

The newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Hudson, WI  
"One Ministry~Two Locations"

# CROSSPOINTS



**April 2017**

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## Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It doesn't seem possible that it is time to write this letter already. When I first came to Trinity 14 years ago or so, I could not imagine retiring and leaving here. It's still hard to believe. Every day, every single day, in these past 14 years I have looked forward to getting up and coming in to Trinity, to "work", because it has never been work, it's been my life. You have been my family, and you have blessed me so much. I think about all of the times that you have let me share in the special times in your lives - your weddings, baptisms, loved ones dying, all the kids that you have honored me with by letting me teach, all of you kids who have put up with me, and laughed politely at the stories from when I was your age. To share all of the joys of the last 14 years as a church family, and the struggles that we have been through together too - it's all been a privilege and a blessing. I have treasured each day and I always will.



There are some things that I should have done differently - people I've let down. I'm sorry for when I wasn't there for you in some way, or when I didn't get something done I said I was going to do. I should have written more thank you notes too. You were always doing so much for the Lord, for people, for Trinity, for me and my family. Pastor Glade once quoted the disciples on the mount of transfiguration to describe Trinity: "'tis good, Lord, to be here." And indeed, it is.

And really, it has been good to be here because the Lord is here. I see him everyday in your faith, in your love, in the way you share him with others. I was attracted to this family 14 years ago by your caring for people in the community, your helping others in need, your willingness to go hundreds of miles, and around the world to do Christ's mission, and bring the Gospel of salvation and care to people who were lost and hurting. And you loved children. Jesus loved children. Any church family that would love children and do as much for his little ones as you have done - I wanted to be a part of.

With Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians, I will "thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I will always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." And with Paul, I am also "confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." I am looking forward to hearing about all of the great things that God is going to do through you in the days ahead. You have a wonderful pastor in Pastor Todd, a gifted staff, dedicated leaders, but most of all - you are a wonderful family, each of you, with Christ in your hearts, in your hands, in your midst, working through you all.

Connie and I will miss everyone here a lot. With having to be in Faribault every other Sunday to take care of her mom, working full-time as a social worker, and helping to take care of grandkids when their parents have been working and going to school, she hasn't been able to be around as much as she wished. But you have been good friends to her and to me and you were very supportive when she was so sick. Thank you again very much.

Our family will continue to live in River Falls, so we will see you around, in the grocery store, at concerts, or hanging out at the park. This really isn't good-bye, it's just thank you so much for everything.

And thank you, God, for so many blessings, for so much love, for your Son, and for this family.

Peace be with you all.



# LIFE AT TRINITY

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL BOOTS & BLING

TRINITY ACADEMY GALA

Enjoy these pictures from the 16th Annual Trinity Academy Gala event that took place in February.





# APRIL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

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## Downtown Campus

1205 Sixth St. • 386-9313

(W)=Wednesday

### Sunday Worship Coordinator

Every Sunday Carol Smith

### Assisting Ministers (M. Greunke)

02 Mitch Greunke

09 Steve Bohl

16 Mitch Greunke

23 Brett Easler

30 Tom Oscanyan

### Fellowship (Char Skoviera)

02 9:00 am Kris Berger

10:30 am Carol Smith

09 9:00 am Pat Larson

10:30 am Kim Gallison

### 16 Easter

No Fellowship due to Easter

Breakfast

23 9:00 am Xtreme Kids

10:30 am Anne Ross

30 9:00 am Pastor Tim's Potluck

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### Greeters (Sally Gaeu)

