

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

# CROSSPOINTS



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## VISION STATEMENT

Love God, Love Others  
and Serve the World

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### Happy New Year Church Family!

May the joys of this past year remind you of God's faithfulness. And as you turn the calendar, may you discover the great adventure of reaching the world for Jesus, one life at a time. God's peace!



# LIFE AT TRINITY

***In the Footsteps of Paul:*** Enjoy these pictures from Pastor Tim that were taken during the Greece trip in October.



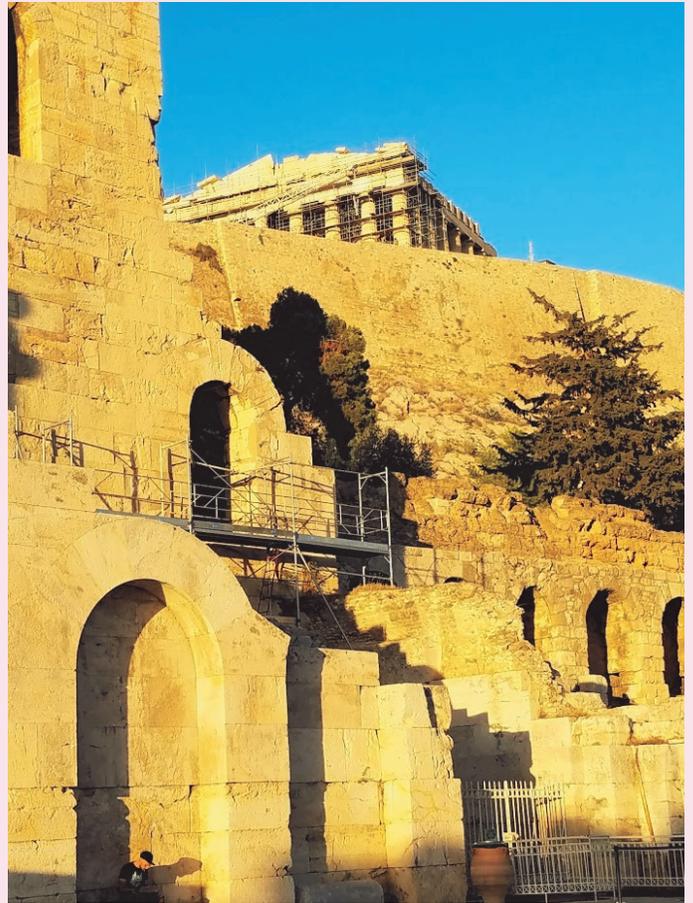
**Forum in Ephesus where Paul had a shop and was confronted by an angry mob.**



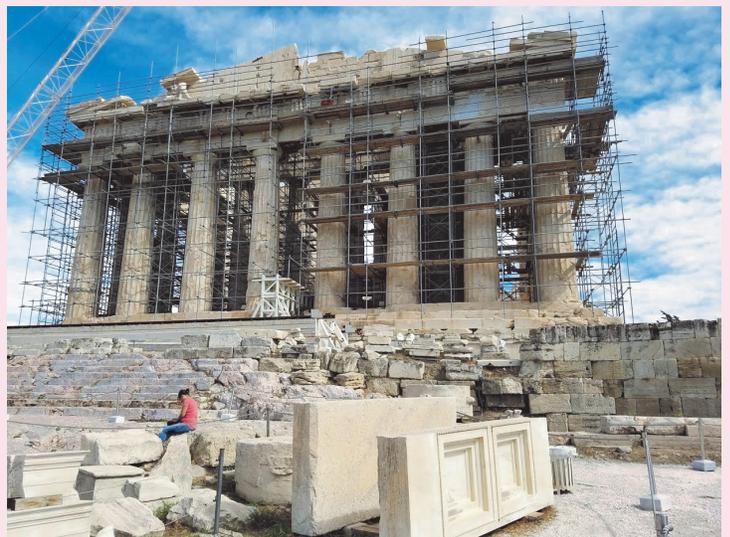
**Temple of Apollo in Delphi, location of the Greek Oracle.**



