

# The Trinity Times

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## Farewell Annette!



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Many thanks for all the good wishes, cards, gifts and delicious cake as I conclude 34 wonderful years of directing choirs at Trinity. I have been very blessed to be able to work with such talented singers and wonderful and supportive staff members. I look forward to transitioning from being the choir director to singing in the choir! God's blessings to all of you!

~ Annette Meeks

Dear Trinity family and friends,

"Faith is Falling into God's Hands", is a passage from a book from Herbert and Corinne Chilstrom. I look to this book often when I'm looking for discernment, and when I must write a note in the Trinity Times.

I opened the book and turned to a story of faith and trusting in God's assurance. In Hebrews 11, we read stories of Sarah and Noah clinging to a branch but not being able to see the way ahead, but God was there guiding their passage. In Hebrews (v.1) faith is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen".

Trinity church was set on a path a few months back where it was hard to see the direction to go. The Council pulled together with prayer, good conversations, and faith in God to guide us forward. The council, along with the support of the Southwest Synod, created a plan and took actions to complete the tasks ahead. By the time this article is read, Pastor Dave Christenson will have started as our interim pastor. Pastor Dave brings over 35 plus years of ministry to our congregation and lots of passion. As interim, he will help guide, support, listen, and challenge us on our Trinity mission and goals. We, as a congregation, may find new and creative ways to invite more families into our amazing congregation.

Trinity has been around for over 133 years because those who came before us stayed true to its mission focused work and outreach. It may be in a low spot, but Trinity has so many amazing and talented members ready to lead the congregation forward in new and creative ways. Rest assured, Trinity family and friends, we will trust in our God and fall hard into his hands, for He will continue to Gather Trinity families, help them to Grow in their Faith, and Go into this world to do good works for other's.

May God bless and watch over all of us-

Peace

Meredith Young



## Roadside Clean Up RESCHEDULED!

Saturday June 10 at 10:00 am

The mission committee is excited to continue our commitment of being good stewards of the Earth. We have been cleaning our section of Hwy. 169 since 2015!

- We will gather in the parking lot at 10:00am and carpool to our section of Hwy. 169.
- We will provide safety vests for you to wear. Please bring gloves if you have them as we only have a few to offer.
- This volunteer work is best for children over the age of 12. Children 12-17 without a parent will need a signed waiver.
- Closed toe shoes are required.
- After we return to church lunch will be served!
- Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Please note!**

## Summer Office Hours

Effective June 1, office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, and Friday, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

## Attention Daycare Providers

The Trinity Church Council is open to a discussion with any member(s) who has ever considered using the education wing as a home for a Daycare Center.

Please contact Marc Bachman by June 11th if this interests you. (507) 931-2139 or [marc.woody.bachman@gmail.com](mailto:marc.woody.bachman@gmail.com).