02 9:00 am Dan & Suzy Korum

10:30 am Dan & Suzy Korum

09 9:00 am Paul & Pat Larson

10:30 am Gary & Joyce Riedel

### 16 Easter

7:00 am George & Char Skoviera

9:00 am Wally & Marge Spaeth

10:30 am Todd & Jo Hinchliffe

23 9:00 am Xtreme Kids

10:30 am Open

30 9:00 am Richard & Sharon Young

10:30 am Richard & Sharon Young

### Readers (Sharon Ellwein)

02 9:00 am Fred Yoerg

10:30 am Rick Nelsen

09 9:00 am Nancy Donovan

10:30 am Kim Gallison

### 16 Easter

7:00 am Open

9:00 am Nancy Donovan

10:30 am Carol Smith

23 9:00 am Xtreme Kids

10:30 am Rick Nelsen

30 9:00 am Carrie Bell

10:30 am Carrie Bell

### Ushers (Dan Gaeu)

02 9:00 am Jeff Berkhof, Nate Otte,

Greg Haugen

10:30 am Dennis Lee, Zachary

Verdoorn

05(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

09 9:00 am Brian & Jodie Young,

Gary Riedel, Braden Meyer

10:30 am Doug & Mary Harmon

13(TH) Tom & Vickie Edin, Dan

Gaeu

### 16 Easter

7:00 am Ed Glowe

9:00 am Fred Yoerg, Henry

Berger, Will Weiskopf, Wally Spaeth

10:30 am Tim & Pat Tuma,

Zachary Verdoorn

19(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

23

9:00 am Xtreme Kids, Edwin

Berger, Neil Fredrick

10:30 am Mike Weyers, Peter

Verdoorn

26(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

30

10:30 am Zachary & Peter Verdoorn,

Tom Malchow, Dennis Schertz

### Power Point (Mark Gallison)

02

9:00 am Carl Schoenbeck

10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

09

9:00 am Jessi Meyer

10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

### 16 Easter

7:00 am Open

9:00 am Chris & Matt Oscanyan

10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

23

9:00 am Issac & Caleb Hatch

10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

30

10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

### Eucharistic Ministers

(Shirley Ohrt)

