

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

# CROSSPOINTS

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## The Beauty Of Saying "Sorry"

I know this never happens to your kids, but when my kids were little, occasionally they'd get into little arguments that seem petty to me, but major to them. "He



took my cookie!" "She wrote on my paper!" "They won't let me play!" Like a dutiful parent, I'd step in, find the culprit and insist that child apologize for the offense. Reluctantly, the offender would furrow the brow, cross the arms and snort, "I'm sorry!"

Sadly, many of us are like that. We sin against God and his loving boundaries on our lives. Because we tend to want to live life on our own terms, when we are confronted with the offense — either through scripture or the loving correction of another — we buckle down and begrudgingly say to God, "I'm sorry!"

Right now we are in the season of Lent. It is a time to willingly and humbly remember that we are sinful. As our beautiful Lutheran liturgy says, "We have sinned against (Him) in thought, word and deed" which reminds us to confess sin in light of the cross and receive forgiveness in light of the empty tomb.

Reflection and correction are good. Restoration and redemption are great! During this time of thought and prayer, may God bring you to a place where your "I'm sorry" leads to hearing and experiencing the words from God: "I forgive you in Jesus."

*Pastor Todd*

## VISION STATEMENT

Love God, Love Others  
and Serve the World

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# LIFE AT TRINITY



## Lutheran Schools Week

This celebration week began with our choirs singing in church. We traveled to Concordia Academy in Roseville to worship, and attend mini fun academic sessions with students from other Lutheran Schools. Approximately 1000 students were in attendance. For our Servants in Action projects during the week we had a "Penny Wars" to raise money for the Hudson Back Pack program which Trinity Lutheran Church supports. We also made soup/cracker, oatmeal/fruit and toiletry bags which were given to Transport for Christ ministry and Grace Place. Birthday bags were made and given to the Hudson Food Shelf. All of the individual bags were given with an inspirational message from our students to the recipient. During lunch, students made Valentines cards for Red Cedar Canyon and the Christian Community Home. Our week of fun and service ended with our annual Talent Show. The school's ministry reaches so many within our walls and outside of the community. We continue to thank the congregation for their support of Christian Education.



**Above: Trinity Academy held their All School Dance in January**



# MARCH 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)

06 Tom Oscanyan  
13 Steve Bohl  
20 Mitch Greunke  
27 Steve Bohl

### Fellowship (Char Skoviera)

06 8:45 am Michele Kranz  
10:15 am Carol Smith

13 8:45 am Pat Larson  
10:15 am Kim Gallison

20 8:45 am Kristine Berger  
10:15 am Anne Ross

27 Easter  
7:00 am No service provided  
8:45 am No service provided  
10:15 am No service provided

### Greeters (Sally Gaeu)

06 8:45 am Dan & Suzy Korum  
10:15 am Dan & Suzy Korum

13 8:45 am Paul & Pat Larson  
10:15 am Open

20 8:45 am Wally & Marge Spaeth  
10:15 am Open

27 Easter  
7:00 am George & Char Skoviera  
8:45 am Xtreme Kids  
10:15 am Anne Ross

### Readers (Sharon Ellwein)

06 8:45 am Fred Yoerg  
10:15 am Rick Nelsen

13 8:45 am Kathy Munkelwitz  
10:15 am Kim Gallison

20 8:45 am Ralph Munkelwitz  
10:15 am Carol Smith

27 Easter  
7:00 am  
8:45 am Xtreme Kids  
10:15 am Rick Nelsen

### Ushers (Dan Gaeu)

02(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

06 8:45 am Bill & Marlice Shirley/  
Tom & Kathy Youngberg  
10:15 am Dennis Lee

09(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

13 8:45 am Brian & Jodie Young  
Gary Riedel, Nate Otte  
10:15 am Doug & Mary Harmon/  
Kevin Rickey

16(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

20 8:45 am Fred Yoerg, Henry  
Berger, Ed Glowe, Wally Spaeth  
10:15 am Tylor D., Brendan  
Westphal

24(TH) Roger & Janet Dierks,  
Dan Gaeu

27 Easter  
7:00 am Open  
8:45 am Nick & Nate Otte, Neil  
Fredrick,

10:15 am Mike Weyers, Kevin  
Rickey

30(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

### Power Point (Mark Gallison)

06 8:45 am Carl Schoenbeck  
10:15 am Blaine Verdoorn

13 8:45 am Jason Bonk  
10:15 am Curt Weese

20 8:45 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan  
10:15 am Blaine Verdoorn

