OPEN SLOTS**)

GEN 28:10-19: The Place God Was In (11/17, Miriam J. & **1 SLOT OPEN**)

NUM 27:1-11: 5 Daughters Demand Inclusion (12/15, **2 OPEN SLOTS**)



Sunday School Volunteers Greatly Needed - Help to Fill a Teaching Slot

Trinity is searching for Sunday School help. The group meets one Sunday per month. If you can help out on one (or more) class dates, it would be greatly appreciated. Two teachers per Sunday. Lesson plans and projects are provided. The October class meets on 10/20. Sign up in the office or contact Pastor April if you have any questions. Thank you !

Food Drive - Sign Up To Host a Treat Station on 10/27

Trinity will once again host the Candy & Caring sprinter event on **Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1-3pm**. Trick-or-treaters in the community will donate non-perishable food items for entry to the event. Volunteers who sign up, will host a "Trunk-of-Treats" in Trinity's lot. During Trinity's 1st year hosting (2021), the church was visited by 400+ guests 31 grocery bags of food was collected for the local food shelf! Sign up in the office to join the event. **Please note:** Trinity is looking for one volunteer organizer for the sprinter event. Can you help? Contact the office with questions.



Photo: 2021 Candy & Caring

10AM OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES AT TRINITY (11AM - FELLOWSHIP)

October 6th

10AM Combined Worship w/
North Church, Communion
Peace & Global Witness Offering
11AM - Oct. B-day Fellowship

October 13th

10AM Worship
11AM - Sunday Soul Feast Group

October 20th

10AM Worship
Roderick Oji Preaching
Sunday School (Gr. 1-6)
11AM - ACLO meets

October 27th

10AM Worship w/Faith Stories
11AM - Sunday Soul Feast Group
1-3PM - Trunk-or-Treat Food Drive



CLERK'S CORNER

BY JAY WILKINSON

- Two special worship services were held in September: Trinity participated in the Festival of Cultures held at North Presbyterian Church on Sunday September 8th, and the Praise on the Patio service was held on September 15th.
- Sunday School resumed on September 15 and is planned for the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Many thanks to those who attended the Fall Clean Up at Trinity on Saturday, September 21. This volunteer help is crucial to the upkeep of our building and the grounds.
- The discussion of the Book of Confessions will resume in October on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- In mid-October we will begin our Generosity Campaign in anticipation of the 2025 budget. The mailings will include a request for return of both a pledge card and a survey that each member is requested to complete regarding Time and Talents. Additional copies will be available in the church office. Please respond as soon as possible to reduce the amount of follow-up mailings and phone calls.
- As always, the Session appreciates each of our members and friends and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary			Thru month of	Aug-24
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$12,063.17	\$236,889.62	\$153,859.86	\$230,789.82
Total Program Expenditures	\$15,693.81	\$248,483.59	\$161,007.72	\$242,191.36
Donations Less Expenses	(\$3,630.64)	(\$11,593.97)	(\$7,147.86)	(\$11,401.54)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$12,000.00
Income Less Expenses	(\$2,630.64)	(\$3,593.97)	\$852.14	\$598.46
Program Mortgage Expense	\$0.00	\$106,655.72		
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$0.00	\$106,236.11		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$0.00	\$419.61		
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00			

Actual program donations for 2024 thru August: \$236,889
 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$153,859
 Difference: \$83,029
 Program donations w/JAN lg. donations prorated for 2024 thru AUG: \$200,225
 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$153,859
 Difference: \$46,365

September 15th: Praise on the Patio Worship Service

Welcome back from summer break! Trinity congregants enjoyed a lovely outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 15th. Praise on the Patio includes all of the usual aspects of indoor services, with printed bulletins. Congregants bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. These services are offered several times per year. If Trinity experiences inclement weather, the service will move indoors. All Praise on the Patio services are in person only and there is no streaming for these events. We hope to see you for the next patio service.



**Pictures From Sunday,
September 15th,
*Praise on the Patio!***



**REMINDER:
Sun., Nov. 3rd
Daylight
Saving Time**

This is a reminder to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 3rd.

