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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

MAY 2021

This is the day the Lord is **MAKING**,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24



Let Us Rejoice!

One of the first songs I learned in Sunday School was actually a Bible verse set to music that we would repeat one line at a time: "This is the day, **THIS IS THE DAY**, that the Lord has made, **THAT THE LORD HAS MADE!** I will rejoice, I **WILL REJOICE**, and be glad in it, **AND BE GLAD IN IT!**" Years later I learned there was another way to translate that verse. You can either say, "This is the day that the Lord **HAS MADE**," or you can say, "This is the

day that the Lord is **MAKING**." Since the Hebrew language is open to both interpretations, either translation works.

Considering all the events, disruptions, and changes of the past year, I think I like the second translation best: "This is the day the Lord is **MAKING**." I like that translation best because it's clear that God is not finished with us yet. God is not finished making our world, God is not finished making our community, and God is not finished making our congregation. We are still growing, learning, and changing, and God is still calling us forward to try new things.

And so we now have new questions to think about. What will our congregation look like in the days ahead? What will faith formation look like? What will Sunday School, Confirmation, and Worship look like? I'm not sure what the answer is to any of those questions, but I am sure about one thing: This is the day that the Lord is **MAKING**, and **GOD** is still **MAKING US** into the **NEW CREATION** that God wants us to be! Amen!

God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

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Worship services streamed
Sundays at 9:00 am
& Wednesdays at 7:00 pm



Weekly In-Person Worship
Begins May 30 at 9:00 am

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



Weekly in-person worship begins Sunday, May 30 at 9:00 am (Memorial Day Weekend)

Through the summer, **INDOOR** worship will be held on the **1st & 3rd Sundays** of the month (reservations required). In-person worship on the **2nd & 4th Sundays** of the month will be held **OUTDOORS**, weather permitting (no reservation needed). Online worship will continue as usual on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Weekly communion will be offered during worship through the summer. Coffee will be served outside each week following worship.

Reservations for indoor worship will be available at www.trin.org or by calling the church office at 952-955-1891

(May 30 reservations will open on May 10)

In case of inclement weather, outdoor worship and outdoor coffee will be cancelled. You are invited to worship online on those Sundays. Check the Trinity website by 8:00 am on Sunday morning for cancellation announcements.

View FAQs about indoor in-person worship at www.trin.org/covidFAQ

This plan has been approved by the Church Council, COVID Response Team, pastor and staff. We are all eager to be together safely and in life-giving ways. Following the protocols Trinity has in place will make worship a safe and positive experience for all.

WHAT TO EXPECT

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Outdoor worship services will take place in the Trinity Backyard (main parking lot side of the building). Because the virus is less of a transmission risk outdoors, there are fewer restrictions on outdoor gatherings. Our outdoor worship services will not have a capacity limit, though social distancing and facemasks are recommended. Please bring your own lawn chair to outdoor worship.

INDOOR WORSHIP

We look forward to welcoming you to in-person worship inside our beautiful sanctuary. Worship Shepherds will welcome you in the Narthex or Gathering Hall, guide you into the Worship Center, and help you find your seat.

What to expect at indoor worship:

- In-person worship will be similar to the pre-recorded online worship each week.
- 60 worshipers per service.
- Registration required — Reservations will be open for two upcoming indoor Sundays at a time.
- 30-35 minute long services.
- Childcare will not be available at this time.
- Directed to your seats upon entrance and dismissed by row at the end of the service.
- Holy Communion, sharing the peace, and the offering will be no-contact options.
- Refrain from shaking hands, hugging, etc., while inside the building.
- Guidelines for safe gatherings (see below) will be followed.
- Online worship will continue as usual.

Guidelines for a safe worship experience:

- Personal wellness check before arriving to church.
- Facemasks covering mouth and nose worn by all attendees.
- Six feet between households.
- Conversations between worshipers take place outside the building.