02

9:00 am Tom Malchow, Paul Larson

10:30 am Rick Nelsen

05(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

09

9:00 am Bruce Gonitzke, Nancy

Koski

10:30 am Kim Gallison

12(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

### 16 Easter

7:00 am Ralph & Kathy Munkelwitz

9:00 am Arvid Ledin, Dennis Schertz

10:30 am Carol Smith

19(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

23

9:00 am Ralph & Kathy Munkelwitz

10:30 am Rick Nelsen

26(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

30

10:30 am Dennis & Liz Schertz

### Communion Set-Up (Mary Golke)

02

9:00 am Vickie Mares

10:30 am Annette Zenz

05(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

09

9:00 am Nancy Koski

10:30 am Open

12(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

### 16 Easter

7:00 am Mary Golke

9:00 am Mary Golke

10:30 am Carry Johnson

19(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

23

9:00 am Joan Lyksett

10:30 am Carol Smith

26(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

30

10:30 am Char Skoviera

### Van Drivers (George Skoviera)

1st Sun. Ed Glowe/Greg Haugen

2nd Sun. Fred Harwell/George

Skoviera

3rd Sun. David Berger/Nancy

Koski

4th Sun. Tom, Chris, Matthew

Oscanyan

5th Sun. Bob Orf/Substitute

### Nursery

1st Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

2nd Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

3rd Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

4th Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

5th Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

### Welcome Desk

1st Sun. Marlice Shirley

2nd Sun. Open

3rd Sun. Open

4th Sun. Open

5th Sun. Maf Berg

### Family Center Campus

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### Ushers

1st Sunday

9:00 am Josh Bernhard

10:30 am Brent Schultz

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Amy Pals

10:30 am Chris Emerson

3rd Sunday-

9:00 am Duane and Julie Kuesel

10:30 am Brent Schultz

4th Sunday

9:00 am Open

10:30 am Cal Hoople

5th Sunday

9:00 am Open

10:30 am Luke Mahedy

### Fellowship

1st Sunday

9:00 am Open

10:30 am Ramona Larson

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Open

10:30 am Open

3rd Sunday

9:00 am Brad and Deb Davison

10:30 am Open

4th Sunday

9:00 am Greg/Teri Larsen

10:30 am Open

5th Sunday

9:00 am Mona Diebold; Barb Hess

10:30 am Tim and Jenni Mahedy

### Soundboard (Layne Pitzer)

1st Sunday

9:00 am Jeff Buelow

10:30 am Jeff Buelow

### 2nd Sunday

9:00 am Steve Kelly

10:30 am Steve Kelly

### 3rd Sunday

9:00 am Mike Dougherty

10:30 am Mike Dougherty

### 4th Sunday

9:00 am Dan Milbrath

10:30 am Dan Milbrath

### 5th Sunday

9:00 am Open

10:30 am Open

### Greeter

1st Sunday

9:00 am Bev Larsen

10:30 am Travis Waldschmidt

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Andrea Felberg

10:30 am St. Ore's

3rd Sunday

9:00 am Dirk & Tedra Larson

10:30 am Ryan/Courtney Menter

4th Sunday

9:00 am Meaghan White

10:30 am Dan & Heather Milbrath

5th Sunday

9:00 am Chad and Alicia Boreen

10:30 am John/Tanya Slavsky

### Communion Assistant

1st Sunday

9:00 am David Holm; Cheri

Buelow; Cheryl Warnken, Patty

Kelly; Josh Bernhard

10:30 am Travis Waldschmidt;

Prudy Anderson, Cheri Buelow;

Patty Kelly; 1 Open

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Kim Gallison; Ken &

Doris Krautbauer; 2 open

10:30 am Annie Dulon; Dave

Miller, Liz Whitchurch; 2 Open

3rd Sunday

9:00 am Denise Buelow; Robb

Neuenschwander; Michelle & Jason

Koerth; 1 Open

10:30 am Denise Buelow; Jill

Dougherty; Shelia Kanninen; 2

Open

4th Sunday

9:00 am Becky Glade; 4 Open.

10:30 am Debbie Hoople; Brent

Schultz; Becky Glade; Eileen

Demulling; 1 Open.

5th Sunday

9:00 am Nicole Hansen; 4 Open

10:30 am Brent Schultz; Nicole

Hansen, 3 Open

### Media Shout (Layne Pitzer)

1st Sunday

9:00 am Dave Meyer

10:30 am Stella Scharber

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Mark Gallison

10:30 am Mark Kretschmer

3rd Sunday

9:00 am Mark Gallison

10:30 am August Draveling

4th Sunday

9:00 am Jack Geurkink

10:30 am Braeden Miller

5th Sunday

9:00 am Mark Gallison



# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                               |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <div>    </div> |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>2</b><br>See <a href="#">Worship Schedule Below</a><br>12:00pm Congregational Vote/DT  | <b>3</b><br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC<br>7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT                                  | <b>4</b><br>9:30am Full Staff Meeting/DT<br>1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT | <b>5</b><br>5:00pm Confirmation Class/DT<br>5:30pm The Cross/DT<br>6:15pm Steeple People/FC<br>6:45pm Worship/DT  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>6:15pm Easter Egg Event/FC<br><br><b>Kentucky Trip April 7 - April 9</b>                                     | <b>1</b><br>7:00am Iron Kids/DT        |
| <b>9 Palm Sunday</b><br>Coats for the King<br>See <a href="#">Worship Schedule Below</a>  | <b>10</b><br>10:00am Quilter's Retreat/DT<br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC<br>7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT | <b>11</b><br>9:30am Staff Meeting/FC<br>10:00am Quilter's Retreat/DT   | <b>12</b><br>5:00pm Confirmation Class/DT<br>5:30pm The Cross/DT<br>6:15pm Steeple People/FC  | <b>13</b><br><b>Mauudy Thursday</b><br>7:00pm Mauudy Thursday service/DT           | <b>14 Good Friday</b><br>10:00am Children's Service/FC<br>7:00pm Good Friday Service/DT<br>7:00pm Good Friday Service/FC | <b>15</b>                              |
| <b>16 Happy Easter</b><br>Easter Services:<br>DT - 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 am<br>FC - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am<br>No Xtreme Kids  | <b>17</b><br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC<br>7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT                                 | <b>18</b><br>9:30am Staff Meeting/DT                                   | <b>19</b><br>5:00pm Confirmation Class/DT<br>5:30pm The Cross/DT<br>6:15pm Steeple People/FC<br>6:45pm Worship/DT   | <b>20</b><br>10:00am Quilting/DT<br>6:00pm Finance Mtg/DT<br>7:00pm BOD Meeting/DT | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>                              |
| <b>23</b><br>See <a href="#">Worship Schedule Below</a><br>1:00pm Confirmation Service  | <b>24</b><br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC<br>7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT                                 | <b>25</b><br>9:30am Core Staff Meeting/FC<br>5:00pm FMSC/DT            | <b>26</b><br>5:30pm Fellowship Night/DT<br>6:15pm Steeple People/FC<br>6:45pm Worship/DT  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>7:00am Men's Breakfast/FC |
| <b>30</b><br>See <a href="#">Worship Schedule Right</a>   | <b>Sunday Worship</b><br><b>Xtreme Kids</b><br>9:00am DT<br>9:00am FC<br>10:30am DT<br>10:30am FC  |  | <b>Weekly Bible Studies</b><br>Sunday 10:30am/DT<br>Tuesday 9:30am/DT<br>Tuesday 1:00pm/Ohrt Home<br>Wednesday 7:30pm/DT<br>Thursday 9:15am /FC<br>Friday 6:30am/Hudson Bagel |  |                                       |  |