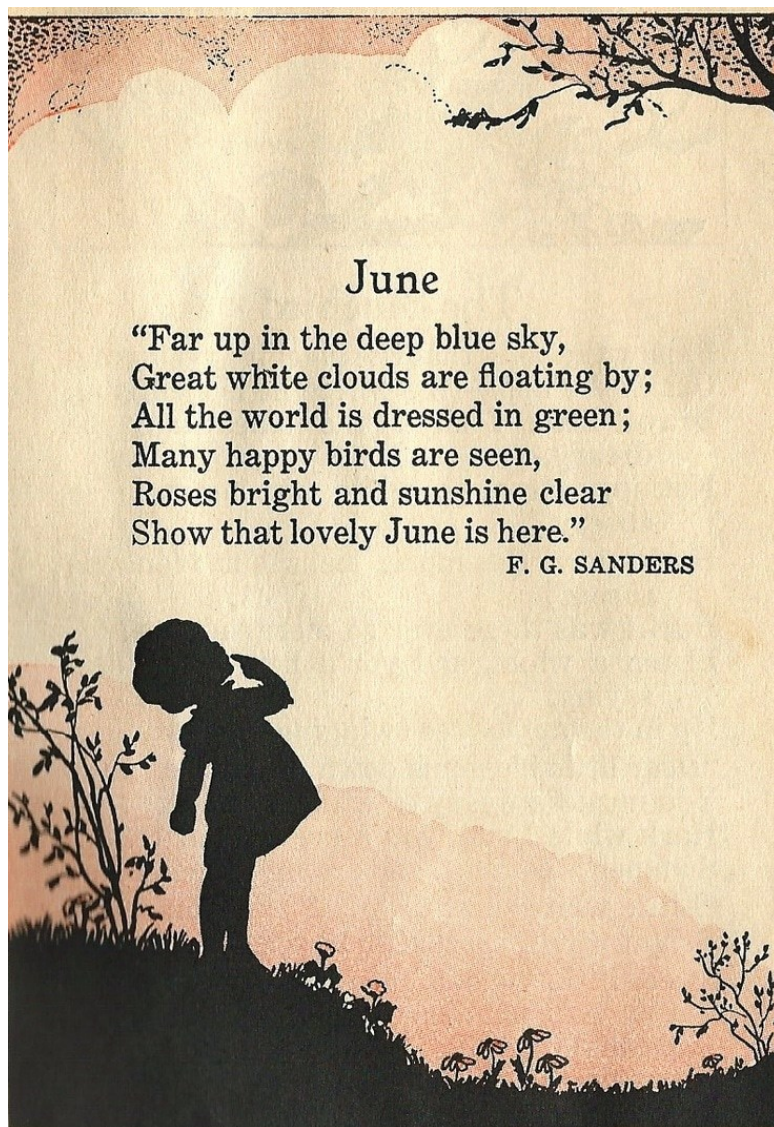


## Save The Date!

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, First Lutheran Church and Trinity have all partnered to bring Vacation Bible School to Trinity August 6th-10th for evenings filled with Fun, Faith and Fellowship! Registration coming soon for preschool through 6th graders.



"Plant your roots in Christ and let God be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful."  
—Colossians 2:7



### June

"Far up in the deep blue sky,  
Great white clouds are floating by;  
All the world is dressed in green;  
Many happy birds are seen,  
Roses bright and sunshine clear  
Show that lovely June is here."

F. G. SANDERS

## SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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G X U R B G O C E A N N Y O M

1. BACKPACKING

2. BASEBALL

3. BOATING

4. BIKINI

5. CAMPING

6. FLOWERS

7. ICE CREAM

8. OCEAN

9. PICNIC

10. RELAX

11. SUN

12. HEAT

13. HOT

14. SANDALS

15. SWIM

16. TRAVEL

17. VACATION

18. WATERMELON





## Adult Forum



Adult Education will meet Sunday, June 25 at 10:30 am-11:30 am for our group book club discussion.

Our June selection for reading is *The Other Wes Moore, One Name, Two Fates*, by Wes Moore. If you wish to sign out a book to read, please write your name on the sign-out sheet in the Narthex. ALL are welcome! This will be our last Adult Ed and book club reading for the summer. Please watch for our Adult Ed Fall schedule!



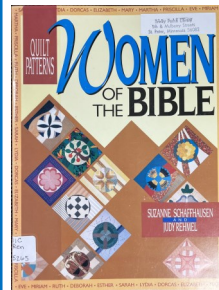
Featured in the  
Church Library

## June

As you settle in to choosing your summer reads, check out these featured books for June. It's gonna be a BANNER summer!

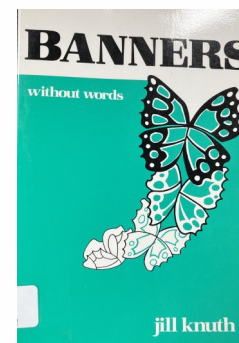
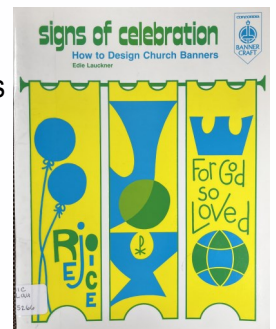


**The Banner Book**, (11C Wol), by Betty Wolfe. A banner produces a mood, sets the stage for a specific event, and is a medium for creative expression.