27 Easter  
7:00  
8:45 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan  
10:15 am Curt Weese

### Eucharistic Ministers

(Shirley Ohrt)

02(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

06 8:45 am Tom Malchow, Paul Larson  
10:15 am Rick Nelsen

09(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

13 8:45 am Not submitted  
10:15 am Kim Gallison

16(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

20 8:45 am Not submitted  
10:15 am Carol Smith

24(TH) Roger & Janet Dierks

27 Easter  
7:00 am Not submitted  
8:45 am Not submitted  
10:15 am Rick Nelsen

30(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

### Communion Set-Up (Mary Golke)

02(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

06 8:45 am Lauren Foust  
10:15 am Annette Zenz

09(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

13 8:45 am Vicki Mares  
10:15 am Fran Spainhour

16(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer

20 8:45 am Joan Lyksett  
10:15 am Cary Johnson

24(TH) Roger & Janet Dierks

27 Easter  
7:00 am Mary Golke  
8:45 am Mary Golke  
10:15 am Carol Smith

30(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

### 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

8:45 am

10:15 am

2nd Sunday

8:45 am

10:15 am

3rd Sunday

8:45 am

10:15 am

4th Sunday

8:45 am

10:15 am

5th Sunday

8:45 am

10:15 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 Matt & Danny Caron

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 Open

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Dan/Carly Dietzman

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 Karl Myhre

10:30 am Karl Myhre

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 Tracy Hartwick

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 Open

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; 1 Open

10:30 am Travis Waldschmidt;

Prudy Anderson, Cheri Buelow;

Patty Kelly; 1 Open

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Kim Gallison; Tim

Mahedy; Ken/Doris Krautbauer; 2

open

10:30 am Annie Dulon; 4 Open

3rd Sunday

9:00 am Jill Dougherty; Nicole

Hansen; Robb Neuenschwander;

Tamara Morton; 1 Open

10:30 am Nicole Hansen; Jill

Dougherty; Shelia Kanninen; 2

Open

4th Sunday

9:00 am Becky Glade; Cathy

McDonald; Connor McDonald; 2

Open.

10:30 am Debbie Hoople; Brent

Schultz; Heather Eggers; Eileen

Demulling; 1 Open.

5th 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 Jack Geurkink

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 Dave Meyer

4th Sunday

9:00 am Jack Geurkink

10:30 am Erin 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 Open

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 Kate & Paige Garza

10:30 am Abby Kelly, Dillon Kelly

2nd Sunday

9:00 am Barb Garbe, Hannah

Ousdigian

10:30 am Paula & Lindsey Myhre

3rd Sunday

9:00 am Silvia Stahn

10:30 am Elizabeth Bond

4th Sunday

9:00 am Abby Fett

10:30 am Julia Miller

5th Sunday

9:00 am Lynn Riley

10:30 am Barb Garbe, Colin Paul

# MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                           | MONDAY                                                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                                                                | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                         | SATURDAY                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday Worship</b><br><b>Xtreme Kids</b><br>8:45am DT<br>9:00am FC<br>10:15am DT<br>10:30am FC                                |                                                                                                              | <b>1</b><br>9:30am Full Staff Meeting/DT<br>1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT | <b>2</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>3</b>                                                                                | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>5</b>                                   |
| <b>6</b><br><i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>                                                                                    | <b>7</b><br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC<br>7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehrls/DT   | <b>8</b><br>9:30am Staff Meeting/FC                                    | <b>9</b><br>6:45pm Worship/DT<br><i>7:30 Bible Study Canceled</i>                                                         | <b>10</b>                                                                               | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>12</b><br><i>Baptism Class Canceled</i> |
| <div> <div>←</div> <div>Spring break - March 7th through March 13th</div> <div>→</div> </div>                                    |                                                                                                              |                                                                        |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Daylight Savings</b><br><i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>                                                        | <b>14</b><br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC<br>7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehrls/DT  | <b>15</b><br>9:30am Staff Meeting/DT                                   | <b>16</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>17</b><br><b>St. Patrick's Day</b><br>6:00pm Finance Mtg/DT<br>7:00pm BOD meeting/DT | <b>18</b><br>6:15pm Easter Egg Event/FC                                                                                                                                        | <b>19</b>                                  |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br><b>Coats for King</b><br><i>See Worship Schedule Above</i><br>2:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting/DT  | <b>21</b><br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC<br>7:00 pm Trinity Choir Rehrls/DT | <b>22</b><br>9:30am Core Staff Meeting/FC<br>5:00pm FMSC/DT            | <b>23</b><br>5:00pm Confirmation Class/DT<br>5:30pm The Cross/DT<br>6:15pm Steeple People/FC<br>7:30 Bible Study Canceled | <b>24</b><br><b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service/DT                | <b>25 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>26</b>                                  |
| <b>27</b><br><b>Happy Easter</b><br>Easter Services:<br>DT - 7:00, 8:45, 10:15 am<br>FC - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am<br>No Xtreme Kids | <b>28</b><br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT<br>6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC<br>7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehrls/DT  | <b>29</b>                                                              | <b>30</b><br>5:00pm Fellowship Night/DT<br>6:15pm Steeple People/FC<br>6:45pm Worship/DT                                  | <b>31</b>                                                                               | <b>Weekly Bible Studies</b><br>Sunday 10:15am/DT<br>Tuesday 1:00pm/Ohrt Home<br>Wednesday 9:00am/DT<br>Wednesday 7:30pm/DT<br>Thursday 9:15am/FC<br>Friday 6:30am/Hudson Bagel |                                            |