## A Retirement Celebration For Pastor Tim

On Sunday, April 30, 2017, Trinity will celebrate Pastor Tim's retirement and 40 years of ministry in the Lutheran Church. Members and friends of Trinity are cordially invited to join in a celebration and thanksgiving for Tim's service as Pastor in God's Kingdom.

The day will begin with a single worship service at the Downtown campus at 10:30 am. *There will be no 9:00 DT service.* Following the service, we will proceed to the gym for a potluck fellowship meal and short program highlighting the life and service of Pastor Tim. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass:

Last names: A-M, please bring a hot dish

Last names: N-Z, please bring a salad

Beverages, rolls, and desserts will be provided. Rumor has it there will also be an abundance of M&M's.

There will be a station at the potluck for friends to write a personal note to Tim if you haven't already expressed your well wishes. Every ending is followed by a new beginning. Let's all join together as God's family and be a part of both for Pastor Tim.



## Pastoral Support Team

In the past, Trinity has been supported by a team called Deacons. These wonderful servants would meet monthly, and represented several key ministries within our church such as Worship, Care and Hospitality.

As our ministry has changed over the years, we've seen the need for less meetings so that people are free to do more hands-on serving. Each former Deacon is still highly involved with powerful ministry and are called upon — as with others — when specific needs are required.

One specific team that has been re-created is the Pastoral Support Team. This group consists of 5-7 men, tasked with ministry oversight through the Senior Pastor in a support and encouragement role. They pray for our church, and specifically the pastors, and hold them accountable to ensure a balanced life and ministry. This team also functions as a "think-tank" for the Senior Pastor as he is seeking God's vision for the continuing direction of the ministry. The men currently on this team are, Denny Hartung, Mike Dougherty, Fred Harwell, Denny Lee, Wally Spaeth, and Ralph Munkelwitz.

## Palm Sunday

### Coats for the King

Coats for the King is a simple way to help those in need. Please consider donating a coat of any size for an adult or child, to the Salvation Army for those who need protection from our cold weather.

All you have to do is bring your donated coats to church on Palm Sunday, April 9, and lay them at the foot of the cross. Remember, they will help keep someone warm, and give them hope that the world does care.



## Good Friday Children's Service

**April 14th at 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Family Center**

**Invite some friends!**

## 6th Annual Les Berg Run

The 6th Annual Les Berg Run/Walk will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at Lakefront Park in Hudson. On site registration starts at 5:00 pm and the run starts at 6:00 pm. Les Berg was an essential component to the charitable organization Operation HELP.