Let's Fill Trinity's Front Pews!

Ah, the back pews - those cozy little nooks of solitude! You might have noticed they're roped off. That's because Trinity's Session would like to fill the front seating area in our sanctuary, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere that truly reflects the warm community spirit of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Imagine the joyful sight of families sitting together up front, showcasing our united congregation during worship! Not only does this enhance our visibility on our YouTube stream, but it also fosters a deeper sense of belonging and connection among us all. So, let's make it a delightful habit to gather in the front pews, turning our worship into a lively celebration of faith and fellowship. Together, we can make Trinity Presbyterian Church the inviting and spirited place we all love.

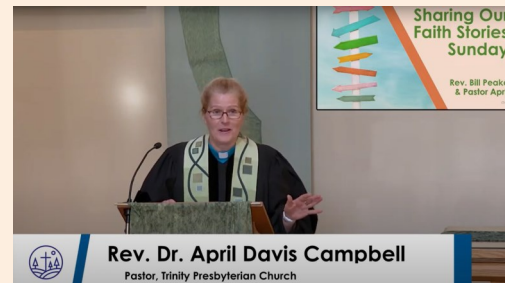


September 29th: Sharing of Faith Stories

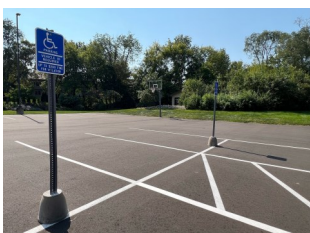


Rev. Bill Peake

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, Trinity heard the faith story of Reverend Bill Peake and Pastor April. Pastor April will continue her faith story on the final Sunday in the series, Sunday, Oct 27th along with Barb Freeman and Don Breckle. Thank you to our participants for sharing their stories with Trinity.



Pastor April



New Handicapped Parking Signs

You might have already noticed Trinity's 2 new handicapped parking signs. Along with these-designated parking spaces, those in need of handicapped parking spaces may also park in the area located near the fellowship hall entrance. Please feel free to pull up to the curb for brief visits or dropping off family members.

Service of Reconciliation- Monday, 11/4



In recognition of the stressful climate around us, Trinity will offer a special worship service of Reconciliation, healing and wholeness on Monday, November 4th at 7pm. The service will be a place of contemplation, prayer, and reflection and will run approximately 35 min.

11/10 - Pledge/Promise Sunday

Join Trinity for Generosity Pledge, Promise Sunday on Sun., 11/10. After the worship service we will enjoy fellowship time together with a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share. Hope to see you!



Church Calendar

OCTOBER

- 10/2 - Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- 10/5 - Men's Breakfast, 8-930AM
- 10/5 - Rainout date for Fall Clean Up (if rain on 9/21)
- 10/6 - 10AM Combined Worship at Trinity with Communion w/North Presb. Church & P&GW Offering, October Birthdays fellowship.
- 10/9 - Wed. Choir Rehearsal at 7PM tonight.
- 10/10 - Lunch Bunch, 11:30AM, Northern Taphouse, RSVP by Sunday, 10/5.
- 10/10 - Committees meet at 6 & 7PM, Committee minutes are due on the upcoming Monday, 10/14.
- 10/13 - Sunday 10AM Worship, SSF resumes today.
- 10/19 - Men's Breakfast, 8-930AM
- 10/20 - 10AM Worship with Roderick Oji Preaching, Sunday School lesson #2 ([2 Volunteer teachers are needed](#)) ACLO (See Brad W.)
- 10/23 - Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- 10/24 - Session Meets at 7PM.
- 10/27 - Sunday 10AM Worship, Sharing Your Faith Stories, SSF at 11AM.
- 10/27 - Trunk or Treat (Food Drive) at Trinity, 1-3PM (Please see page 1 for details)
- 10/30 - Wed. Choir Rehearsal at 7pm