Children's Ministry

GOD SQUAD

Coming Up for
Trinity Children's Ministry

this month's God Squad opportunities

Ongoing

3-Click Bible Time (virtual resources)

Sunday, May 2nd

5th Grade Only: First Communion!

Sunday, May 9th

Take & Make Pick Up

Sunday, May 16th

10:00 AM In-Person Event
(Final event for the school year)



**We are excited to be IN-PERSON this
August for Vacation Bible School!
Mark your calendar!**

**August 15 - 18, 2021
5:45 - 8:00 pm**

Registration coming soon. Watch your email and church announcements for registration information.

OUTDOOR ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS:

National Day of Prayer

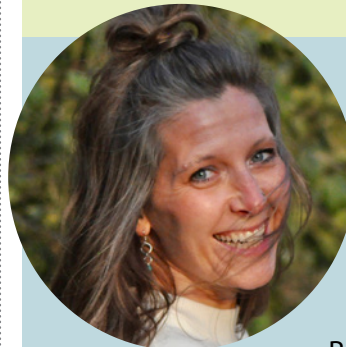
Thursday, May 6 | 9:00 am

Gather at the flagpole at church to pray for our leaders, our students, our country, and so much more on this National Day of Prayer. Bring your coffee, your smile, and your open heart to speak and listen to God.

Trinity Church Picnic

Friday, May 28 | 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Let's get together for a grilled burger or hotdog. A celebration of coming out of quarantine, being outside, and getting back together for in-person worship the following Sunday! Stop by and grab some food on your way to the lake, or linger around for conversation and games. Hope to see you there! Free will donation.



Thank you Trisha!

Last fall, when COVID grew stronger and forced us into more outdoor activities, Trisha Ragner came on board as our temporary "Outdoor Ministries Coordinator" to help us stay safe while being outside. She planned many outdoor activities in order to keep us together and connected. Now that the days of COVID are fading, we're going to let go of that position, but not without thanking Trisha for all her hard work. She surely brought the light of Christ to a cold, dark winter. Thank you, Trisha — shine on!

Congregational NEWS

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 20, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

About \$37,916.67 of income is needed each month to meet the approved budget of \$455,000.

General Fund summary for March 2021

Beginning balance 3/1/2021:	\$ 29,664.07
General Fund income:	\$ 27,091.70
General Fund expenses:	\$ 32,664.86
Net balance (March):	-\$ 5,573.16

General Fund balance as of 3/31/2021: \$ 24,090.91

Year-to date general fund EXPENSES exceed INCOME by \$12,593.39.

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment:	\$ 1,065.02
Loan principal payment:	\$ 1,271.98
Add'l principal payment:	\$ 10,063.00

Mortgage loan balance: \$324,985.36

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$ 75,795.06
(includes \$2,752.36 for Mar. federal withholding and \$11,955.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 135,338.54

M/S/C Jodi Boylan / Dave Schoening / carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

We will be continuing all online activities on Sundays and Wednesdays. Holy Week went very well with many fine musicians participating. The weather for the outdoor Easter service was excellent. There is a blood drive coming up at Trinity next week partnering with Watertown-Mayer High School. Pastor is planning for an outdoor Senior Student church service at the end of the school year.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Response Team Update - Kari Olson described the updates to the Resuming In-Person Indoor Worship at Trinity plan.

- Online worship will continue at 9:00 am
- Indoor Worship on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:00 AM with communion
- 60 reservations possible
- Reservations made on Trinity website
- 1 - 2 weeks of reservations will be made available
- Outdoor Worship on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:00 AM with communion
- In the event of inclement weather outdoor service will be cancelled. Online worship only.

Internship Committee Update - Nancy Pickering gave update on the Internship Committee.