## 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, March 20, 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.



## Small Group Testimony

2015 was a year full of many blessings for my husband and I: the birth of our daughter, moving back to Hudson, and also the formation of our small group. It all started out with a casual invite to the Buelows with a bunch of amazing families, emails were exchanged and before we knew it, a small group was forming. I was skeptical if we would be able to make it work out as our first bible study was scheduled for a few weeks after having our daughter, but we felt like this was part of God's plan for us.



It is great to be able to share God's word and discuss how it relates to our lives. We have a wonderful group and such great discussions! I think we all learn from each other and are able to help each other with different perspectives. We have also been fortunate enough to get the group together for a Christmas party and caroling, Packer/Viking game with broomball, and we helped decorate the Family Center for Christmas. Not only have the adults formed great friendships, but the children have also grown to be very close! We are currently looking forward to starting our next bible study in February and look forward to seeing where God leads us in the upcoming year. *Submitted by Jennifer Ruhde*

## Volunteer Testimony

I received a call from Jack Jorgenson back in late November telling me that one of the eighth grade boys' groups was losing a leader. I was asked to consider stepping in. Several days of considering it turned into a week of considering it, and not committing quite yet.

I had started coaching the girls basketball team at Trinity Academy a few years ago, after being encouraged by my daughter. At that time I hadn't really known much about basketball, but as it turned out, basketball was only a small part of what coaching preteen girls was about. I am currently coaching the team again, and once again I find that listening, patience, perseverance, and communication are what's really important. Feeling frustrated after a practice where everyone gets distracted, and then being overwhelmed with pride when they rally and play well a few days later, is an emotional roller coaster. I wasn't sure I had the religious knowledge to lead this group that Jack was asking about, but I felt in my heart that just like basketball, it was going to be the other things that would prove to be important.

I have now spent eight Wednesday nights with a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys who have grown to trust me, and who are opening up and sharing their faith, fears, questions, and hearts with me. I confess that I am sometimes rushing to read up before I have to lead, or sometimes even shoot from the hip when it comes to the study preparation, but I am finding that sharing my experiences seem to be something they are relating to. I lost my father as a child and we struggled as a result, but I always knew love from my family, and I always had faith in God. It turns out that all I needed to make a connection with this group of boys was the willingness to share my stories and to hear theirs. I am lifted up every Wednesday watching youth use their gifts on stage to lead worship, hearing a nervous teen give a testimony, or watching my own group lead and share what prayer means to them. Like the basketball team, they joke around and get distracted and it can be frustrating, but then you see those moments where they are growing in their faith and it is all worth it. I am proof that whether it is boys or girls, basketball or religion, you don't have to be an expert to make a difference in a teen's life. *Submitted by Jeff Gibson*





# INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP



## Holy Week & Easter

### **March 20 Palm Sunday Worship**

*Coats for the King Collection*

8:45 and 10:15 am ~ Downtown Campus

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

### **March 24 Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm ~ Downtown Campus

### **March 25 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

### **March 27 Easter Sunday Worship**

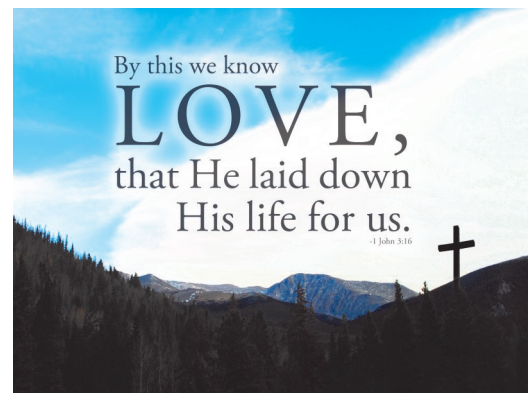
7:00, 8:45 and 10:15 am ~ Downtown Campus