**Theater in Ephesus where Paul was tried in front of the city magistrate.**



**The Acropolis of Athens.**



**The Parthenon (Temple of Athena).**

# JANUARY 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)

01 Mitch Greunke  
08 Steve Bohl  
15 Tom Oscanyan  
22 Mitch Greunke  
29 Brett Easler

### Fellowship (Char Skoviera)

01 9:00 am Pat Larson  
10:30 am Carol Smith

08 9:00 am Joan Lyksett  
10:30 am Kim Gallison

15 9:00 am Kris Berger  
10:30 am Anne Ross

22 9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Char Skoviera

29 9:00 am Michele Kranz  
10:30 am Char Skoviera

### Greeters (Sally Gaeu)

01 9:00 am Dan & Suzy Korum  
10:30 am Dan & Suzy Korum

08 9:00 am Paul & Pat Larson  
10:30 am Gary & Joyce Reidel

15 9:00 am Wally & Marge Spaeth  
10:30 am Dale & LuAnn Haunschild

22 9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Wally & Marge Spaeth

29 9:00 am Weicherding Family  
10:30 am Strong Family

### Readers (Sharon Ellwein)

01 9:00 am Fred Yoerg  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen

08 9:00 am Dan Gaeu  
10:30 am Kim Gallison

15 9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Carol Smith

22 9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen

29 9:00 am Nancy Donovan  
10:30 am Carol Smith

### Ushers (Dan Gaeu)

01 9:00 am Jeff Berkhof, Nate Otte,  
Tom & Kathy Youngberg  
10:30 am Dennis Lee, Zachary  
Verdoorn

04(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

08 9:00 am Brian & Jodie Young,  
Gary Riedel, Braden Meyer  
10:30 am Doug & Mary Harmon  
11(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

15 9:00 am Fred Yoerg, Henry  
Berger, Will Weiskopf, Wally Spaeth  
10:30 am Tim & Pat Tuma,  
Zachary Verdoorn

18(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

22 9:00 am Xtreme Kids, Edwin  
Berger, Neil Fredrick  
10:30 am Mike Weyers, Peter  
Verdoorn

25(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

29 9:00 am Tom Malchow, Dennis  
Schertz, Wally Spaeth  
10:30 am Zachary & Peter Verdoorn

### Power Point (Mark Gallison)

01 9:00 am Issac/Caleb Hatch  
10:30 am Curt Weese

08 9:00 am Carl Schoenbeck  
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

15 9:00 am Jessi Meyer  
10:30 am Curt Weese

22 9:00 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan  
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

29 9:00 am Issac/Caleb Hatch  
10:30 am Curt Weese

### Eucharistic Ministers

(Shirley Ohrt)

01 9:00 am Tom Malchow, Paul Larson  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen

04(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

08 9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Kim Gallison

11(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

15 9:00 am Dennis & Liz Schertz  
10:30 am Carol Smith

18(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

22 9:00 am Nancy Koski  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen

25(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

29 9:00 am Arvid Ledin  
10:30 am Carol Smith

### Communion Set-Up (Mary Golke)

01 9:00 am Kathy Youngberg  
10:30 am Carol Smith

04(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

08 9:00 am Vicki Mares  
10:30 am Pat Boros

11(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

15 9:00 am Lauren Foust  
10:30 am Pat Boros

18(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

22 9:00 am Nancy Koski  
10:30 am Carol Smith

25(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

29 9:00 am Char Skoviera  
10:30 am Fran Spainhour

### 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 Open

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 Wanda Shafer

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 Layne Pitzer  
10:30 am Layne Pitzer

### 2nd Sunday

9:00 am Mike Dougherty  
10:30 am Mike Dougherty

### 3rd Sunday

9:00 am Jeff Buelow  
10:30 am Jeff Buelow

### 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

#### 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 Jill Dougherty; Denise  
Buelow; Robb Neuenschwander;  
Michelle & Jason Koerth

#### 4th Sunday

9:00 am Denise Buelow; Jill  
Dougherty; Shelia Kanninen; 2  
Open

#### 5th Sunday

9:00 am : 4 Open.  
10:30 am Debbie Hoople; Brent  
Schultz; Becky Glade; Eileen  
Demulling; 1 Open.