NOVEMBER

- 11/2 - Men's Breakfast, 8-930AM
- 11/3 - 10AM Worship w/Roderick Oji preaching, communion moved to 11/10.
- 11/4 - Mon. eve, 7PM, Reconciliation: Healing & Wholeness Service
- 11/6 - Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
- 11/10 - Generosity/Pledge Promise Sunday w/ communion & Potluck to follow at 11AM. SSF meets!
- 11/12 - Deacon/CCMT Meeting, 10AM
- 11/13 - Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
- 11/14 - Ladies Lunch, 11:30AM, Loc: TBA
- 11/14 - Committees meet, 6 & 7PM
- 11/16 - Men's Breakfast, 8AM-930AM
- 11/17 - 10AM Worship, Sunday School (grades 1-6) meets after Children's Message for Lesson 3 ([1 more volunteer teachers is still needed](#)) 11AM ACLO
- 11/20 - Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
- 11/21 - Session meets 7PM
- 11/24 - 10AM Worship, 11AM SSF.
- 11/27 - No Choir this week due to Thanksgiving.

MONTHLY TRINITY MEETINGS



Deacons/CCMT (Care Coordinator Ministry Team)
No Deacon/CCMT Meeting this month. Meets every other mo.

Committees: Thursday, 10/10, 6PM & 7PM at Trinity. Please submit meeting minutes to the office by the following Monday for session packet assembly.

Stated Session Meeting: Thursday, 10/24, 7PM.

Weekly Groups at Trinity



Bell Choir: Please defer to direct communications with Choir Director, Neal Strand for rehearsal dates and times.

Vocal Choir: Vocal Choir rehearses Wed. eves at 7PM. Contact Choir Dir. Neal Strand with questions.

Trinity rents church space to 3 tenants. The tenants hold classes in piano, martial arts and yoga and are open to the anyone.

- **Piano Lessons:** Hours vary. M-TH, afternoons & evenings. See office with any questions.
- **Martial Arts Lessons:** Mondays, 4:15-7:15PM & Saturdays, 12:30-2:15PM (fellowship hall).
- **Yoga Classes:** Tuesday evenings, 5:45-7:15PM (fellowship hall).

Church Activities



Ladies LUNCH BUNCH
You are invited. Please join us!

Location: Northern Taphouse
Thursday, 10/10, 11:30am
RSVP's: 10/6 (Susan Rooney or Jane Williams)



MEN'S BREAKFAST
1ST & 3RD SAT. EACH MONTH!
8:00AM-9:30AM AT TRINITY
QUESTIONS?
CONTACT TOM ROONEY

Join Trinity on 10/6 for **Birthday Bagels** In recognition of October Birthdays!

Parents: Please submit youth birthdays for curriculum planning.



Tell Your Faith Story!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

On 10/27, one slot is still available. Question guides can be provided upon request.

Trunk-or-Treat volunteers Needed!

Be a part of Candy & Caring!

Sign up in the office to host a candy station.

All food donations go to the local food shelf!

Candy & Caring At Trinity
SUNDAY, 10/27
1-3PM

Food donations go to the local food shelf!



Choir Rehearsals – Wednesdays at 7PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Interested in joining the choir?

Contact Trinity with questions!

After Church Lunch Outing

ACLO meets Sunday, 10/20 at 11AM

ACLO meets the 3rd Sunday monthly. See Brad Wright with questions.



3rd Sundays Sunday School

an illustrated invitation

TEACHERS NEEDED! Sign up in the office to teach a class.

Class meets immediately after Children's Message

joining God at work in the world



Volunteers are needed to host fellowship.




Let your light shine!
Consider how you could be helpful at Trinity!

Trinity is looking for members to serve as care partners, often on a one-time basis! Would you like to hear more? Please contact one of Trinity's team members from the Care Coordination/Deacons Ministry. We are excited to share the possibilities with you. Please reach out to one of us!

Kathie Wilkinson, Jane Willison, Gayle Strand, Katharine Upson, Miriam Johnson & Althea Hofer

Join Us for October B-day Bagels, Sunday, 10/6

Join Trinity for 11AM fellowship on Sunday, 10/6, to recognize Trinity's October birthdays. We will meet in the fellowship hall at approximately 11AM.

To all parents of pre-k through grade 12: Please submit all birthdates for the youth in your household. Please include current age & school grade as of this important for the purposes of educational planning. Thank you families!