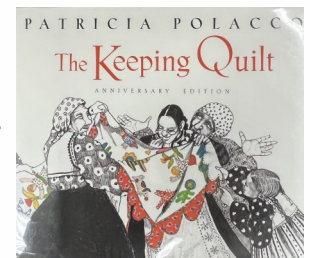


**Women Of The Bible**, (11C Reh), by Suzanne Schaffhausen and Judy Rehmel. Honor these twelve outstanding women with their own quilt patterns as they made a difference in their day and we remember them for their deeds. Maybe some Trinity folks are interested in designing a quilt!

**Signs of Celebration**, (11C Lau), by Edie Lauckner. How to design church banners. Over 50 suggestions and ideas for making banners. Each chapter is headed by a Gospel truth that applies to this activity. In the church setting, the grace of God is celebrated not only in the spoken word, but also by means of the visual word, or in the art of the church.



**Banners Without Words**, (11 Knu), by Jill Knuth. Over 70 banners for the liturgical seasons all indexed by the Biblical text, topic, and design.



**The Keeping Quilt**, (E Pol), by Patricia Polacco. Children will be fascinated by the various uses to which the quilt is put. a warm message on the meaning of family.

**The Patchwork Quilt**, (E Flo), by Valerie Flournoy. The story of a worn quilt made by great-gramma and a new patchwork quilt in the making.



# BACCALAUREATE

S E R V I C E

## Hats off to our Grads!

Congratulations: William Borgmeier, Liliana Deming, Kelyse Engel, Samuel Fitterer, Rhys Hanson, Alyssa Kampa, Abby Kukacka, Joseph Liebl, Damian Mallow, Sydney Marthaler, Claire Meyer, Lauryn Oberlander, Keira Oeltjenbruns, Rosa Penkert, Jaydon Thompson, and Norah Timmerman.

## Meet And Greet Potluck

Meet and welcome our New Interim Minister, Pastor Dave Christenson and his wife Janell.

Join us Sunday, June 11, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your family and your favorite dish to share!

(Plates, utensils, lemonade, and coffee provided)



## Many Thanks!

Thank you to the Trinity Women who recently held their annual Spring Luncheon. They served a delicious brunch and we enjoyed hearing about church camping.

I would like to give a special thank you to the Trinity Quilters who donated one of their quilts for a drawing which I was fortunate to win. It will be something I will use and enjoy for many years to come.

~ Dee Swenson



## Bible Study


Third Monday of each month at 1:30 pm at Realife Cooperative

## GOLDEN SUN

BY LENORE HETRICK

Great, glorious, golden sun,  
Shine down on me today.  
You are the life of all this earth,  
You and your magic ray.  
You are the life of bird and plant,  
All must depend on you.  
Shine down, great sun, the whole day long!  
Shine from the heaven's blue.  
And I will welcome your golden rays,  
For you mean life to me,  
And you mean happiness and health,  
Strength and energy.  
Shine down, great sun, on flower and field,  
And never say goodbye.  
Forever and ever give us your light  
From out the side, blue sky.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
					
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service Baccalaureate 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>5:30 pm The Kitchen</p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 am Trinity Women Mission Quilters 5:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm CYF Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting 7:00 pm All Committee Meetings</p>	
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<p><b>Father's Day</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p>		<p><b>Juneteenth</b></p> <p>Offices closed 5:30 pm The Kitchen</p>			
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Adult Forum</p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>5:30 pm The Kitchen</p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Green Team Meeting</p>	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting	<b>15</b> 1:30 pm Hope Circle At Realife Cooperative	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	



**Church Council Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2023**

**Present:** Kayla Siewert, Meredith Young, Rita Gibbs, Alie Hermanson, Nancy Kruger, Jeff Feder, Carolyn Dobler, Nancy Roessler, Kristie Gurrola, Andy Elofson