#### 6th Sunday

9:00 am Nicole Hansen; Terry  
Marquardt; 3 Open  
10:30 am Brent Schultz; Nicole  
Hansen; 3 Open

### Media Shout (Layne Pitzer)

#### 1st Sunday

9:00 am Dave Meyer  
10:30 am Open

#### 2nd Sunday

9:00 am Mark Gallison  
10:30 am Mark Kretschmer

#### 3rd Sunday

9:00 am Mark Gallison  
10:30 am Open

#### 4th Sunday

9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Lindsey Myhre

#### 5th Sunday

9:00 am Mark Gallison  
10:30 am Mark Gallison

### Sunday Worship Coordinator

1st Sun. Patty Kelly

2nd Sun. Carrie St. Ores

3rd Sun. Denise Buelow

4th Sun. Becky Glade

5th Sun. Open

### Prayer Partners

#### 1st Sunday

9:00 am Tamara Morton  
10:30 am Amy Asmus

#### 2nd Sunday

9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Carole Howard

#### 3rd Sunday

9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Nicole Hansen

#### 4th Sunday

9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Open

#### 5th Sunday

9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Open

### Welcome Desk

1st Sun. 9:00 am Jodi Waldschmidt  
10:30 am Jodi Waldschmidt

2nd Sun. 9:00am Carla Hamill  
10:30am Carla Hamill

3rd Sun. 9:00am Open  
10:30am Jill Dougherty

4th Sun. 9:00am Becky Glade  
10:30am Open

5th Sun. 9:00am Michelle Carper  
10:30am Nicole Hanson

### Nursery

#### 1st Sunday

9:00 am Olivia Kretschmer;  
Hannah Ousdigian  
10:30 am Abby Kelly, Dillon Kelly

#### 2nd Sunday

9:00 am Barb Garbe,  
10:30 am Paula & Lindsey Myhre

#### 3rd Sunday

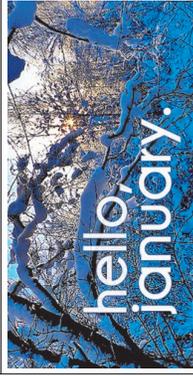
9:00 am Sophia Marquardt;  
Aubrey Loe  
10:30 am Elizabeth Bond

#### 4th Sunday

9:00 am Abby Fett  
10:30 am Alexa Richter & Izzy  
Junker

#### 5th Sunday

9:00 am Caitlin Koerth  
10:30 am Open



# JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Below</i> 	<b>2</b> <b>All Offices Closed</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>3</b> 9:30am Full Staff Meeting/DT 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT	<b>4</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Below</i>	<b>9</b> 9:00am Quilter's Retreat/DT 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>10</b> 9:00am Quilter's Retreat 9:30am Staff Meeting/FC	<b>11</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:00pm Stewart/Reckard Rehearsal/DT	<b>14</b> 10:00am Baptism Class/DT 3:00pm Stewart/Reckard Wedding/DT	
<b>15</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Below</i> 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting/DT	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>17</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting/DT 6:30pm New Member Class/FC	<b>18</b> 5:00pm Confirmation Class/DT 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Finance Mtg/DT 7:00pm BOD Meeting/DT	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Below</i>	<b>23</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>24</b> 9:30am Core Staff Meeting/FC 5:00pm FMSC/DT 6:30pm New Member Class/DT	<b>25</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Right</i> <b>New Member Sunday</b> <b>All Services</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehears/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>31</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b> <b>Xtreme Kids</b> 9:00am DT 9:00am FC 10:30am DT 10:30am FC				<b>Weekly Bible Studies</b> Sunday 10:30am/DT Tuesday 9:30am/DT Tuesday 1:00pm/Ohrt Home Wednesday 7:30pm/DT Thursday 9:15am /FC Friday 6:30am/Hudson Bagel