Operation HELP is a local non-profit, providing services for people of our community who are facing crisis. Proceeds from the run will help fund Operation HELP. Adult pre-registered participants will receive a uniquely designed T-shirt. Even if you can't "run", you are welcome to walk and support Operation HELP with your registration fee. For more information contact Meredith Berg at 715-386-6680 or maf914@sbcglobal.net.



# INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **April 9 Palm Sunday Worship**

#### ***Coats for the King Collection***

9:00 and 10:30 am ~ Downtown Campus

9:00 and 10:30 am ~ Family Center Campus

### **April 13 Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm ~ Downtown Campus

### **April 14 Good Friday**

10:00 am Children's Service (all ages) ~ Family Center Campus

7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service ~ Downtown Campus

7:00 pm Good Friday Service ~ Family Center Campus

### **April 16 Easter Sunday Worship**

7:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am ~ Downtown Campus

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am ~ Family Center Campus

## Men's Breakfast

Iron Sharpens Iron has been the motto of the Band Of Brothers for some time now. In fact, it got its origin from the first men's event and Bible study. The event was the



result of the men in our small group coming together and organizing it. We wanted to do something for the men in the congregation to get them together to grow and increase

their faith. Since the first occasion five years ago, the men's event has provided this time for men of the church to get together, have fellowship, and get to know one another.

This year's Men's Breakfast is planned for April 29 at the Family Center - so save the date. There will be a full breakfast followed by a speaker and fellowship time. For more details, watch the announcements and future bulletins as the date gets closer. The younger men or sons are welcomed also, so please keep them in mind when signing up. If you have anything that you would like to donate to the men's breakfast, or have any questions, please contact Leo Draveling at [leo.draveling@gmail.com](mailto:leo.draveling@gmail.com).

## Membership Class

If you are interested in joining Trinity, our next new member CONNECT classes begin in May. We will



meet on two consecutive Tuesdays - the 2nd and 9th, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. New member

Sunday will be May 14th. Childcare is provided during the classes. This is a great way to meet others who have been coming to Trinity. We'll share a lot of information about our mission, vision, staff, programs, and beliefs, but we also like to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have. For information about attending the CONNECT classes, please contact Cheri Buelow at [cbuelow@trinityhudson.org](mailto:cbuelow@trinityhudson.org).

## From Chaos To Calm

How to navigate, fake news, executive orders, societal divide, wire tapping, talk radio, border walls, racial profiling, legalized marijuana, domestic terrorism, and the zika virus.

If you watch the news or stream social media, you can easily be overwhelmed by all of the chaos that floats through our society. Politics and conspiracies, and opinions and non-factual information, threaten to wreak havoc, and steal the joy in which God wants you to live. How do we navigate it all? Join us in this search on Sunday, April 23.

## "FROM CHAOS TO CALM"

HOW TO NAVIGATE,  
FAKE NEWS,  
EXECUTIVE ORDERS,  
SOCIETAL DIVIDE  
WIRE TAPPING, TALK RADIO,  
BORDER WALLS,  
RACIAL PROFILING,  
LEGALIZED MARIJUANA,  
DOMESTIC TERRORISM,  
AND THE ZIKA VIRUS



## Confirmation Sunday

Students choosing to confirm their faith are disciples - they've chosen to follow Jesus. But they'll struggle with this, as we all do. Join us at our downtown Trinity campus on April 23, at 1:00 pm to celebrate the Confirmation of Trinity Youth; not to be seen as an end or "graduation" from church, but as an informed commitment to



follow Jesus closer, and express loyalty to His bride, the church. Our young brothers and sisters in Christ need the prayers and encouragement of mentors, family members, and our congregation!