**Absent:** Jim Timmerman, Marc Bachman

**Devotions:** Nancy R.

**A. Business Discussed:****1. Staff Report**

- Marc Bachman has been sitting in on the Wednesday staff meetings since the end of Pastor Joy's tenure. Marc submits this report.
- Would like to compile names for office subs.
- Proposed using 10th service setting of Lutheran Liturgy for the summer worship services. (Pastor Dave would like to have a special service each month over summer, ie; Polka service, Christmas in July)
- Discussion around building security/distributed keys while continued volunteer access; Council would like to start using lock box for key access and reach out to those who may no longer need the key they hold. Suggested Marc coordinate this.
- New staff is going well; 30-60-90 reviews scheduled.
- Exit interview for Annette will be mid-July.
- Rotating council members at weekly staff meetings would allow for continuity.
- Volunteers may be coordinated to align to a committee for communication; Worship Comm – Altar Care & Ushers; Comm. Life – Coffee; Stewardship to work on Time & Talent sheet for more coordination.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- The offerings as of April 30, 2023 were \$102,806.
  - The total expenses through April 30, 2023 were \$109,453.
  - Expenses exceed offerings by \$6,647.
  - The checking account balance as of April 30, 2023 is \$50,081.
- 3. Council Appointments**
- Names were brought forward by council members to fill vacancies on council and committees.
  - Bob Broeder was nominated to join the Finance Committee for a 2 year term. See Action Item 3.
  - Andy Elofson was nominated to complete the remainder of the 2 year term for Vice President. See Action Item 4.
  - Tom Young was voted to be the council appointed Trustee for the Endowment Committee. See Action Item 5.
- 4. Narthex Refresh**
- There will need to be a small team to meet 2 to 3 times to come up with some inspiration to enliven our Narthex area. The Miller Study had suggested making it a more welcoming space for new people and members. A few names were suggested and

we will reach to confirm their interest.

**5. Committee Reports**

- Property Committee: Don Carlson has begun, was given tour of building, and list of To Do items to start.
- Community Life: Plans are ongoing for Annette's retirement celebration on May 21. We are looking forward to a potluck to welcome Pastor Dave in June.
- Children, Youth and Family: Vacation Bible School will be August 6 – 10 in the evenings. It will be run by Green Lake Camp and Joni Sietzer will coordinate this. It will be done with First Lutheran and it will be located at Trinity. Cristikon fund raising met their goal and went \$1,000 over it! Cristikon is July 14 – 22.
- Worship, Music and Arts: They are looking into candle options and leaning toward a battery operated version. Paul Matzke will be transitioning to with the choir. Judy had the organ pedal fixed and it was tuned. Mention of possible Praise Band over the summer.
- Mission: They collected for March Food Shelf 209 lbs of food and \$223. They will be collecting personal items for Union Street Place. The highway cleanup is rescheduled for June 10 at 10:00 am.
- Adult Education: Not available.
- Stewardship: Volunteer appreciation celebrated Earth Day with wildflower seed packets. The Time and Talent sheets will be done earlier with a possible fair of sorts where committee chairs are available to answer questions.

**B. Responsibilities Assigned:**

- Marc will follow up with persons having a church key.
- Stewardship will put together a ballot to determine how to use the Family Fresh funds.
- All Council members need to check their boxes on the office counter at regular intervals.

**Actions Taken:**

- The Motion M/S/P to approve the agenda for the May Council meeting.
- Motion M/S/P to approve the minutes of the April Council meeting.
- Motion M/S/P to approve Bob Broeder as member of Finance Committee for a 2-year term.
- Motion M/S/P to approve Andy Elofson as Vice President to complete the 2-year term.
- Motion M/S/P to approve Tom Young as Council Appointed Trustee for the Endowment Committee.
- Motion M/S/P to approve a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm.



## Community Announcement



We are blessed to be a part of a community as active as St. Peter.

Please take a moment and stop by the

**Community Announcements Board**  
by the library for information not published here.

*Any information about events not related to the ministry of TLC is subject to approval for publishing by the pastor and dependent on space available in the publications of TLC.*

## Publishing Requests

If you have an announcement or article for the newsletter please remember to submit the Publishing Request Form with all the required information. We have copies of this form in the office. If you need a form, email [editor@trinitystpeter.org](mailto:editor@trinitystpeter.org) and a form will be sent to you. Submission for announcements are due by 12:00 pm on Wednesday. Submissions for the Newsletter are due by the 20th of the previous month. Information other than relevant Trinity information may need approval.

## Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that Trinity Lutheran Church is situated on the ancestral homeland of the Wahpeton, Wahpekute, Sisseton, Očhéthi Šakówinj, and Dakota people. We also acknowledge that we as a church body have a variety of thoughts and feelings as to how we should reconcile this fact. We as a church commit to continuing the important work of challenging ourselves and our congregation to live the love of Christ in all we do.