## Advent By Candlelight Success

*Jesus, Light of the World* - our annual Trinity Women's Advent by Candlelight event was held on Sunday, November 27th in the Trinity gym. Over 130 ladies attended this incredible evening of reflection & music, food & fellowship to begin the Advent season. Several Trinity members and friends shared their God-given talents through music and readings. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet of appetizers and desserts. A special **thank you** to all the hostesses, musicians & readers, and the ABC committee *and their husbands* who made this annual event so very meaningful. With His love and ours, Roxanne Johnson and Anne Ross



## Via De Cristo

Via De Cristo is an organization that sponsors weekend spiritual retreats that are designed for believers in the local church. Deepening our faith walk and our relationship to Jesus, these weekends change lives! Many Trinity members have been through a VDC weekend retreat. If you have not, consider this one in January 2017. Men attend January 12-15, and women attend January 19-22. This segment is being hosted by Bethel Lutheran Church in Hudson. Attendance requires sponsorship, and a number of us can sponsor you. Heather Eggers is our local VDC liaison. You can contact her at 715-781-5600 with any questions, or to have her link you with a sponsor.



## Membership Class

Want to know what our new members are saying about why they joined Trinity? Here are just a few comments:

*"We like that there is a choice here, traditional and contemporary."*



*"We have two young kids and love the active youth, energy, and passion."*

*"We want our kids to have a strong foundation...want them to have friends and peers here...our kids are excited about coming to church...no more arguing."*

*"Trinity was very welcoming and friendly. I was invited to the women's Bible study and was amazed at their knowledge. I went to church every Sunday growing up and never learned about the Bible."*

If YOU are interested in joining Trinity, our next new member CONNECT classes begin in January. We will meet two consecutive Tuesdays, the 17th and 24th, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Childcare is provided. 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. Contact Cheri Buelow at [cbuelow@trinityhudson.org](mailto:cbuelow@trinityhudson.org) about attending the CONNECT classes.



## THE QUESTION CORNER

**Q** How can I overcome temptation?

First of all, what is temptation? Temptation is the desire to act in rebellion against God and his way of living. Stemming from our sinful nature, the devil uses situations,

people and places, to try to entice us from walking with God. Being tempted is not a sin but acting on it is, and because we are living in a fallen, sinful world, we are constantly being tempted. Someone once said, "temptation happens at the intersection of opportunity and desire."

So how can you overcome it? 1) Pray for God to remove the desire or opportunity 2) Focus not on the temptation, but on something else that is admirable, excellent or praise worthy 3) Put yourself under accountability 4) Remember you are loved by the Lord no matter what.

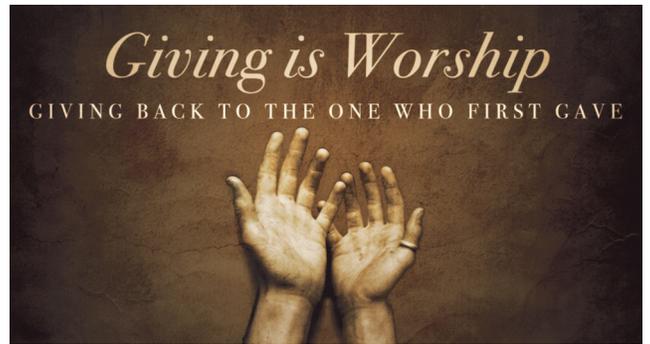
James 4:7, "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

*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.*

## THE BRIDGE LOVE BUILDS

Simply put, the purpose of a bridge is to provide a passageway over an obstacle. Ultimately, the obstacle we all share is sin. Jesus is our bridge to a living relationship with God, and answers the question, "how do I get from here to there?" But how else does love build bridges? In this new series, you will see how Jesus is the bridge through which all of life is made right.