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

### **Good Friday Children's Service**

Good Friday Children's service will be held on Friday, March 25th, at 10:00 am at the Family Center. We often talk about the animals that surrounded baby Jesus in the manger on Christmas Eve, but there were animals in the Easter story as well!

Come and learn more about this as we share events from Holy Week that lead up to Good Friday. There has to be a Good Friday in order to have Easter! Come and find out why it is indeed on GOOD Friday! Reach out to some friends and invite them to this kid-friendly service.



## TRINITY QUILTERS

The Trinity Quilters first met in the fall of 2002 when it was suggested that graduating seniors receive a quilt as a gift from our church family. That first year seven of us, all working full time jobs, met a few evenings a month and made 40 quilts! On Mother's Day, the students selected quilts of their choice. Currently, graduating seniors are given the opportunity to request a graduation quilt and indicate their color and topic choices. The quilts are displayed in the downtown chapel on Mother's Day. These are given as a gift on "Senior Recognition Sunday" in May.

The Trinity Quilters make 20 quilts each year as Christmas gifts for the children at Grace Place in New Richmond. Quilts for children are also donated to Turningpoint in River Falls. At least one quilt is donated to the Trinity Academy Gala. "Little Dresses and Britches" are sewn for Jacob Oreso and others to take on foreign mission trips. Our newest project is the creation of "fidget quilts" to be used by folks with dementia, Parkinson's Disease, or other sensory disorders.

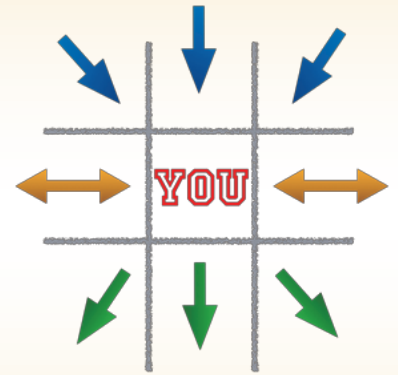
The Trinity Quilters has grown to about 25 people. We pride ourselves on having few rules. Some quilt only at home, others quilt when we meet as a group. Some members make blocks for others to assemble, while others take delight in completing the entire process. All of us enjoy learning new techniques and visiting with each other. We'd be delighted to have you join us! Contact Nancy Gavin at 715-386-3513.



## Faith Development Plans

On April 10<sup>th</sup> more than 40 Trinity students will be proclaiming their faith in Christ, in the presence of family and friends, during our Confirmation service. They will need prayer and guidance on the next steps of growth in relationship with their Savior, a lifelong process. To help them be more intentional, each student has been required to write and submit a personal faith development plan. The goal: for students to become aware of the things in their lives that help them achieve full potential in Christ, allowing each to become who He has called them to be while seeking the will of our Heavenly Father. The plan requires:

1. Five key verses or passages in the Bible that reflect who God is in their life
2. A brief description of passions, things they naturally enjoy doing, that God has laid on their hearts, then an explanation of how they will use them for God's glory
3. Development of a personal list of disciplines that will help them grow in spiritual maturity such as prayer, Scripture reading, meditation, fellowship with other believers, or service; Students then briefly describe how they will apply these in the next 12 months.
4. A. Identification of people in their lives to serve as spiritual advisors, or older/wiser mentors  
B. Identification of people in their lives that are trusted friends/peers willing to hold them accountable to their faith proclamation  
C. Identification of people in their lives they will plan to encourage and share their faith relationship with
5. Listing several sources, outside of the Bible, for use to enrich their knowledge of God (music, books, podcasts, events, online media, etc.)



Please join us in our sincere hope and prayer that through their proclamation of faith, each student is placed on an unwavering journey to know their Creator with a deeper understanding. Just as Jesus prayed in John 17:3, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Amen! Jack Jorgensen, Youth Director

## Student Body President

Hi my name is Alex Gibson and I am the school's student body president. Honestly, I didn't choose to go to Trinity. I attended the preschool for two years and my parents heard Mrs. Johnson speak at an open house and they felt this was the best choice for me. I may not have chosen this school but after attending here for nine years I can tell you why it feels like more than just a school to me.