Front Row: DJ, Dylan, Claire, Jayden,  
Back Row: Braxton, Colin, Braeden, Jack, Ryleigh,  
Caitlin, Jentai



Magicians Robert and Lynn Halbrook visited Trinity Academy on Friday, February 24. They highlighted some special tricks with preschoolers and K-5<sup>th</sup> grade families, celebrating Dr. Seuss and his books! Trinity's PTO sponsored the event by providing popcorn, juice, and the entertainment. Fun was had by all! A thank you goes out to the dedicated parents at Trinity Academy for providing educational and fun events for the families.



Trinity Youth attended Dare 2 Share. This is a national event that teaches thousands of youth how to evangelize and why it's important, and then releases them into the community to do what they've been taught.

"We need to let others know the reality that people are dying and not going to Heaven. We should do as we were taught, like we did this weekend, go around and share the Good News! I will plan to share the gospel everyday, bring it up in conversations, and pray for others. I really thought about it, and I am willing to give my life for Jesus." -Ryleigh, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Q** What does it mean to have the fear of God?

In our society, fear is something that most people do not desire. Fear seems to rob us of love, health and

security. So why does the Bible say that we should have the "fear of the Lord" (Deut. 6:24)? It comes down to the definition of fear. Biblically, the phrase 'fear of the Lord' carries several attitudes. First, we fear the Lord in the sense of having a deep respect and awe of him. He created everything and his purposes rule in the earth. When we think about his sacrificial act for us in Jesus, we are awe-struck by his power, majesty and goodness to us.

Second, because of his greatness, we show him respect and reverence. That is another use of the word "fear" when describing our attitude toward God. Third, we fear the Lord in the sense that the consequences of sin should make us afraid. This kind of "fear of the Lord" is not so much a fear of him, but of the discipline that is necessary when our sin overtakes us and we need a course correction.

*Have questions about faith, life, or our church? Send them in to Lisa at [lmopel@trinityhudson.org](mailto:lmopel@trinityhudson.org) and your question will be answered by one of the pastors, and may be featured in an upcoming newsletter edition! You may choose to remain anonymous.*

## Call For Associate Pastor Update

The search process for an associate pastor will culminate in a Congregational Assembly on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 12:15 p.m. in the downtown sanctuary. The voters will act on the recommendation the call committee made to the Board of Directors to issue a divine call for an associate pastor to replace Pastor Tim, who will be retiring at the end of April.

**UPDATE**

The call committee reviewed the documents of 19 candidates nominated for the position using the input from the congregation this fall. Seven candidates who were identified as the best fit for our current needs were contacted by phone. Following the phone interviews, Rev. Steve Vera, currently serving as a pastor in Sun Prairie, WI, and Rev. Caleb Adams, currently serving as a pastor in Frankenmuth, MI, accepted our invitation to visit Trinity and meet with leaders, staff, and members of the congregation. Rev. Vera visited February. 27 and 28. Rev. Adams visited March 6 and 7.

Using the input from the visits, the call committee developed a recommendation that was given to the Board of Directors. The recommendation will be acted on by the voters on April 2. Following the meeting, a divine call will be issued. The person who is called will give prayerful consideration to our call. He and his family may make another visit to Trinity to gain more insight for the decision.

We thank everyone for all the input into the call process. We are thankful that our Lord has been with us in each step of the process to reveal His choice to us. We ask for your continuing prayers as we seek His will to issue the call.

## Volunteer Highlight

Each month in the Trinity newsletter we highlight a staff member or volunteer that works at either site for Trinity. This is a great way for the congregation to get to know us a little better. This month we are highlighting youth volunteer *Sam Gruenes*.

### 1) What is the ministry area (or areas) in which you serve?

As a student in youth group I work the power point for large group during Wednesday night youth group. Sometimes I also do the microphones and the lights.

### 2) What are your joys of your role as a volunteer?

Well it is air conditioned because there is a fan above me, so I am always cool. I always feel good when I am helping Jack and everybody else.

### 3) How long have you been attending, or been a member of Trinity?

I have been here since I was in the first grade, about five or six years.

### 4) What positives do you see about the total Trinity Ministry?

I like how I can be here with my siblings and with my mom. I like how I can make really good friends here and share my beliefs.