THE BRIDGE  
LOVE BUILDS



## Giving is Worship

"Recognize the glory that is due the LORD! Bring your offering, and come into his presence, worshipping the LORD in all of his holy splendor." 1 Chronicles 16:29.

Did you know that giving an offering during church is an act of worship? Worship, by definition, is a response of some kind to God for saving us through Jesus. The expression of our worship plays out in different ways in our weekly services. Singing, praying, and reading the Word are all part of it. Giving an offering is also worship because it shows God a total surrender of one of the most important aspects of our lives — our finances.

God is more interested in our hearts when we give, than the amount - as it says in 2 Cor. 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver."

So next time the offering is passed, next time you think about your financial stewardship for the upcoming year, remember that the act of giving is a beautiful expression of your love for God's faithfulness.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

# LifeTogether

With President Harrison

## Life Together

Did you know the President of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod provides a wonderfully informative monthly newsletter called *Life Together*?

For more information and to sign up for free, go to <https://www.lcms.org/lifetogetherdigest>.

## Trinity Academy

As you consider educational options for your children, we hope you will take the opportunity to come to one of Trinity Academy's informational sessions regarding Preschool (ages 3 – 5) or Kindergarten – 8 Grade. Please see the dates below for further information. Trinity Academy offers before and after school care for K – 8 Grade and Preschoolers, Warrior Athletics for students in 5 – 8 Grade, Faith Formation, state testing, and math and reading enrichment programs. Trinity Academy is accredited through WRISA (Wisconsin Religion and Independent School Accreditation). Trinity students help local and global organizations by participating as Servants in Action, learning to love others and serve the world. In addition, we have an active Parent Teacher Organization that provides community building, family events and much more! We would love to take you on a private tour of our school. If you are interested, please call the school office at 715-386-9349 to set up a time. If you would like to view further information regarding our school, visit [www.trinityacademyofhudson.org](http://www.trinityacademyofhudson.org).

### K – 8 Grade Information Night

Downtown Gymnasium

**Tuesday, January 24**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

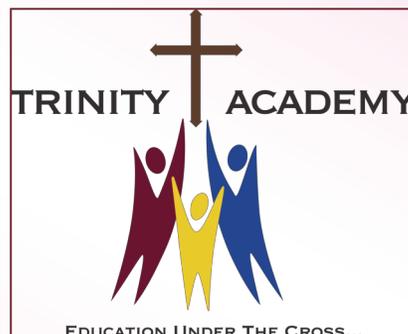
### Preschool Open House and Registration

Downtown Gymnasium

**Saturday, February 11**

**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.:** For currently enrolled families and Trinity Church Members

**10:30 - 11:30 a.m.:** For Hudson and surrounding community members



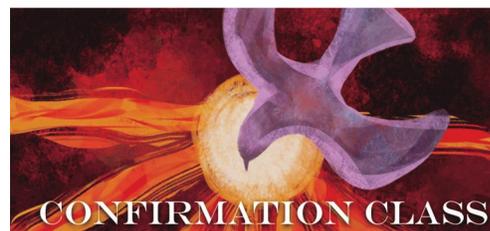
**Below: Having fun at the Gingerbread Chapel Family Event that took place at the Downtown site December 3rd. Thanks to all the helpers that made this event a success!**



## Confirmation Classes Begin January 18

Students in their third year\* of active involvement at The Cross Youth Ministry may sign up for Luther's Catechism Doctrine Course. There are ten sessions, which begin on Wednesday, January 18th at 5:00pm. Confirmation service will be held on April 23.

Each 50-minute course, combined with participation at The Cross, will deepen the students' knowledge and understanding of God's grace and their walk with Him, utilizing Martin Luther's teaching in the Small Catechism. You may pick up Registration forms at The Cross check-in on Wednesdays, or go to [trinityhudson.org/ministries/forms](http://trinityhudson.org/ministries/forms). For more information please contact Pastor Todd or Jack Jorgensen. *\*Commitment adjustments may be made if a student has received formal Christian training.*



SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TRINITY ACADEMY GALA  
**BOOTS & BLING**

### Trinity Academy Gala

Mark your calendars for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Academy Gala, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Troy Burne Golf Club. Join us for a night of southern comfort ~ and don't forget your

"Boots and Bling"! Come try your hand at hammer-schlagen, enjoy a moscow mule, and bid on some amazing live auction items.