- Everyone on the committee gave Jacob a critique of his first sermon
- The next meeting will be discussing the large checklist of school tasks that he has or will accomplish

Property Committee Update - Ken Tufte

- Repair to the steeple has not moved forward from last month
- The coffee maker has been serviced, is back in good shape and working well

NEW BUSINESS

Arbor Day Racial Justice Vigil at St. Paul's Lutheran in Delano, May 23rd

- Diane Holmes will be a contact person for Trinity
- There is also a youth art component that may be handled by Jacob Ulland

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Willard Johnson

April 9, 1931 ~ April 12, 2021

Memorial Service on

April 16, 2021

MEMORIALS

In memory of

Glen Jorgensen

\$700

General / Undesignated

PARISH Health *Matters*



The monthly column from Trinity's Parish Health Ministry Team



1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year

1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year

1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year

50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

Suicide is the **2nd leading** cause of death among people aged 10-34

Based on the statistics listed above, chances are, you or someone close to you has experienced mental illness in the last year. The last 13 months of the COVID-19 pandemic have only heightened and amplified already existing issues with anxiety, depression, loneliness and isolation. As we move into the month of May, National Mental Health Awareness Month, let's make a conscious effort to reach out to family, friends, loved ones, neighbors and our community, and let people know that they are not alone.

Make it your mission this month to call, text, email, write or visit someone who you think could be experiencing loneliness, isolation or depression. If you know someone who is going through a health crisis, grieving a loved one, navigating a job loss, divorce, or other life change please reach out and ask if they are doing okay. Be that person. Let them know that they are not alone.

If you or someone you know needs help and you don't know where to start, please contact or share NAMI MN to get the help needed. It could save a life. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

***"To the world you may be one person,
but to one person you may be the world."***

– Theodore Geisel

**Call the NAMI Helpline at 800-950-NAMI
Or in a crisis, text "NAMI" to 741741**

**Thank you to Trinity's
COVID-19 Response
Team as we continue
to work toward safely
worshipping in-person
later this month.**

**Kari Olson, Chair
Robyn Behrens
Alyson Blakstad
Allison Neaton
Eileen Nelson
Scott Phearman
Jim Sandquist
Dan Sieling**

Connecting WITH TRINITY STAFF



Jacob's Journal

Greetings Trinity Family,

During the past year we have come to appreciate being outdoors and watching the various types of wildlife through the seasons. We love the songs of the cardinal, the beauty of swans, the soaring of the eagles, and watching ducklings learn to swim. With another new season comes new life flourishing all around us, and we will be entering into a new season of life very soon, too. This August, we will be welcoming our first child into our family. This is a very exciting time for us and we are grateful for all the love and support we continue to receive from so many folks.

With Grateful Hearts,

Anne & Jacob



A Note from Joyce Harding Minister of Music



Praise the Lord! ...Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre.

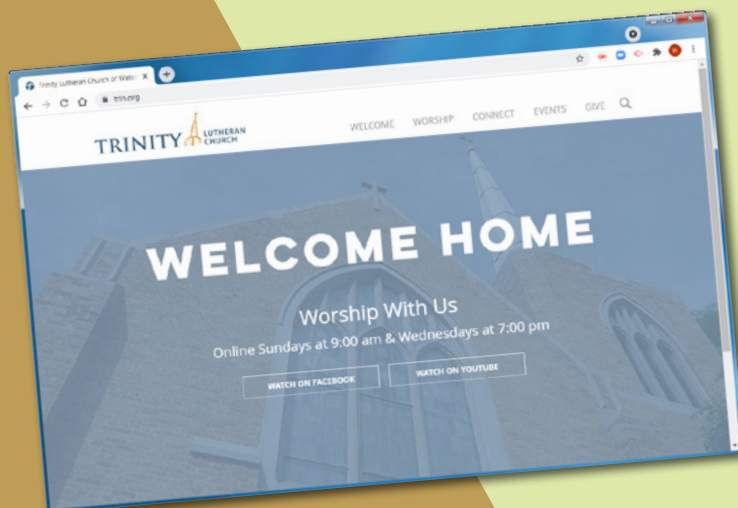
~ Psalm 150

I don't have a song in my heart today. No inspiring song with inspiring words to share. I go through times like this when I feel like I have nothing to sing about. I'm not unhappy. I guess I am just sung out. Sometimes one can't find the right words to express oneself.