Every day when I walk in the doors I see friends who are happy to see me, who ask how my night was, who care about me and are genuine. I feel lucky to be able to spend my days with my class mates who feel like a family to me. I have had the same core group of teachers for the last three years. They know a lot about me as a person: The things I have a hard time with, the things that I do outside the classroom, and are supportive of me. I feel comfortable talking to them about anything going on in my life. Currently I play basketball, drums in the worship band, and am the student body president. There are many opportunities to participate in activities no matter your skill level. You just have to have the desire to get involved. I have learned that winning isn't the only thing that matters, but a team improving together brings you as much pride.

The thing that is common to the other reasons is faith. The opportunity to attend a school where faith is discussed and applied in countless ways and every day, is the gift my parents have given me by choosing to send me to Trinity. When my uncle died last year my classmates prayed for me. and my family hugged me and cared for me. When a friend is struggling, I am not embarrassed to let them know I am praying for them. I know that Pastor Tim, the teachers, and my friends have helped me grow into a confident person of faith, and this is the most important thing that will carry me throughout my life.





## THE QUESTION CORNER

**Q** How does one confess and ask forgiveness of sins? Does a pastor need to be present in order for God to listen?

The beauty of what God did in sending Jesus to die for us is that now, we have direct access to God. That means we can ask for help, strength, and forgiveness. If one is truly regretful of their sin and wants forgiveness, they simply need to pray and ask. The assurance is from 1 John that says if we confess our sin, God is faithful and will forgive our sin because of Jesus.

At any point, you can even say your confession privately and confidentially to a pastor. Then you can hear of the great forgiveness you have and receive encouragement, but having a pastor present isn't necessary to be forgiven from God.

*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.*

## Easter Egg Event - Friday Night

Our annual Easter Egg Decorating Family Event is moving from a Saturday morning to a Friday night this year. Eggs - they're not just for breakfast anymore! Come to the Family Center on Friday, March 18th at 6:15 p.m. Bring your hard boiled eggs, and we'll supply the dye. If you have "eggs"tra supplies like crayons or stickers or rubber bands that you'd like to use, bring those along. Inviting some friends is a simple way to share our church and the message of Easter.

If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Janine Kohn at [janinekohn@yahoo.com](mailto:janinekohn@yahoo.com). We need help with set up, clean up, supplies, and breakfast. We highly encourage new families to try this memory-making event with their young children. It's one of those special things to do as a family, and although dying eggs is crazy-messy fun, the point of the event is to highlight what Easter is about while hanging out with other great families. Sign up online on our website or at the welcome desk at each site.



## Staff Person of the Month

Each month in the Trinity newsletter we highlight a staff member 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 staff member *Greg Wegener*.

### 1) Give a brief description of your position at Trinity.

I am the head of Facilities Maintenance. I maintain and perform preventative maintenance on the buildings and grounds appearances. This includes all critical structures of the building. I also fix what people break.

### 2) What did you do before coming to Trinity?

Before coming to Trinity I was double majoring in Accounting and Political Science at Northern Michigan University as well as working a couple jobs on campus.

### 3) What are the joys of your position/job?

One of the many joys of working as the Head of Maintenance is that everyday the work that needs to get done is different. I work hard to keep up the appearance of both sites and when you work hard enough long enough you can see the changes and improvements that you have done.

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

What I love about the Trinity Ministry is the loving care and openness to help others, all while serving and spreading the joy and love of God in other people's lives.

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

I see God work his wonders in Trinity by seeing how each student and child grows in his presences. But not only does he work within the children but he guides and helps the staff in teaching and helping grow the kids in his love. In some of my previous work places you wouldn't talk about God being close to you and how he touched your life because most coworkers didn't have faith. While working at Trinity we love to bring up God and give him thanks to how he has helped each of us, and ask him to help others come close to knowing God.





## From the Stewardship committee

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you! How often have I longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" Jesus, in Matthew 5:45 NIV*

Such is the unrelenting love of our God. His desire for us does not change even when we are immersed in sin. It is not God who rejects us, but we who resist him. Jesus declared his love for his people, even though they had committed countless evils. It was then, and is now, an unconditional love. Once we have experienced the undeserved love of God, we are free from striving for things that enslave us. Beauty, power, success, relevance – voices that come from the world become irrelevant when we have the confidence of knowing that we are unconditionally loved and accepted by Him.