### 5) How do you see God working here at Trinity?

I see Him working here through all the teachers here especially in faith class. I think He is working through the teachers here to make learning fun for us. I also see Him working through Jack and all the volunteers who take time from their day to teach us kids about God.





## Board of Directors

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Reaching the world for Jesus, one life at a time.

### From The Board

At our February meeting, the Board of Directors approved Jennifer Ruhde to fill the remainder of Terri Marquardt's term as a Director. We were very sad to lose Terri from the Board as she has given many years of great service and skill to Trinity. As you may know, the Marquardt's recently moved to Bentonville, AR. We will miss the whole family greatly. Please keep them in your prayers for this time of transition.

We are excited to have Jennifer take on this new role as she has been a Trinity member since she was 14 years old. She has been very involved in numerous ministries at Trinity, including mission trips, Bible studies, small groups, and as an Xtreme Kids teacher on Sundays at the Family Center. Jen and her husband Aaron, have also worked as adult mentors to our teenagers at The Cross. Jennifer's appointment will go to the full congregation for affirmation at our next Congregational Assembly.

Also at our February meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing from the Principal of Concordia Academy, Pastor Tim Berner. CA is a premier LCMS High School located in Roseville, MN, and Trinity is one of its 15 Association Churches. As an Association Church, Trinity families are eligible for discounts on tuition at CA. Several of our high school students are currently enrolled at CA.

We already have a close relationship with CA through our school, Trinity Academy, which frequently participates at sporting events and at Lutheran schools week at CA. Yet, given our church's commitment to Christian education, we recognize that we need to explore ways to build that relationship across our whole church. We will be looking for opportunities to have CA students visit Trinity and interact with our congregation. If you know a student who might consider CA for high school, we encourage you to contact Principal Berner directly at 651-796-2677 or check out [concordiaacademy.com](http://concordiaacademy.com).

### From the Stewardship Committee

The stewardship committee met on February 18, 2017. We continue to explore ideas for Trinity in the area of giving of our time, talents and treasures to God. One big thing that is coming to your church is a new software program that will help our church body organize and manage these areas of ministry. It is called "Realm." It will put managing God's finances in one spot for the church spiritual leadership and lay members alike. It will make it easy for individuals to look for service opportunities and sign up as they seek to give of their time and talents. It can also be a tool for small group organization. We hope this powerful program will be a blessing to Trinity. It should roll out sometime later this spring. Look for updates about how to use it in the coming weeks.

We did a deeper dive into general church giving received over the past few years. We see that on a consistent basis over the last 4 years, of all giving families, 9-10%, or between 40 and 50 families, give over 50% of the tithes and offerings received. The remaining 400+ families who give, make up the other half in giving received. Recall that we received about \$371K in pledges from 68 families for the 2017 calendar year – well over half, about \$250K, was pledged by just 9 members. Thank you for all that you do to support God's ministries at Trinity with your finances. Remember that God does not need the gifts we give, He wants US and the love with which we give them. Love never fails. For all of us on the committee (Maf Berg, Jon Schwalbach, and Tom Oscanyan)

Denny Hartung

# GLOBAL COMPASSION



On February 22, 100+ Trinity friends and members of all ages, united in an effort to support the mission of Sole Hope! The Trinity quilters and The Cross youth ministry joined forces, and materials, to provide children in Africa with medical supplies and shoes to alleviate parasitic infestation on the soles of their feet. Students and adults worked side by side to cut various materials into patterns for the upper pieces of shoes that will be used by staff in Uganda to create dozens of pairs of shoes for toddlers. Visit [solehope.org](http://solehope.org) for more information on this important ministry.





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Come  
**Worship**  
With Us



*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders* **Psalm 9:1**

## Worship Schedule

### Downtown Campus

Wednesday 6:45pm

Sunday 9:00 am Worship

Sunday 10:30am Worship

### Family Center Campus

Sunday 9:00 am Worship

Sunday 10:30 am Worship