

October 2011



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

45 Minutes to New Life

45 minutes. Really. That's all. That is only a snippet of the 10,800 that happens in a week. But it may be the most important time in the week to bring about a complete revolution. Take 10,800 (one week) minus 45 and you still have 10,755 minutes for lots of other stuff. I am asking you to spend those 45 minutes on the first day of the week (Sunday) here at Trinity from 9:00 – 9:45 eating, talking, learning and getting to know others. The one hour before that time frame or the one hour after that time frame is pretty important too. For what reason? To

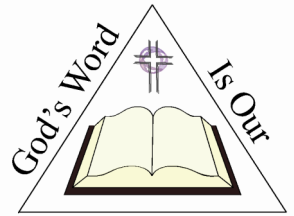
discover or rediscover each other.

Here's what I mean. All good things begin with the grace of God and people in fellowship and worship. If in the next five years, a new atmosphere around Trinity could be created where old friends reconnect, new people find a home of love and support, coffee and conversation becomes assumed and in the midst of all of this, grace appears. I promise, God's grace will appear. You won't even see it happen. Just one day, you will stop and say, "Wow, how cool is this?"

This fellowship / educational time will include a place for you. With

the transition from three worship services to two, we are gifted with a greater chance. There will a brief time of learning, a brief time to visit, opportunities for children and much more. So come and discover or rediscover the body of Christ in fellowship with each other.

See you in church,
Pastor Gary



Great Heritage
Trinity Lutheran Church
1887 - 2012
125 Years of Ministry

Invitation to parents of JIVE and/or Confirmation Students:

Beginning on September 28th, on Wednesday evenings during JIVE and Confirmation (6:30p-8p), a group of parents and other adults who wish to be involved with the youth of this church will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. They will be discussing ways to keep involved with the youth,

how to best reach the youth of today and continuing the study "Making Sense of the Christian Faith" based off of the short video clips shown during the education hour on Sundays. They also will be assisting with JIVE and Confirmation in various ways. If you are interested

in connecting with other parents, getting more involved with the youth, joining a group study or just want to save gas by staying at the church while your child is at JIVE or Confirmation, please feel free to join and participate. All are welcome!

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Fall Church Clean Up Day

- Saturday, October 8th
- 7 am—noon
- Breakfast served @ 7:30 AM
- All ages welcome to help work inside and out!

All Women's Retreat

Luther Point Bible Camp, Grantsburg, WI
Saturday, November 19th 9:00am - Sun-
day, 11:00am. Retreat includes lodging in
the beautiful retreat center, lunch and din-
ner Saturday, brunch on Sunday morning,
snacks throughout, program and all mate-
rials, music, craft, fun and games, movies,
fireside conversation and fellowship. Cost to
attend-\$65.00

Space is limited to 48 participants. The re-
treat is open to all adult women of any
age- Bring a friend! For additional infor-
mation or to register, call Kathy Olson at
651.674.1874

Marriage Rocks!

The Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter
Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16
in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn
Center. Please register several weeks in
advance. For more information, contact
Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete
& Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit
www.godlovesmarriage.org.

Attention Crafters!

If you quilt, or would like to learn
how, the Trinity Quilters are look-
ing for members to join them! Do
you cross stitch or embroider? We
are looking for someone to back
stitch names and dates on baptism
towels. Baptisms are held once per
month. A sample is available in the
church office if you'd like to see
what it's all about! Call or stop in
the office to help out with either of
these ministries!

Hello! I am the new office manager
at Trinity. I am a lifelong member
of Trinity Lutheran Church, and
previously was the office manager
for Trinity Christian School. I am
enjoying learning more about the
church office, and am blessed with
fabulous co-workers! I have always
lived in North Branch, so I know
many of you. If we haven't met, stop
in and introduce yourself~ I look
forward to meeting you!
Julie Morgan

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for helping the Chisago County Relay for Life
throughout the year. The information displayed on your board is so
valuable because so many go by the church every day! The event this
year raised over \$92,000 and we are so pleased. Again, your partnership
is most appreciated. Martha Arnold—Committee Representative

Date Night is back!

Ready for a night on the town? The JIVE youth
would love to watch your kids! JIVE will be
hosting their first Date Night for this year on
October 8th from 5:30-10:00 pm. A free will
offering will go towards youth mission trips.
Bring your kids for 30minutes or let them stay
for the whole evening. There will be dinner,
games, reading and a movie. If you have
questions, contact Tashina at
651-674-7047 ex. 13 or
tood@trinitynorthbranch.org.