Keeping that in mind, we can deal with an enormous amount of success and failure without losing our identity, because our identity is one of His beloved. Long before anyone ever loved (or wounded) you, long before you were praised or rejected by others, God loved you. His love was there before you were born and it will remain after you die, because **"love never ends."** 1 Corinthians 13:8 ESV

Let his love completely envelop you. Let the things of this world that enslave you just GO. Surrender to him, trusting that he loves you, gives to you, and provides what you need. Let that love flow to others in the way you give financially to help those in need. *Denny Hartung, for the Stewardship Committee*



## From Your Deacon

Before we know it, spring will be here and planting time will begin. It is amazing to see how God blesses our planting of vegetable and flower seeds. He, too, plants spiritual seeds when we choose activities that are within His will.

For example, spend time with your children on the 4th Tuesday of each month to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children in St. Paul. The evening ride to and from gives opportunity for fine chats with loved ones and others, and the actual activity once there is easy for even the youngest 1st grader. Sign up sheets can be found at both campuses.

It's been a privilege to drop off Trinity's donations to the homeless shelter, Grace Place. Please note that the church bulletin lists monthly needs of the people temporarily housed there. Can you spot the Grace Place bin at our two worship locations? Sometimes this bin is filled to overflowing; other times, it remains empty for weeks. Here is another opportunity to share with loved ones the spiritual joy of giving. *Wally Spaeth - Deacon of Impact Ministries.*



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2016. Because giving back has always been important to Thrivent and our members, the Thrivent Choice program provides eligible participants the opportunity to recommend where to distribute some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds. Directing Choice Dollars is a great way to make a difference in your church.

Have you directed all of your 2015 designated Thrivent Choice Dollars? Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have until March 31, 2016 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. After that date, the unused Choice Dollars expire. Choice Dollars are part of Thrivent Choice. Through this Thrivent Financial charitable grant program, members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable grant funds each year.

Choice Dollars can be directed among thousands of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including Trinity Church or Academy. These funds are used to update technology in our church and academy - including new defibrillators, which are being installed in both campus locations. Eligible members have two easy options for directing Choice Dollars: Online: [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or phone: 800-847-4836 (say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.) Thank you.

### The World Race Mission Trip

My name is Kelsey Robertson and I live in Hudson with my family. I work at Trinity Family Center Childcare and I love it! Faith and travel are huge parts of my life and I have found an amazing way to combine my biggest passions! I have been accepted to The World Race mission trip through *Adventures in Missions*. The World Race is a mission program that sends me and about 50 others to 11 different countries over the course of 11 months, spending one month in each country. I will go to three countries in Africa, including Ghana, four in Asia, including India and Nepal, and lastly Central America, ending my experience in Belize. I am extremely excited that God has called me to do mission work around the world.



Through The World Race, my team and I will serve in partnership with churches and ministries in local communities to preach the Gospel, plant churches, work in orphanages, minister to women and children trapped in prostitution as a result of human trafficking, and above all, bring the restorative hope of the Father's love to many tribes and nations. I will face many challenges throughout this time, but as I prepare for my departure, one of the greatest challenges is financial support. Like most other mission organizations, World Race participants are required to fundraise 100% of their financial support. In order to leave fully funded on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, I will need to raise \$17,361.00. This money will cover all of my expenses for the 11 months of the trip. I reach out as I am not only in need of financial support, but in prayer as well. I am thankful for any support you can provide.

Donations can be made by visiting my blog [kelseyrobertson.theworldrace.org](http://kelseyrobertson.theworldrace.org) and click the "Support Me" button on the top right side of the page OR by sending a check to Trinity Family Center, 614 Badlands Road, Hudson WI 54016. The check can be made out to "Adventures in Missions", and in the memo area write "Kelsey Robertson". Thank you! *Submitted by Kelsey Robertson*





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### April Newsletter deadline is Wednesday, March 2nd

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

### Got Coats?



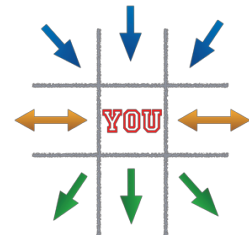
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Come  
**Worship**  
With Us



*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 8:45 am Worship & Xtreme Kids

Sunday 10:15am Worship & Xtreme Kids

#### Family Center Campus

Sunday 9:00 am Worship & Xtreme Kids

Sunday 10:30 am Worship & Xtreme Kids