The Gala provides us with an opportunity to unity as a church and school with the common goal of bringing the word of Christ to our students. Please don't miss the opportunity to give, share, laugh and enjoy a night together.

We appreciate the ongoing support throughout the years to make this event possible. If you are able to donate an item for auction, please contact Leann Terry at [leannroberts42@gmail.com](mailto:leannroberts42@gmail.com) or Molly Brettin at [mollybrettin@yahoo.com](mailto:mollybrettin@yahoo.com).

Tickets will be on sale all of January or until we run out! Tickets are \$55 a ticket or \$450 a table. Tickets will be sold in the school office and after church services on most Sundays. As usual, we will be using Bidpal so you can bid from the comfort of your home. If you are unable to make the event you can still be apart of it with the off site-bidding.

See you there,  
 2017 Gala Committee

## The Cross

Our goal at The Cross youth program is that you see a change in your student, as they discover what it truly means to live a life that honors God. We pursue this goal through prayer, worship, study of Gods Word, and serving others. Our theme, **I'm 3<sup>rd</sup>**, reminds our students to put God first, and the needs of others in front of their own.

In response to one of our community service events this fall, a mentor wrote:

"Trick or Treat for Food was an amazing night! We had a lot more students this year to help with the door-to-door food collection. We filled a back of a pick up truck! AMAZING!

Imagine; your refrigerator and cupboards are bare or at least nothing much to put a meal together. You don't have an afternoon snack to give your kids when they come home from school, and nothing to feed them in the morning before they go to school. Consider everything you have in your kitchen, and imagine it gone.

Without the Hudson Community Food shelf, many Hudson kids would go hungry. How do I know this? I've had kids in my home that have come from families that would steal food and hide it because they didn't know if there was going to be a next meal or snack. As a young child growing up, my mother fell on hard times, and we didn't have much at all. I started working at 12 years old to help our family - there were no food shelves back then. I remember a county worker dropping off some cheese, peanut butter, & powder milk.

Food is so important to kids, adults, & seniors. Trick or Treating for food teaches our students that it can be fun to help those in need. It also teaches them to be grateful for what they do have; even for a simple thing like a glass of milk. Prayer is always used; we begin our night circled up. Some students pray with people that give food for our service. We end with group prayer, praying thanks for those who gave, and blessings for those about to receive. Thank you God, for all the blessings you give us to be able to do this for those that need it. I'm very grateful to all the students of The Cross, their parents, Mentors, and Pastor Jack for all the support that showed up that night to make it a success!!"

*Evet Westphal, Mentor, 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls group*



## From the Stewardship Committee

I hope by now all of you have established your plan for giving for the year in your annual budget. Trinity has made it easy with those pledge cards you got in the mail. I know, I know, some of you are thinking, "Why do I need to tell you what I plan to give, or pledge an amount ahead of time? Can't I let the Spirit just guide me in my giving?"

The simple answer is, "Yes, you can give that way." Imagine if your employer said to you, "I'm going to pay you as the Spirit leads me. No plan for weekly or bi-weekly paychecks, just whenever I feel led to pay you." That would not be fair,



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

would it? With God, it is not a question of fairness or earning a fair wage for honest work. God does not even need your money. You and I need to be reminded that God has given us all that we have... to manage it for his glory. It all belongs to Him in the first place. Regular, planned giving, right off the top, is an act of faith and obedience, recognizing God's abundance in our lives. It reflects our Christ-likeness, because Jesus gave it all - selflessly. We are made in his image, and when we give, we become more like him, and that should be part of what life is about – becoming more like our Lord.