Happy October Birthday to:

Dick J.
Althea H.
Marie S.

Fru A.
Edlyn F.
Rose K.

Jan B.
Lexi D.
Juliana V.

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Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather in fellowship and faith, we are reminded of the immense blessings bestowed upon our church community. Through your unwavering support and generosity, we have been able to touch countless lives and fulfill our mission of spreading God's love and grace.

This year, we stand at a pivotal point. Our vision for the future is vibrant, filled with opportunities to deepen our impact and reach even further into the community. We envision expanding our outreach programs to serve the underprivileged, strengthening our youth ministries, and fostering a welcoming space for spiritual growth and connection.

However, realizing these aspirations requires the collective commitment of our church family. Your generosity, both financial and through your time and talents, is the fuel that propels our mission forward. Every contribution, big or small, weaves into the tapestry of our shared purpose, enabling us to build a brighter future for ourselves and our community.

This year, as you reflect on your generosity of time, talents, and treasure, we implore you to consider the impact your generosity can have. Some of what we collectively have accomplished recently, aside from our worship services and maintaining our building & grounds, include:

- Preparing over 700 sandwiches to assist the homeless and hungry.
- Disaster support for refugees and to assist those in need in Ukraine.
- Preparing 21,240 meals through Harvest Pack in conjunction with North Presbyterian, New Life Presbyterian, and neighbors of Trinity who discovered it on social media.
- Support for missionaries in Peru and Africa.
- Immigrant speaker program.
- Thank-you gifts for the staff @ Stonecrest Senior Living.
- South Washington Cares (school district winter clothing for students in need)

We understand that generosity is a personal decision, guided by faith and individual circumstances. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our mission, whether through financial giving, volunteering your time, and/or sharing your unique talents. Together, we can build a legacy of compassion, service, and unwavering faith. We invite you to join us in this sacred endeavor and make a difference in the lives of countless individuals. Please return your 2025 pledge card and the survey of your talents that you received in the mail to share how you may be available to assist our ministry.

May God bless you abundantly for your continued support and generosity.

Sincerely,

The Generosity & Finance Committee

John Griffiths, Chair

Stephanie Hoekstra, Samuel Mosisa, Dan Freeman, Jay Wilkinson

A Successful Fall Clean Up! (Saturday, 9/21, 8am-12pm)



*Thank you for helping at
this year's Fall Clean Up!!*



Trinity Volunteers,
YOU ARE AMAZING!
Thank you for
cherishing
your church
on 9/21!



TRINITY SESSION - 2024

CLASS OF 2025



Stephanie Hoekstra



Samuel Mosisa



Rita Thomas



Brad Wright

CLASS OF 2026



Don Breckle



Emilia Effiom



John Griffiths

CLASS OF 2027



Jude Aborungong



Tom Rooney



Jane Williams



Jay Wilkinson
Clerk



Dan Freeman
Treasurer



Stephanie Hoekstra
Financial Secretary

2024-2025 Committees

Building & Grounds: *Rita, Tom, Jude

Worship : Jane, Samuel

Generosity & Finance: *John, Stephanie, Samuel

Mission & Outreach: *Brad, Emilia, Tom, Jude, Don

Personnel: *Brad, John, Jane

Nominating: *Don, Emilia

Christian Education: Vacant

Clerk: Jay

(* indicates chair of committee (this is subject to change)

Not currently serving elder members of Personnel: Steve T.

Not currently serving elder members of Generosity & Finance:
Jay W. & Dan F.

DEACONS & CARE COORDINATORS



Kathie Wilkinson
Deacon Moderator



Althea Hofer



Jane Willison



Gayle Strand



Miriam Johnson



Katharine Upson

TRINITY STAFF:

Rev. Dr. April Davis Campbell - Pastor

Amy Sachse - Office Administrator

Denis Evtuhin - Director of Music

Neal Strand - Choir Director



TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT:

*Growing in Christ,
Sharing God's Love.*

TRINITY CARES FOR:

*Creation, Community,
Family & Christian Growth*

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