Blessing of the Animals



October JIVE and Confirmation Schedule:

October JIVE Schedule

5th — The Future

12th—Worship with
Confirmation

19th—No JIVE (MEA Break)

26th—College
Student Panel



OCTOBER CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

5th —The Lord's Prayer—
God's Kingdom and Will

7th-8th—Sixth and Seventh Grade
Retreat—Interstate State Park

12th—Worship with JIVE

19th—No Confirmation (MEA Break)

26th—The Lord's Prayer—God Gives
and Forgives



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Guiding Principles of Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch MN

Dear Friends in Christ,

These guiding principles have been in the works long before I became the senior pastor of Trinity. They are a summary of the dominate themes, wishes, visions and hopes for the future identity of Trinity Lutheran church. I have written them based on the collective stories and reflections from the core members of this congregation. They address particular wishes of Trinity and still broad universal themes of church life. They have been reviewed by the church council and staff of our church.

Guiding principles set the boundaries by which our identity as a church can emerge. For example, when a congregational issue emerges, principles can guide rather than making a decision on the whim. Please read through them carefully and listen for the inner voice of purpose and mission. Then come and share with me your thoughts.

Principle 1: Ministry happens through relationships.

We believe meaningful relationships are critical to fulfilling our mission. Relationship ministry can happen when two or more people are gathered in our congregation, in our homes, and in our community. We will invite people personally to join and become active in church happenings, not because we want large programs, but because we believe community in Christ gifts us with God's presence and the power to grow.

Principle 2: All people are called to serve God.

People grow in faith best by being actively involved in ministries traditionally left to the clergy. All people are given gifts with which to minister and serve God. We will explore and utilize those gifts in fulfilling our mission. A significant call of the pastor is to equip people for ministry (Ephesians 4:11).

Principle 3: Faith gives us the courage to try.

We will draw upon our faith for the courage to explore new ways to fulfill our mission. (Making disciples of Jesus Christ) We will avoid the fear of failure. We will avoid the temptation to blame and criticize others, past and present. We will continue to try new things realizing if they don't work out, we have not failed but rather, we have not yet found the answer to a problem. We will anticipate that many attempts may be needed in order for the answer to emerge.

Principle 4: The core response to faith is stewardship not consumerism

We will foster an atmosphere that is life giving for all people by collectively sharing our time and resources for ministry. The temptation to rely on few to do the work for many makes for poor stewardship. The primary responsibility of the staff and boards is to assist the entire body of faith to carry out its ministry. Our boards will make wise decisions on the use of the communities' resources, living within our means for ministry.

Principle 5: The biblical message of transforming grace is the basis for all decisions.

All decisions and future hopes must be grounded in a radical trust in the grace of God. Although there is always room for discussion on the meaning of scripture and how to apply it, the Bible and its message of grace is the best source for structuring our life and church. We will first and foremost promote ministries that help us discover this foundational truth.

See you in church,
Pastor Gary

October Acolyte Schedule

October 2:	8:00	Cassie Vaughn, Ali Kari
	9:45	Connor Hammond, Dominic Hufford, Will Modine, Mitch Olson
October 9:	8:00	JT Hunziker, Nathan Schoeberl
	9:45	Madison Mohar, Katie Nagle
October 16:	8:00	Casey Snaza, Jolene Amundson
	9:45	Kalley Hartmann, Justina Bannister, Hope Jensen, Ally Ring
October 23 :	8:00	Sonya Smetna, Britta Anderson
	9:45	Tyler Wilcox, Jake Olinske Nick Franklin, Ryan Heilig
October 30 :	8:00	Jacob Bauer & Scott Ramberg
	9:45	Jessica Hinrichs, Madalyn Benson Madison Tetzlaff , Kim Dornbusch


SUNDAY AM ADULT EDUCATION

Each Sunday, Trinity will offer for all people an adult education time which will explore the basics of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Each week, from 9:20 -9:40 a DVD will be shown introducing a major theme of the Christian faith and through the week, classes will be made available to further study the topic.

WELCA Gathering

The Women of the ELCA North Cluster Gathering is Saturday, October 8th at Immanuel Lutheran in Almelund. Registration is at 8:30, with the program running from 9-11:30. Pastor Linda Wahlstrom will be leading the bible study, and JoAnn Neilsen will speak about her work as a Bible School volunteer in the village of Ft. Yukon, Alaska. A material offering of personal hygiene items for girls or boys and school supplies for Ft. Yukon Children will be taken.