So, I encourage you to make your plan for giving. Send back those cards. Many thanks to those who have done so – it assists us in our budgeting and giving. God made his plan long ago to give "his one and only Son..." for you and me, for the entire world.

For the Stewardship Committee ~ *Denny Hartung*

## FMSC Mobile Pack

In our world today, an estimated 925 million people are chronically hungry, though there is enough food in the world for everyone to have adequate nutrition. On February 17-18, 2017 at the YMCA in Hudson, our community will be making a difference. Through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™, we will produce nearly 280,000 meals for children around the world. We invite you to join us in producing these nearly 280,000 meals! At just 22 cents per meal,

**HUDSON AREA**  
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**MOBILE PACK**

we can reach our goal with \$60,000. The Goliath Challenge, a 5K challenge race held this past summer, already raised \$28,000 which puts us almost halfway to our goal. We now need to raise an additional \$32,000 – lets make an impact on hunger together! Consider partnering with us for this important and impactful event as a sponsor or as an

individual donor. Check out our website for information or to donate at <https://give.fmsc.org/Goliath>, or contact a committee member at [HUDSONMOBILEPACK@yahoo.com](mailto:HUDSONMOBILEPACK@yahoo.com).

## Call Committee Update

The call committee thanks members of the congregation for prayers during the call process for an associate pastor for Trinity. We ask for your continuing prayers during the next steps. We have a list of candidates with names suggested by the congregation, and by the President of MN South District LCMS. Here are the upcoming significant steps in the process.

### In January the committee will:

- ❖ Use a rating scale based on the September congregational survey to review the Personal Information Forms and Self-Evaluation Tools for all candidates on the call list
- ❖ Conduct phone interviews with the candidates who appear to be the best match to Trinity's needs. The results will be used to create a prime list.
- ❖ Request background checks for the prime list
- ❖ Review the prime list to determine candidates to invite for a visit to Trinity

### In February the committee will:

- ❖ Organize on-site visits to Trinity for the top candidates on the call list
- ❖ Use the results of the on-site visits to develop a committee recommendation

In March voters will issue a divine call for an associate pastor

**CALL  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE**

## **Missionary Update**

From Aaron and Amanda Voth: Amanda has been the busiest one, coordinating Quito Quest and the 11 teams from the US and Canada that have come down this summer. The last of the teams left today, and we are so grateful for the impact they had during their time here. It is so fun to see God work through the people He brings down, and in their lives as well. It's also been rewarding for Amanda to pour into the lives of her 10 summer interns, who have been leading all of those teams. The discipleship aspect of her job has always been so important and life-giving to her, and the curriculum she put together for this summer has really gone well.



## **Petitions & Thanksgiving**

Every day we remain grateful for the joy and laughter Stella brings to our home. Please continue to pray that she would keep growing into a healthy little girl.

Please pray for the individuals who made up the 11 teams which visited Quito this summer with Quito Quest. Pray that God would bear fruit as they resume their lives back home. Pray also that the impact they had in the communities here in Ecuador would be lasting.

Please pray for the 10 interns Amanda worked with this summer. Pray that God's fruit would grow in their lives as well, and that they would be able to apply the lessons they have learned this summer to their lives back home.

Please pray for Amanda as she transitions out of her role with Quito Quest and into full-time motherhood. We thank God for the impact QQ has had on her, and for the way He used her to help build His Kingdom here in Ecuador through the work of short-term missions.

Please pray for Aaron as he gets back to work with L&L this Fall. Pray for the 30 students who will be coming down to Quito at the end of August. Pray that God will impact their lives in radical ways, and that Aaron might be a part of that.



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## February Newsletter deadline is **Tuesday, January 3rd**

Please use the proper form to submit your publication request. Forms are available on the website and at both campuses. Thank you.



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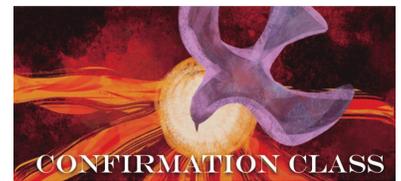
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## Worship Schedule

### 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