It's times like this when I love to play my trombone. When words don't speak to me I can bask in the timbre of the notes, feel the vibrations of the pitch, and lose myself in the rich, luscious tone of the instrument. I love the sound of any instrument. They are each so unique.

Felix Mendelssohn wrote an entire collection of music simply called "Songs Without Words." I am sharing that with you.

<https://youtu.be/y1uvYdW8MSk>



A New Trinity Website Coming Soon!

With a fresh look and improved functionality, the new site design will be launched the first week of May.

Be sure to check it out!



www.trin.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA www.trin.org</p> <h1>May 2021</h1>						1 Happy Birthday Steven Danielson Wilbur Light Zachary Lohmann
2 FIRST COMMUNION Worship 9am (Online) Outdoor Coffee & Communion 10:00 - 11:00 am	3 Book Club 6:30 pm AA Meeting 8:00 pm	4 Happy Birthday Kristin Hecksel Luke Sandquist	5 Confirmation Year End Event 6:30 pm - Grades 6-8 HS Youth Group 7pm Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Outdoor Ministry National Day of Prayer 9:00 am (Onsite)	7 Happy Birthday Hannah Rosholt Shelley Stenson	8 Happy Birthday Ailsa Gilbert Kimberly Patterson
9 Worship 9am (Online) Outdoor Coffee 10:00 - 11:00 am Happy Birthday Lynn Hendricks Sharon Schroeder	10 AA Meeting 8:00 pm Happy Birthday Traci Bergstrom Stephanie Salonek	11 Happy Birthday Erik Eliason Lisa Fails Josie Lynch Elena Ress	12 Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Sophia Danielson Jenna Kohls Amelia Neaton	13 Finance Committee 6:30 pm	14 Happy Birthday Brynn Illies Glen Schroers Dan Sieling	15 Happy Birthday Lexis Brever Drew Isakson Matthew Isakson McKenzie Mitteness
16 GRADUATE BLESSING Worship 9am (Online) Outdoor Coffee & Communion 10-11 am (Onsite) God Squad In-Person Event 10:00 am (Onsite)	17 AA Meeting 8:00 pm Happy Birthday Zachary Gruette Bernice Olson	18 Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm (Onsite) Happy Birthday Decker Danielson Sue Johnson Vicki Wingert	19 Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm	20 Happy Birthday Ryan Whitehead	21 Happy Birthday Dan Hagelin Rochell Prigge	22 Happy Birthday Rhian Hembroff
23 Worship 9am (Online) Outdoor Coffee 10:00 - 11:00 am Happy Birthday Alden Hirsch	24 AA Meeting 8:00 pm Happy Birthday Madison Dalbey Luke Maas	25 Happy Birthday Gary Vanderbilt	26 Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Kevin Beck Samantha Fautsch Jacob Oak Michelle Schoening Norah Stienessen	27 Happy Birthday Kathy Stacey	28 Outdoor Ministry Church Picnic 5:30 - 6:30 pm Happy Birthday David Hendricks Steven Paschke	29 Happy Birthday Michelle Dinkins Peggy Markgraf Mike Panzer Pat Sandquist
30 IN-PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS Worship 9am (Onsite & Online) Outdoor Coffee 9:45 - 10:45 am Happy Birthday Carl Hagelin	31 MEMORIAL DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i> AA Meeting 8:00 pm Happy Birthday Dawn Gjertson Hannah Skahaug Richard Stadtlander					



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Last Month in Pictures



Folks at Trinity, young and old, find lots of ways to learn, connect and "shine on" this spring.