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship Service/ Intinction 8:00 & 9:45 am 9:00am Sunday School 9:20 Adult Ed 6:30 New Members	3 11:00 Maple Commons 1:00 Bible Study 3:00pm Journey Support Group	4 6:00pm JAM Kids Choir 6:30 pm Fellowship Team Meeting	5 6:30 Confirmation & JIVE 6:45 Women's Book Club	6 7:30am Women's Bible Study @ Perkins 4:00pm - 6:00pm Free Community Dinner	7 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Oak Inn 5:00 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation retreat begins	8 7:00 am-noon Fall Church Clean Up Day 5:00 Return from retreat 5:30-10:00 Date Night
9 Worship Service/ Table 8:00 & 9:45 am 9:00am Sunday School 9:20 Adult Ed 2:00 Spelmanslag Band	10 1:00 Bible Study 3:00pm Journey Support Group 7:00 Safeguarding God's Children Training	11 5:00 Executive 6:00pm JAM Kids Choir	12 6:30 Confirmation & JIVE 6:45 Women's Book Club	13 7:30am Women's Bible Study @ Perkins 4:00pm - 6:00pm Free Community Dinner	14 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Oak Inn	15
16 Baptism Sunday Worship Service/ Intinction 8:00 & 9:45 am 9:00am Sunday School 9:20 Adult Ed 11:00 Children's Ministry Team Meeting	17 1:00 Bible Study 3:00pm Journey Support Group	18 5:00 Thrivent Mtg 6:00pm JAM Kids Choir 7:00 pm Church Council	19 6:45 Women's Book Club NO CONFIRMATION OR JIVE	20 7:30am Women's Bible Study @ Perkins 1:00-7:00 pm Blood Drive	21 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Oak Inn	22
23 Worship Service/ Intinction 8:00 & 9:45 am 9:20 Adult Ed NO Sunday School	24 1:00 Bible Study 3:00pm Journey Support Group 6:00pm Sunday School Teacher Training	25 6:00pm-7:15pm JAM Kids Choir	26 2:00-4:00 FARE for All and Flu Shot Clinic 6:30 Confirmation & JIVE	27 7:30am Women's Bible Study @ Perkins 4:00pm - 6:00pm Free Community Dinner	28	29
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Sunday School News

Sunday October 16th—Third graders will be presented with their own Bibles during the 9:45 am service. Parents please plan to attend Sunday School with your child on this day. We will be having special activities for these students to start exploring the use of their Bibles.

Sunday October 16th 11:00 am Children's Ministry Team meeting will be held following the 9:45 am service. Sunday School teachers and anyone interested in serving on the team are welcome to attend.

No Sunday School October 23rd



Serving for the month of October
Jan Nelson
Sharon Fairbanks

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

To Radio Ministry in memory of Eleanor Carlsson from: Phyllis Lindberg, Mary Sederberg, Saneda Deming, Harriet & David Peterson, Dan & Sandra Johnson, Delmer & Jean Fairbanks, Loren & Jane Magnison, Eileen Fisk, Joseph & Lavonne Rystrom, Gene & Barbara Egelkraut, Marvin & Karen Nelson, Ronald & Diane Barsness

To Radio Ministry from Karen Perault, Barbara Charpentier,

To the 125th Anniversary Celebration from Dennis & Melissa Rafferty in memory of Eleanor Carlsson

To Music Fund from Leon Ekstrom in memory of Trena

To Roof Fund in honor of Pastor Gary and Kathryn's wedding from Bev Anderson

To Building Fund in memory of Eleanor Carlsson from Leon Ekstrom, Steven & Grace Johnson

Undesignated Memorial from Twyla & Ardell Ring in memory of Jeany Stetler

Missing Something?

Pans and dishes that are left in the kitchen are now stored in the cupboard at the end of the kitchen counter. Please take yours home the next time you are in church. Remaining items will be donated after October 20th. Thank you!

Visitation Ministry Team

Trinity Lutheran is very blessed to have a wonderfully active Visitation Ministry Team. The members of this team provide fellowship to people in their homes and will bring communion to those unable to attend worship services. If you or anyone in your family would like to have a visitor from the team please call the church office at 674-7047 or Barb Danielson at 651-336-7083.

On Sunday October 23rd, the communion kits the Visitation Team uses will be consecrated and distributed to the team members. For our brothers and sisters in Christ, receiving communion is a part of our faith that is deeply missed when one cannot physically attend church services. Please pray for our Visitation Ministry and the work they do in our faith community.

Sunday October 9th @ 2:00 PM. Join the 125th Anniversary Committee in welcoming a concert by Spelmanslag, a stringed musical group from the American Swedish Institute.

Scripture Reading for Sundays in October

October 2 :

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

October 9:

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

October 16:

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

October 23 :

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

October 30 :

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36





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Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania ~
Pawaga