## COMMITTEES

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Avery Bachman, Marc Bachman, Mikkel Haugen, John Lammert, 2 vacancies

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Wendy Bachman, David Detlefson, Casey Dunker, Jennifer Lammert, Sarah Nelsen, Meredith Young

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:** Carolyn Dobler, Darrel Jodock, Jim Kruger, Marc Bachman, Thomas Young

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** 6 vacancies

**ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Al Behrends, Nancy Hanson, Bill Nelsen, Kris Rosacker, Barbara Simpson, Jim Timmerman, 1 vacancy

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COMMITTEE:** Katherine Dunn, Alie Hermanson, Eva Kracht, Gretchen Lind, Will Nelsen, Kristi Portugue, Nancy Sizer, Maggie Weideman, 1 vacancy

**COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE:** Cathy Carlson, Nancy Kruger, Vonnie Nelson-Borgmeier, 2 vacancies

**MISSION COMMITTEE:** Mel Bexell, Sandi Francis, Sarah Conlon, Kristie Gurrola, Beverly Pillers

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Paul Albers, Jeff Feder, Duane Krenz, Cody Olstad, Leo Strong, Barry Wood

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:** Jason Bexell, Brenda Dent, Carolyn Dobler, Edi Thorstenson, 2 vacancies

**WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE:** Deb Dixon, Paul Matzke, Nancy Roessler, Cary Albers, Mari Feder, 1 vacancy

## CHURCH COUNCIL

**Kayla Siewert (President)**

**Meredith Young (Vice President)** *Personnel Committee Chair*

**Rita Gibbs (Secretary)** *Nominating Committee Chair*

**Marc Bachman (Treasurer)** *Finance Committee Chair*

**Jim Timmerman** *Adult Education Committee Chair*

**Alie Hermanson** *Children, Youth and Families Committee Chair*

**Nancy Kruger** *Community Life Committee Chair*

**Kristie Gurrola** *Mission Committee Chair*

**Jeff Feder** *Property Committee Chair*

**Carolyn Dobler** *Stewardship Committee Chair*

**Nancy Roessler** *Worship, Music & Arts Committee Chair*

## Worship Assistants

June		4	11	18	25
Lay Readers	9:30	Jeannine Lieble	Eileen Kivi	Mari Feder	Eric Christensen
Ushers	9:30	Joan Davis Terry Davis	Time Kennedy Duane Krenze	Nancy Kruger Jim Kruger	Eric Christensen Heidi Christensen
Council Assistants	9:30	Nancy Kruger	Kayla Siewert		Nancy Kruger
Acolytes					
Coffee Fellowship Hosts	10:30	Ginny Bakke Ed Bakke	Meredith Young Tom Young	Sandi Francis Kristie Gurrola	Judy Schultz Jan Swanson



### Offering Options



We are so fortunate to have very generous members and friends that help us Gather, Grow and Go! If you are interested in supporting our ministries here are some options for you:

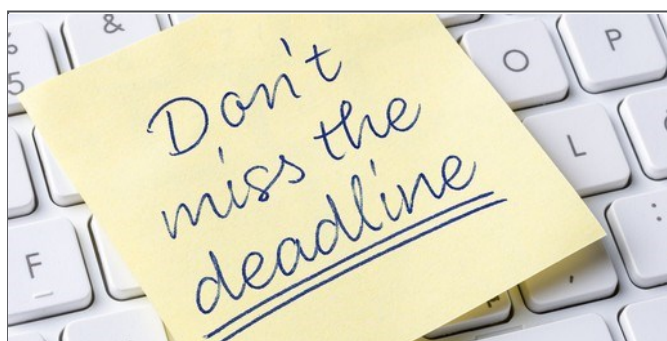
**Text:** send message to **844-373-8817** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25).

**App:** download Vanco Mobile through your app store.

**Web:** click on the Give button on our website.

**Mail:** 511 S 5<sup>th</sup> St, St. Peter, MN 56082

Thank you for your support!



*Any committees or individuals that have information for the **July** newsletter need to have it turned in no later than June 20.*

*Please use the **Publishing Request Form** which is available in the church office and send the information to: [editor@trinitystpeter.org](mailto:editor@trinitystpeter.org). Thank you!*





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